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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE BANGKOK BAR.
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

Table with columns: Nov., H. W., Ft. & in., L. W., (Approx.). Rows 1-31.

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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.
15th (New Moon) 1 h 11 a.m.
22nd (First Quarter) 5 h 11 a.m.
29th (Full Moon) 1 h 23 a.m.

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The Commonwealth Mercantile Fleet.

The Prime Minister in the House of Representatives contradicted Mr. Manifold's allegation that only five Commonwealth ships had come to Australia since their purchase. He stated that all the vessels had been trading to and from Australia since their purchase, and had carried wheat and flour for England and her Allies on every voyage save one. One ship had taken a cargo of copra. They had done splendid work for the producers of Australia. They had kept down freights and had placed much additional tonnage at the disposal of producers. Whatever profits they made went to the Public Treasury.

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Political Items.

London, Oct. 31.-In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law stated that the forthcoming Allied conference at Paris would deal with the conduct of the war and not war aims. It would consider the general war situation, and take further measures for the co-operation of the Allies. Mr. Bonar Law stated that Lord Blandford unhesitatingly recommends compulsory rationing if necessary. Mr. Macpherson stated that London is possessed of guns able effectively to shell the Zeppelin at their maximum height.

Riga And The Fourth Winter.

In its article on the fall of Riga the Vorwarts say that the present situation is "the maddest that there has ever been," and that Germany is "a state which has long desired peace, but is again and again compelled by its enemies to conquer." The Vorwarts rejoices that in view of the fall of Riga, "the German answer to the fall of Riga, the German answer to the fall of Riga, will be made under the auspices of a German proof of strength, and not of diminishing German military strength," and writes:- From the capture of Riga we hope for the wrecking of the false belief that German desires for peace are a sign of German weakness. According to the will of our enemies, a fourth winter of war faces us. I will be just as hard for us as for them—a winter which will impose grievous sufferings upon all countries, and increase mortality. Collapse in this winter we shall not. Those on the other side who prophesy great difficulties for the German people during this winter are undoubtedly right. Those who predict the collapse of Germany are dreamers or liars. Peace will not come with the collapse of Germany, but will come when the peoples no longer let themselves be led on a string by liars and dreamers.

British Revenue.

London, Sept. 30.—The revenue of the United Kingdom for the quarter ended to-day totals £139,262,754, including £16,742,000 from the customs and £8,746,000 from excise duties. The figures for the past six months show: Stamps, £3,391,000; excess profits tax, £87,334,000, an increase of £54,949,000.

Shaft that Pierced the Kaiser's Armour.

The indubitable determination of the Allies to have no dealings with the perfidious Hohenzollerns, and the morbid terms in which this inexorable determination was expressed in President Wilson's reply to the Papal Peace Note, have at last penetrated the thick armour of the Kaiser's colossal self-conceit.

It has taken a long time for William to realise that this denunciation of a monarch's shamelessness and dishonour could possibly be meant for his Imperial and Royal Majesty the German Emperor and King of Prussia, but it has been brought home to him at last, and, in the characteristic Kaiser manner, he has ordered a counterblast to be published far and wide in the German Press.

"Trust Your Emperor!"

It takes the form of a sort of proclamation, printed in extremely large English type, the German text being wholly abandoned on an occasion of such vital importance. It runs as follows, and it is understood to have come direct from the royal and imperial hand:

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So far as human prescience can tell these enemies will never overthrow us. This they see for themselves. Hence their latest dirty and unspeakably contemptible attempt to cause disunion and weakness among our people, to enfeeble the strong and invincible foe so that at last he may be cast down and crushed.

For heaven's sake let us sink our political differences and remain closely united. No German must accept a gift from the dastard enemy, even though it be freedom, popular rights, or whatever it be called. In war time we must do precisely the contrary to that which the enemy desires us to do, and if he expresses a false wish for our

democratisation we must, to spite him, elude all the stronger to our well-tryed German imperial institutions.

The German people must have no other answer ready for the Wilsons and all his treacherous brood of amiable advisers—those despicable hypocrites whose real desire is to dig our graves—than that never, though we be at our last gasp, shall we accept the proffered hand of liars and traitors who desire not our freedom, but our eternal enslavement.

New Test of Death.

A discovery of great value for testing with certainty whether a person is dead has been made by Dr. Shiro Tashiro, Professor of Physiology at Chicago University. As described in the Lancet, it is too technical for the layman's understanding but a doctor explains that the test is made by crushing a piece of muscle and comparing it with a piece of uncrushed muscle. If the person is alive the crushed piece gives off more carbonic acid gas than the uncrushed piece, as a result of the stimulation produced by the injury. Dr. Tashiro claims that this test can be applied within a few minutes, or at most within one or two hours of death.

There are, of course, other tests with which every doctor is quite satisfied, but this will be extremely valuable as proving local death of the tissues after general death has occurred. There is life in the tissues for some time after death, and proof of their death sets doubts all doubts at rest.

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Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	156.5	116.9	2588.9	1093.5	
Samudprakar	161.8	93.1	1504.9	1775.8	
Dhanyaburi	166.1	79.6	1638.4	950.2	
Ayudhya	158.5	63.6	1459.6	1199.7	
Anglong	180.1	116.6	1777.6	1508.0	
Lobhuri	70.5	209.7	1246.2	1478.6	
Nagor Pathom	216.9	168.9	1542.5	1360.2	
Subarn	123.2	136.7	1097.7	1181.6	
Rajburi	165.2	189.8	1218.9	1155.3	
Bejngmai	161.0	365.6	2138.4	1605.4	
Kanchanaburi	No report	178.2	...	1018.9	
Chhaxoeng Sao	82.9	82.5	1452.5	1235.3	
Prachin	180.2	101.5	2212.5	1437.7	
Udaya	192.5	188.0	1472.7	1411.4	
Jayula	106.5	161.5	1348.1	1451.3	
Bianuloke	No report	13.6	...	1778.1	
Chiengmai	72.1	25.5	1109.5	1347.4	
Songkhla	18.5	54.8	561.2	850.0	

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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff the hole with cotton wool, relief is certain within a few minutes.

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Notice.

In honour of the Anniversary of the Accession of H. M. the King of Siam the Office of the Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. will be closed on Saturday afternoon the 10th and Monday the 12th instant.

Notice.

The departure of s.s. "Mahidol" to the Malay Coast has been postponed till Sunday noon.

THE SIAM STEAM NAVIGATION
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Notification by the Liquidator of the business of Enemy Subjects.

By a Notification of the Minister of Finance dated the 9th day of November, B. E. 2460, the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, was ordered to be attached and wound up, and undersigned liquidator appointed Liquidator therefor.

Notice is hereby given that all persons who are creditors or debtors, or otherwise interested in any manner in the above mentioned business, must present written claims or demands or pay their debts to the Liquidator at the Sheriff's Department, Ministry of Justice, within one month from the date of this Notification. If this provision is not complied with, the Liquidator will not accept responsibility for any loss occasioned thereby.

Dated, 9th November, B. E. 2460.
(Signed) Pra Karani Sri Samruat.

Liquidator.
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Notification of the Minister of Finance appointing a Liquidator for winding up an Enemy Business under the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries.

Whereas the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, appears to be carried on wholly or mainly for the benefit of and under the control of persons of enemy nationality.

Therefore the said business is, in pursuance of Article 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, ordered to be attached and wound up, and Pra Karani Sri Samruat is appointed liquidator therefor.

Notification issued on the 9th day of November, B. E. 2460.

(Signed) Kitiyakara,
Minister of Finance.
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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 12th inst., will be observed as a Holiday in the Customs Service.

By order of the Acting
Director General.
Custom House.
7th November 1917.

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The Siam Observer

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1917.

GERMANY'S DETERIORATING RESERVES.

A German journalist, who has had the good fortune to escape from Germany, has written to *The Times* a very startling article in which he depicts with graphic pen the conditions prevailing in that country to-day. He declares that the fourth winter of the war will bring with it a most serious deterioration of the German military position and he ascribes this to three causes. The first is the lack of raw materials for the manufacture of necessary munitions of war which has been brought about by the British blockade and by the more stringent control of exports from neutral countries. The second is the failure of submarine warfare the results of which will grow steadily worse as the winter progresses. Already the joyous hopes of the speedy overthrow of England by this means which the German people entertained at the beginning of the campaign of ruthlessness have given place to a melancholy resignation which, in the present domestic condition of the country, is extremely dangerous. The third and most important cause is the marked deterioration of the quality of the reserves. Although the excellence of German surgery has resulted in the recovery of a large proportion of the wounded and in spite of the fact that the Land-turm men of over 45 have been everywhere called up and notwithstanding the fact that the frontier guards have been largely replaced by civilians, it remains undeniable that the military standard cannot be maintained and the writer of the article above mentioned ascribes this to the political infection which the young classes drafted into the forces bring with them. The political progress which the youth of Germany has made during the war is described as intense in spite of the almost incredible efforts of the police and military authorities to restrain it. The Centre Clerical Party has opposed this political dragging of the youth of the land with extraordinary vehemence for it foresees the imperilling of its many organisation for the young. Lads of seventeen who have just become liable for Land-turm duties are called up for military service at once although the whole of public opinion is opposed to this procedure. The boys have carried on a propaganda of open refusal to serve and of desertion. The number of desertions increases daily and it is claimed that there are several organisations in existence for rendering aid and providing refuge for deserters who are being hunted down. The distrust of the Army authorities for these young reserves is such that, for purely political reasons, the oldest are mixed with the youngest classes in the garrisons. The degree of fitness required is reduced to a minimum and the training period is made as short as possible in order to withdraw the lads as soon as possible from the politically infected soil of the home country. Thus the time allowed for infantry training is but four weeks with a maximum of six weeks for artillery and the units are then sent into the communication regions so that they may be employed in endangered positions as occasion requires. The writer of the article referred to thus comes to the following conclusions: "The military Colossus of the Central States, whose whole existence is based on the continuation of its blood and iron tradition, is confronted with the capitulation of the new generation in Germany. This new generation has nothing more in common with the war, and it is certain with her surviving remnant of deluded veterans Germany will never win this war."

ENERGETIC preparations are being made in Holland to receive and accommodate 16,000 British and German prisoners of war. Many will be housed at Scheveningen (a seaside resort near The Hague). The Y. M. C. A. is establishing canteens and clubs for the benefit of the prisoners.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
Thursday, November 8.

This afternoon, at Baisial Hall, a Special Meeting of the Privy Council was held at which His Majesty the King presided.

Official Communiqué.

In view of the extraordinary inundation of this year, His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to appoint a Royal Commission composed of the Ministers of Finance, Interior, Agriculture and Local Government to take up and consider the necessary measures for the relief of the sufferers as had been done in former times when the people have suffered either through such calamities as inundation or drought.

Measures of relief will be further notified by proclamation as soon as the Royal Commission has arrived at the result of its deliberation.

Meanwhile immediate measures to relieve the sufferers have already been undertaken where urgent distress exists.

The Court.

We understand that His Majesty the King will leave for Rajaburi on Sunday on a brief visit to view the damage done by the floods in the Rajaburi Circle.

H. S. H. Prince Pradibaddh, the Lord Lieutenant, who has been in Bangkok on official business for some time, left for Rajaburi yesterday in order to make the necessary arrangements for His Majesty's visit, which we learn, is absolutely of a private nature.

Decorations.

At the General Official Audience on Monday last, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to confer the following decorations:—

Crown of Siam, Third Class to H. S. H. Prince Damras Damrong and Commander George Foss.

White Elephant, Fourth Class to Mr. C. B. Follett and Mr. C. W. Anderson
Crown of Siam, Fourth Class to H. S. H. Prince Salai Thong, Phra Visut Kasetr Silp, Luang Baribar Niti Kasetr and Mr. E. W. Jorgensen.

Crown of Siam, Fifth Class to Luang Kasikh Banhar.
Chakra Mala Medal to Police Major-General E. W. Trotter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

* * * THERE will be no issue of the *Siam Observer* to-morrow in honour of the Anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty the King.

THE total subscribed to the Cruiser Fund is now **Tos. 2,448,456.**

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo line is still in good order as far as Lobburi. Other lines are in order.

In honour of the Anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty the King the Government schools and colleges are closed until the 13th inst.

THE takings at the Phathanakorn Cinema last night amounted to **Tos. 552.04.** The management will hand over this sum to the Flood Relief Fund.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 10 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 10th inst. and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

BATAVIA advices state that the New York International Banking Corporation will shortly establish an office in Batavia, and will later open up branches at other centres in the Netherlands East Indies. This action by one of America's largest banking houses is of great significance to local trade.

LATEST Advt:—A notification of the Minister of Finance appointing a Liquidator for winding up an Enemy business as well as a notification by the Liquidator of the business of Enemy subjects appear in our advertisement columns. Particulars of the New French War Loan appear on page 4. The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs has a notice re tenders for the extension and repair of Post and Telegraph office No. 2, Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. have received a new shipment of Horrocks Flannelette, caement cloth, latest novels, etc., etc. The Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. give notice that the departure of s.s. Mahidol to the Malay Coast has been postponed till Sunday. The Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. will be closed on Saturday afternoon and Monday next.

THE Great War.

British Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 8.
Field Marshal Haig reports.—We captured Passchendaele village and Messel Market and Gondberg hamlet.

Allenby Makes Further Progress.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 8.
Reuter learns that General Allenby made an important further advance. Attacking from Beersheba the Turkish positions towards the sea, he captured the next Turkish line and advanced about nine miles.

Affairs in Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 8.
Petrograd Thursday evening.—There was a conflict between the General Staff in the Petrograd district and the Revolutionary Military Committee of the Soldel. This was aggravated towards evening when negotiations with a view of democratically strengthening the General Staff was broken off when it was learnt that the Governor during the night had summoned troops from the environs and had ordered these troops to disobey the Government.

The situation is complicated by Kerensky's suspension of three Maximalist and two Conservative newspapers. It is authoritatively stated that at five in the afternoon the disconnection of bridges between the working class quarters and the centre of the Capital was ordered, thereby stopping also the tramways. The City is guarded by loyal troops.

German Propaganda in Italy.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 8.
The Austro-German propaganda in Italy has been strong and is alleged to account for happenings on the Italian front.
In the Commons the question was raised by Col. Yates as to what steps the Government has taken to deny the falsehoods concerning Britain disseminated among the Italian troops. Mr. Macpherson replied that the Italian authorities are being asked to supply the Government with copies of the propaganda.

The attack on Italy.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 6.
Rome.—The enemy's pressure on the banks of the upper Tagliamento increases more and more. Against the left wing the enemy has advanced in force in the direction of the middle and lower course of the river and has occupied a portion of the mountainous zone which we evacuated owing to necessity of alignment.

French Politics.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 6.
The Chamber has postponed till November 13th the interpellation on present judicial operations and on the internal policy of the Government. The Senate has sent back to the Administration the demand for proceedings against a Senator. M. Barthou has asked that November 16th be fixed for the interpellation on the foreign policy of the Government as M. Painlevé is at present in Italy.

Russian War Minister Relieved.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 5.
Petrograd.—For reasons of health the War Minister is relieved of his duties.

The Italian Struggle.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 7.
The Italians have retired towards Livorno protected by covering troops. Italian airships and dirigibles effectively bombarded the enemy. The enemy is occupied in reconstructing the bridges in order to cross the Tagliamento.

American Losses.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 6.
For the first time the American communiqué draws attention to the American losses on the French front, 3 killed; 5 wounded; 12 prisoners.

English Advance.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 6.
The English attacked the German positions toward Passchendaele and progressed in a satisfactory manner.

Espionage in France.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 6.
The agent of police Seailles has been accused of espionage. A warrant of arrest has been issued against the expert Porchère accused of complicity in the Bolo affair.

Passchendaele Taken.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 7.
The British have taken Passchendaele and many hamlets. They have attained all the objectives in spite of a stubborn defence. Numerous German prisoners have been taken and the conquered terrain has been organised.

The Maximalists.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 7.
Petrograd.—The Maximalist agitation to seize the power is considerably aggravated. The revolutionary committee has ordered the troops in the capital to disobey the Government. The latter has given orders to cut the bridges giving access to the centre of the capital from the quarter inhabited by the workmen.

S. S. "Hitachi Maru" Missing.

We have received the following notification from Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.:
Please note that we are in receipt of a telegram from the Agents of the N. Y. K. Singapore dated yesterday to the effect that s.s. "Hitachi Maru" is missing between Colombo and Delagoa Bay and that they have so far received no news of her. This steamer left Colombo for South Africa about 23rd September, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Trayce were on board.

The Sanuks.

Control of Traffic at the R. B. S. C.

The attention of Members and Visitors to the Sports to-morrow is called to the following rules which have had to be made for their convenience in the exceptional conditions at present prevailing.
1. The regulation of traffic in the Sports Sports Club Road will be in the hands of the Police.
2. The out gate of the Sports Club will be closed.
3. ARRIVAL. The driver of every vehicle (motor or otherwise) must on arrival accept a numbered ticket from the durwan at the road end of the causeway, and an occupant of the vehicle must make a duplicate.
4. DEPARTURE. The number of each vehicle must be shown to the durwan at the top of the Sports Club steps.
He will pass on the number by megaphone to the durwan at the gate. As soon as 4 numbers have been called, no more will be called until the durwan at the gate indicates all clear.
The occupants of each vehicle are requested to walk out along the causeway as soon as the durwan at the top of the steps calls out their number, but not before. All tickets should be retained by the holders until their vehicles have arrived at the causeway.

The Royal Railway Department.

Annual Report on the Southern Line.

We have received from H. B. H. the Commissioner-General, Royal State Railways, a copy of Mr. Henry Gittins report on the Southern Line for the year 2459 (April 1, 1916 to March 31, 1917). The following extracts from the report make interesting reading:—

Length of Line.

The total length of line opened for Traffic amounts to Kms. 1083 an increase of K 287 over the preceding year. This increase is due to the opening of the Section Banpaaphan Yai to Ban Na, the completion of which gives through connection from Bangkok to Trang, Nakhon Sri Thammaraj and Singora. In addition to the above there are Kms. 534 laid in Sidings.

Communication has also been established and traffic trains run 2 days a week between Ootapao and Na Pradu on the Patani Line, a length of Kms. 91, but this section has not yet been finally handed over to open line.

Financial Statement.

The Gross Earnings from all sources amounted to Tcs. 2,083,535 as compared with Tcs. 1,526,429 for the previous year. This represents an increase of Tcs. 557,106, or 36 per cent.
Compared with the Budget the Gross Revenue works out as follows:—
Actual Receipts ... Tcs. 2,083,535
Budget 1,845,000

Excess over Budget Tcs. 238,535

The Gross Working Expenses amounted to Tcs. 1,154,810 as compared with Tcs. 919,387 for the previous year, showing an increase of Tcs. 235,423 or 25 per cent.

Compared with the Budget the Expenditure is as follows:—
Budget ... Tcs. 1,423,527
Actual Expenditure ... 1,154,810
Saving on Budget ... Tcs. 268,717

The Net Dividend earned after deducting contribution to the Renewal Fund amounts to 1.51 per cent, as against 1.27 per cent. for the previous year.

The increase in the average length of line open is 48.0 per cent.
Do. in receipts ... 36.5 per cent.
Do. in working expenses ... 25.6 per cent.

The percentage of working expenses to gross receipts works out at 55.48 per cent as against 60.23 per cent. for last year.

General Remarks.

The total number of passengers carried numbered 41,661,111. Of this number the Bangkok—Petchaburi line accounted for 1,100,945 and the lines South of Petchaburi for 560,166. The figures for the preceding year were 1,007,086 and 343,153 respectively. The total increase in passengers was 310,872 or 23 per cent. This was due, to increased length of line opened to Traffic; to a slight general improvement all round; and to the Military Manoeuvres held in March.

First and second class passengers show an increase of 2,610 and 5,407 respectively.

Goods Traffic shows an increase of Tons 17,048 or 13 per cent. The total quantity carried being Tons 145,692, of this amount the Bangkok—Petchaburi line accounted for Tons 80,376 and the lines South for Tons 65,316—as against Tons 75,932 and Tons 52,712 respectively for the year previously.

Of the principal articles carried there have been notable increases in Beans, Dyeing Nuts, Packages, Rice, and Tin, and decreases in Fish, Paddy, Stone and Timber.

Transport of Live Stock totalled 38,137 head, an increase of 18,757 on the previous year's figures.

Average receipts per Km. of line open amounted to Tcs. 2,137 and the expenses to Tcs. 1,184, as against Tcs. 2,316 and Tcs. 1,395 for the previous year.

The gross receipts per Km. show a falling off of Tcs. 179 on the last year's report. This is entirely due to the lines opened during the year traversing a poorly populated district. As some compensation for this reduction of Tcs. 251 per Km. has been made in the working expenses.

The net receipts per Km. show an increase of Tcs. 32.
Army manoeuvres took place on a large scale during the month of March in the district of Batburi. In connection with this 41 special trains were run and a large number of troops, with their full equipment of guns, horses, etc., carried.

Some strain was put upon the Department to supply the necessary rolling stock for this and considerable extra work developed upon the Traffic Staff. By gathering in all the available stock from the Southern Sections the scarcity of the stock difficulty was overcome, and the assistance given by the railway branch of the Army Department in the handling of the troops at the Railway Stations helped greatly to the satisfactory carrying out of the work.

Floods and Wash Outs.

In November and December 1916 the District South of Tung Song was

subjected to very high floods, in some places greater, and in others slightly less than what was said to be the record flood of 1915.

Traffic was stopped on the Nakhon branch for 1 day and Tung Song to Singora for 3 days.

Slips also occurred to the new banks in the districts of Chumpon and these caused interruption to the Traffic for 15 days.

Engineering Ways and Works.

The permanent way has been maintained in good running order and the following works have been carried out, practically all of which are between Bangkok and Petchaburi.

About cms. 23,571 of Earthwork have been executed in the making up of embankments and level crossings, and cms. 2,593 in new platforms and sidings.

A total amount of cms. 8,352 of stone ballast has been put into the line. Owing to the large rush of water through the timber bridge at K. 81,640 it has been decided to replace this with a steel bridge of 7 spans of 12 m. each. The foundation work for this has been started.

The new station at Petchaburi has been completed and opened for Traffic on February 1st, 1917.

The water supply has been completed at Petchaburi.

The water supply at Ratburi is being altered and extended and a new tank is in course of erection.

Locomotives.

No new locomotives were added to the stock during the year under review, the total number remaining at 37. About one-third of this number continued to be used in connection with the construction and maintenance of the line, leaving only twenty-four for the working of Open line Traffic.

An order for five locomotives of the 4.6.0 type was placed with the North British Co.

Eleven engines were thoroughly repaired during the year. This includes repairs to engines which had been used in connection with the construction of the Railway.

Coal was purchased in considerable quantities owing to the partial failure of the firewood supply. This accounts to some extent for the large increase in the cost of fuel.

British Flood Relief Fund.

H. B. M. Minister acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following amounts from:—

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Anon	30
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Nai Hub	5
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Ah Luck	2
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Office Tamby	2
Siam Import Co.	250
Siam Motor Works	100
Clément Niel	50
P. C. Thomsen	100
Per Legation Collecting Box	
Achaibar Sukul	1
S. Siang Wan	20
K. Wee Koon	10
Notes and cash	11.16
Total	Ticals 1,689.16

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, November 11, Twenty Third after Trinity.

8.30 a.m.—Mattins and Sermon.

9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Hymns:—

157: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

214: Lord of our life, and God of our salvation.

606: O Father in Whose great design.

323: I am not worthy, Holy Lord.

559: O Christ, our God, Who with Thine own hast been.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns:—

176: How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds.

335: Around the Throne of God a band.

35: Bless Creator of the light.

Wednesday, November 14.

6.30 p.m. Intercessions for the War.

Notice.

We beg to inform our customers that our Store will be closed on Monday the 12th inst. in honour of the Anniversary of H. M.'s Accession.

Respectfully,
ORIENTAL STORE.

8-10.



Notice.

Re tender for the extension & repair of Post and Telegraph Office No. 2.

As the period for submission of tenders is rather limited, the Post and Telegraph Department has decided to extend the time to 30th November 1917 at 1 p.m.

DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.
9-16



Harbour Notification

Owners and steersmen of steam and motor launches are hereby notified that owing to the inundated state of parts of the country consequent on the rising of the River, all launches have to be navigated at the slowest speed possible to prevent the wash caused by the propellers of such launches doing damage to houses along the river reaches, bunds and embankments, that may have been made to protect property.

By Order of H. E. The Minister
of Local Government.
PHYA VISUTRA SAGORADITH,
Harbour Master General.
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Notice.

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

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SANUKS.

Owing to high tides which may be expected during the next few days and the probability that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get to the Sports Club on 3rd November, the Sanuks have decided to postpone their performance until the following

Saturday, 10th November.

Those who do not wish to retain their seats are asked to communicate with the Secretary of the Sports Club.

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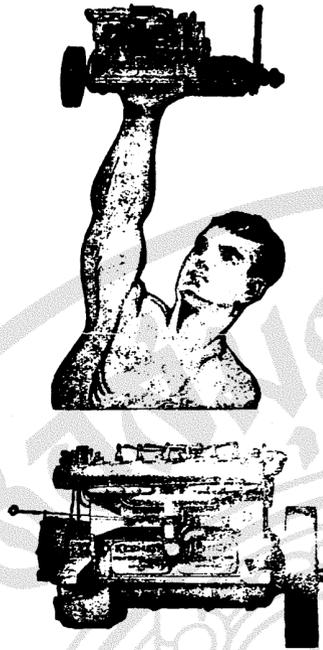
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IN STOCK.**Siam Import Co., Ltd.****Sikak Phya Sri-City.****Admiralty Policy.****Naval And Mercantile Measures.**

London, Nov. 1.—Sir Eric Geddes' maiden speech in the House of Commons this afternoon was the occasion of a long and important statement in which he reviewed the naval situation and said that the present Board of Admiralty consisted of eight naval officers and three civilians including himself, but it was intended to include an additional civil lord. The Board is grouped to include the formal committees, namely the operations committee and the maintenance committee and Sir E. Geddes described their specific functions. The Board and committee meet at least once a week and other sub-committees are formed as necessary. These and other changes in procedure are intended to improve the organisation and control exercised by the board.

Special measures have been taken to increase the power and strengthen the control of the naval staff in planning operations. A new section has been added to the operations side of the naval staff, consisting of younger officers with recent experience in the Grand Fleet, under a flag officer who has left the Grand Fleet to take up the position. It is thus hoped to add to the ripe and valuable experience of long service and indispensable Admiralty officers the latest up-to-date knowledge of naval warfare in its ever changing aspects. Sir E. Geddes anticipated a great advantage from the fact that the naval staff will be in increasing personal touch with the Grand Fleet and other naval commands.

What shipping we have lost.

Sir E. Geddes next dealt with the question of the desirability of publishing the tonnage of British mercantile vessels which were sunk owing to enemy action. He stated that the tonnage figures published by the enemy led to the conclusion that the enemy did not know what was being sunk, but would very much like to obtain such information as periodic publication would afford. He therefore considered that sufficient justification existed not to publish the tonnage. He, however, was able to supplement Mr. Lloyd George's information which shows that we are making reasonably satisfactory progress in overcoming the submarine menace.

He prefaced the quotation of "certain figures" by explaining and justifying the transfer of men and material from one branch of war industry to another, whether naval, military, or aircraft, on the ground of concentrating activity as circumstances demanded.

Since the beginning of the war between forty and fifty per cent of the enemy submarines, operating in the North Sea and Atlantic and Arctic oceans, had been sunk. The enemy in the last quarter had lost as many submarines as during the whole of 1916. He confidently asked the House if that was not a satisfactory record for the navy and mercantile marine.

Inaccurate German Figures.

The Germans claimed to have sunk 808,000 tons of all nationalities during last August. They had sunk little more than one third of that amount of British tonnage, and little more than half for all nationalities. The German September figures were 672,000 tons; but they sunk far less than one half that amount of all nationalities. Dealing with the German claim that our tonnage was so diminishing that there were not enough ships on the sea to enable the submarines to maintain their bag, Sir E. Geddes pointed out that during last April, which was the heaviest month of British losses, our trade presumably flowed satisfactorily for the enemy.

Last September which was the enemy's lowest month of sinkings, our oversea sailings of all ships over 1,600 tons were twenty per cent in numbers, and thirty per cent in tonnage, higher than in April. The real reason why the enemy's harvest is poorer is because the long arm of the British navy has reached down into the depths. The British losses through submarineism have steadily decreased since April, and latterly, markedly. September, was most satisfactory. October was only slightly worse than September, and was thirty per cent better than any other month since unrestricted warfare began.

Total Loss for The War.

The net reduction in tonnage in the last four months is to-day thirty per centum less than was estimated early in July. The total net reduction since the beginning of the war from all causes in British ships, over sixteen hundred* tons, is under 2½ million tons gross, or fourteen per centum. Notwithstanding the diversion of labour and material from the mercantile service, the shipbuilding resources of the country can again be devoted to building up a mercantile marine, since the submarine menace is at present doing less damage.

After summarising the progress made in combating the submarineism, Sir E. Geddes referred to the statement that the Germans were building submarines faster than hitherto, and that they had not yet attained the maximum strength of submarine warfare. Therefore it was becoming a test of determination, grit and ingenuity between the two contending forces. He concluded

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The Western Fight.

London, Oct. 31.—French communique: North of the Aisne the artillery struggle proceeded, on the whole Vauxhallon Pinon sector and our new positions in the region of Froidmont. Enemy aeroplanes dropped thirty bombs on Dunkirk at present no casualties and no damage are reported.

London, Nov. 1.—A French communique says: Our offensive between October 23-27 yielded 11,157 prisoners, including 237 officers and 180 guns. Between the Meuse and Bezonvaux there was a fairly lively bombardment. Our aeroplanes bombed railway stations at Thionville, Bettenbourg, Mezirieux, Longueville, Welippy and Luxembourg. All objectives were hit.

London, Oct. 31.—Field Marshal Haig: Hostile artillery was active at night against the positions captured yesterday. There were no counter-attacks.

London, Oct. 31.—Wireless German Official: In addition to the main attack the English yesterday attempted an advance on Gheluvelt which was driven back. Our movements in the Carnic Alps continue in accordance with plan.

London, Oct. 31.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says there was holier-than-thou weather yesterday afternoon, which rendered infantry work practically impossible. The troops were content in consolidating the morning gains, which were substantial and important. On the left of the attack the Naval Brigade and the London Territorials struggled against well-nigh impossible weather odds. Consequently they did not advance quite as successfully as the Canadians on the higher and better ground. The Canadians thoroughly recognise that the home troops had the harder task and loudly praise their indomitability.

As an example of the bitter price the Germans are paying for their desperate defence of Passchendaele ridge system, the correspondent mentions that it has been ascertained that a company of reserve infantry went in eighty strong and came out with only one officer and four of other ranks not wounded. In another case a battalion of Grenadiers after concluding a spell of duty had only the adjutant and one man left.

Such examples could be multiplied. The correspondent gives another interesting insight into German mentality. In the course of conversation a captured enemy officer after saying that the breaking of Belgian neutrality was justified by necessity, added that his countrymen could not understand now that the United States had entered the war and we had nothing more to fear why the Allies refuse to take

advantage of the comparatively easy passage of the Rhine which the invasion of Holland would offer.

The Gravel Trouble.

Amsterdam, Nov. 1.—The Telegraaf publishes details of the utilisation of the sand and gravel transported on Dutch waterways from Germany to Belgium. The cobble road from Middelkerke to the west was broken up and smoothed with sand and gravel from Westende. The Germans have broken up the tramlines everywhere in Belgium to construct new light railways at the front, employing deported civilians in transporting the material. Concrete is being manufactured between Bruges and Ostend for the construction of pillboxes while sand and gravel is used along the coast for the construction of aerodromes and coast defences.

Sailors And The War.

The British and Foreign Sailors' Society is celebrating its centenary shortly, and in view of this event hopes to raise £250,000 for the further extension of its work. Founded in the days of Lord Nelson and with Admiral Gambier as its first president the Society has made the welfare of British seamen its first charge throughout the past hundred years. During the progress of the War the Society's institutions in all parts of Great Britain and elsewhere have given shelter, food, and clothing to thousands of men. The crews of torpedoed ships are one of its first charges, and most grateful thanks have been received by the Society from owners, officers and men. Relief is dispensed to hundreds of seamen or their dependents suffering through the War, and nearly one thousand sailors who are Prisoners of War receive food parcels at a cost of more than £500 per week. Suitable literature is distributed

to men of the Naval Auxiliary fleet, transports, mine sweepers, patrol boats, lighthouses, &c. The Society's King Edward VII. Nautical School has trained lads for the merchant service, and over 4,000 have received their Board of Trade certificates at the School. The centenary fund will enable this school to be extended. Centenary subscriptions may be sent to Sir Frederick Green, J. P. Sailors' Palace, Commercial Road, E 14.

London, Oct. 31.—The Press Bureau states: The Ministry of Munitions is inviting owners of tin and tungsten mines in Cornwall and Devon to establish a Research Association with a view to conducting experiments under first class experts to increase their output. It is pointed out that 35 per cent of tin and a higher percentage of wolfram in the ore has hitherto been lost. A conference on the subject has been convened for Nov. 7.

General Wire News.

London, Oct. 31.—The death is announced of Lord Londesborough.

London, Oct. 31.—Major General Bols (?) has been appointed Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Haig.

London, Oct. 31.—Ten Cork Sinn Fein leaders have been put into goal for participation in recent demonstrations when a thousand volunteers performed military evolutions.

London, Oct. 31.—Official. An aeroplane crossed the Kentish coast this morning but did not penetrate inland. It dropped bombs in fields and made off upon being engaged by anti-aircraft guns the remainder of the bombs falling in the sea.

Petrograd, Oct. 31.—The chemists' strike is creating a serious situation owing to the violence of the strikers towards the few chemists whom the strike committee have permitted to work. The municipality has decided to open more shops.

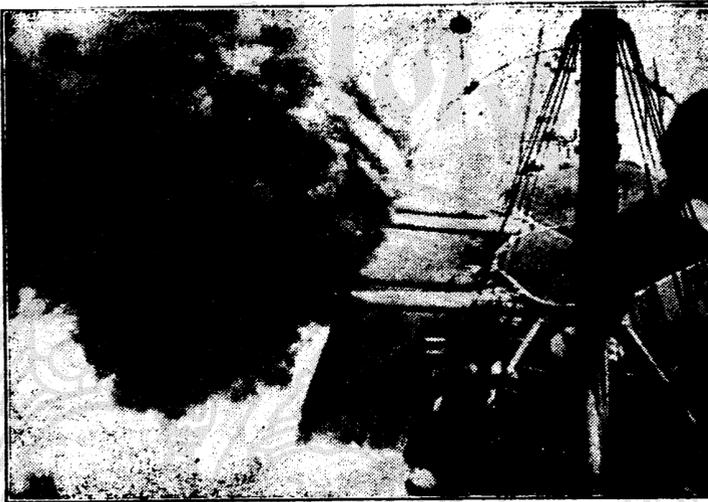
New York, Oct. 31.—Hundreds of shipyards on the waterfront have been ordered to dismiss alien enemies before Nov. 1, with a view to ending the numerous waterfront fires.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Mr. Lansing has published the text of the Luxemburg telegrams referred to on Oct. 28-29 revealing that Luxemburg advised Berlin it was dangerous to foster the impression among Brazilians that Germany was easy going and good natured, because the South Americans "under a thin veneer are Indians."

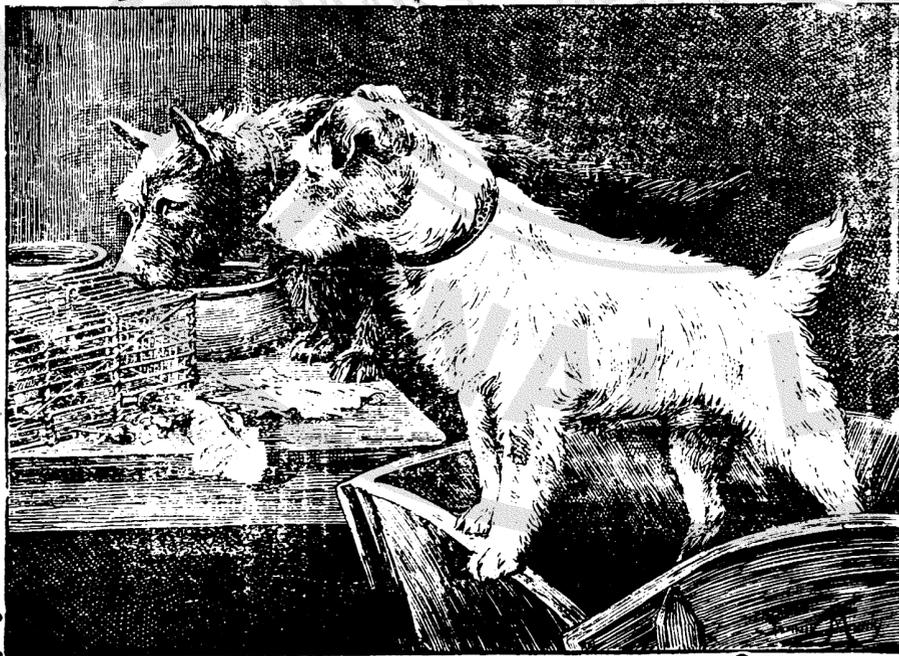
London, Oct. 31.—Egypt Official: Three thousand Turks, with twelve guns, attacked our cavalry outposts on Saturday. Though outnumbered and enveloped, the London Yeomanry gallantly held their positions for six hours until reinforced. Our casualties were under 100; the Turks losses were heavy.

London, Oct. 31.—The crisis in Spain is unsolved. A dozen political leaders see the King daily without result. All attempts at a coalition Cabinet have failed owing to the refusal of leading parties to act together. Behind this parliamentary ferment is the dissatisfaction in the army with all previous political combinations, which it accuses of ignoring the true military interests of the country.

London, Oct. 31.—East Africa Official: The Germans have been expelled from the Mahenge district towards the Luwegu river. They abandoned two guns. General Northey's troops occupied Liwale, taking prisoner 24 German Europeans. The enemy's losses in the recent fighting at Nyangao, apart from wounded, are estimated at 53 Europeans and 267 Askaris killed, 241 Europeans and 677 Askaris taken prisoner.



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