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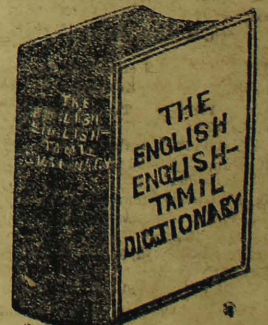
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thady

Deceased.

Manikkamma widow of Suppaiyar Kanaga-
bai Aiyar of Kalthady

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Kanagasabai Aiyar Muttukumarasamy Aiyar
of Do
2. Nagammah daughter of Kanagasabai Aiyar
of Do
3. Suppaiyar Aiyathurai Aiyar of Do. The 1st
and 2nd Respondents are minors
by their Guardian ad litem the
3rd Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Manikkamma
widow of Suppaiyar Kanagasabai Aiyar, praying for
Letters of Administration to the estate of the
abovenamed deceased Suppaiyar Kanagasabai
Aiyar of Kalthady, coming on for disposal before
P. E. Floris, District Judge, on July 25,
1916, in the presence of Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Pro-
ctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit
of the said Petitioner dated May 31, 1916, having
been read: It is ordered that the Petitioner be
and he is hereby declared entitled, as widow of the
said deceased, to administer the estate of the said
deceased and that Letters of Administration do
issue to him accordingly, unless the Respondent
abovenamed or any other person shall, on or be-
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THE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
AND THE INDUSTRIAL NEEDS
OF JAFFNA.

We are gratified to note that the In-
dustries Commission has begun its work
in earnest and is investigating on the
possibilities of industrial revival and ex-
pansion in the different parts of Ceylon.
The Government has admitted its res-
ponsibility to help the industrial develop-
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The manufacture of dyes from Chaya root was an important industry in Jaffna. It was killed by the importation of aniline and alizarine dyes from Germany. Since the beginning of the war, the local industry has revived. Steps may be taken with the help of experts, to improve the local process of manufacturing dyes and the dyeing and printing of cloths, which form an important cottage industry in Jaffna. There are Dyeing Schools in Madras under Government support. Select students from Jaffna may be sent to one of these and trained. The Director of Industries of the United Provinces in India says in his last Report:—"India is very rich in dye stuffs belonging to both natural and mineral kingdoms. Signs are not wanting that there is coming about a revival of the natural dye-stuff industry, and if things go well, we may yet see a day when we shall not be so entirely dependent on foreign countries for the supply of our requirements of dye-ware." If proper researches and experiments are conducted a similar result may be obtained in our country too.

The different hereditary craftsmen in our country such as carpenters, blacksmiths, copper and brass smiths, are losing ground in their respective trades through foreign competition. Help may be rendered to these by the Government sending out to India and other foreign countries deserving students and giving them a modern training in their respective crafts.

Investigations should also be made as to the possibility of introducing new industries for which the raw materials abound in Jaffna. If the Government will conduct an industrial survey of the country and mark out the lines in which industrial development may be profitably undertaken, there will not be wanting men who will pioneer new enterprises.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

CEYLONESE AT THE FRONT.—According to informations received in Kandy, Frank Drieberg, younger son of Mr C Drieberg, Secretary of the Agricultural Society, has been killed in action in France. Rudra, Halangoda and Atuwihara who were wounded are reported to be progressing towards recovery.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. T. Sadasiva Iyer, Asst. Inspector of Schools, who was away at Mullaitivu on inspection duty has returned.

—Mr. V. Kanagasabai, Station Master, Jaffna, who was on a short visit to Colombo has returned.

—Mr. M. V. Kandiah of Kota Bharu, Kelantan, has obtained 3 months' leave from the 2nd instant. He will spend his holidays at Point Pedro.

—Mr. C. N. Devarajan, Accountant, Gloenely Plantations Ltd, Perak, has come to Jaffna on leave and is staying at his residence "Vakula Villa" at Vannarponnai East.

—Mr. S. Candiahpillai, Pandit of the Office of the Director of Education, Colombo, is now at Candaroday, having come for the holidays.

—Mr. R. Canthiah of the P. W. D., Bandaravala, is on a visit to his friends and relations at Irupalai.

EXCISE COMMISSION APPOINTED.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint a Commission consisting of the following gentlemen to consider the arrangements for the manufacture and sale of spirits in the Colony. The Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. C. Allnutt, the Hon. Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Dr. Langby Hunt, C. M. G., Sir J. Thomson Broom Kt., Mr. G. C. Bliss, J. P., and Mr. W. A. de Silva, J. P.

THE AUGUST RACES.—The race week in Colombo which began on Saturday last was a great success. H. E. the Governor was present and had a seat in the Grand Stand. The chief event of the season, the Governor's cup, was run on Saturday and was won by Mr. E. L. F. de Soysa's racer "Strothroyale". This is said to be Mr. Soysa's tenth cup and establishes a record. The Cup's value is Rs. 700 presented by H. E. the Governor and Rs. 1,500 from the Fund of which the second will receive Rs. 300 and the third Rs. 200. The distance round the race course was 1 1/2 miles. Five Horses competed for the cup of which the second and fifth belonged to Sir S. D. Bandaranayake.

ENGLISH POULTRY FOR COLOMBO.—Mr. W. H. B. Carbery C. O. S., D. J. Chitlaw, got out by

the "Warwickshire" which arrived in Colombo on the 5th instant six coops containing English poultry and three or four turkeys. The birds are from Mr. Tennyson Fawkes, breeder and exporter of exhibition poultry, Royal Stocks Farm, Gloucestershire.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF ADVOCATES.—A meeting of the General Council of Advocates, presided over by the Hon. the Attorney-General, was held at Hultsderp on the 2nd instant at which the following were declared elected members of the Council for the ensuing year:—Messrs B. W. Biwa, K. C., E. E. J. Samarawickreme, A. St. V. Jayawardena, the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham, Messrs Allan Drieberg, E. W. Jayawardena, H. A. P. Sandrasegara, R. L. Pereira, James Poiris and F. M. de Seram.

GERMAN RAZORS FOR RUSSIA.—An interesting illustration of the way in which a German firm is selling German razors in Russia is told in the *Bach's Review*, published by J. S. Bach and Co. of the New York Stock Exchange. The razors are wrapped in a paper bearing an English name, and the razor itself is marked "Mussel Razor Works," followed by the Russian words meaning "To a Brave Russian Soldier for Distinguished Service." These German razors are selling in large quantities in Russia to everybody who desires to send a gift to a friend at the front.

—D. Mail, July 7.

WELSH DYES FROM SEAWEED.—Lord Aberdare at a meeting of the Welsh Industries Association yesterday said that they had a scheme for producing dye from seaweed. He was satisfied with a suit consisting of Welsh woven and dyed material which he had purchased. He believed a good many of their ladies had obtained very becoming green costumes. Mr. Harcourt stated in Parliament yesterday that the production of dyestuffs in this country had made very substantial progress since the War began.

—D. Mail, July 7.

THE CEYLON KENNEL CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this body was held at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, on the 5th inst. with the Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden in the Chair. Eleven other members were present at the meeting. The Club has about 180 members. The proposal to have a dog show last year was abandoned. The total assets of the Club was Rs. 2,165-43 of which Rs. 237-73 had been expended, leaving a balance of Rs. 1877-70.

DARLEY LITERARY UNION.—The weekly meeting of the Darley Literary Union was held on Saturday, the 26th July, 1916, at "Saraswathi Vasa", 31 Darley Road, Colombo, with Mr. C. N. Gasingam in the chair. After the preliminaries have been gone through, Mr. S. Subramaniam of the Office of the Principal Civil Medical Officer read a very interesting and instructive paper on "The Import and Export Trade of Ceylon." Messrs N. Sivapragasam, J. P. Edirmapasinghe, T. Govindaswamy, S. Mannunayakam, P. Amirthalingam and the chairman offered comments. Then Mr. C. Venicetamby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. This was seconded by Mr. S. Mannunayakam and was carried unanimously. Messrs T. Govindaswamy, A. Subramaniam, K. Somasundaram, and S. Subramaniam were elected members of the union. At the next meeting Mr. P. Amirthalingam will deliver a lecture on "France Under Napoleon's Regime."

KANDY TAMILS' LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—The weekly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday the 5th instant, at 6.45 p. m., with Mr. K. Ganapathipillai in the chair. Mr. Emanuel Wilton was enrolled as a member. The chief business for the day was a debate in Tamil on "Reading is better than riches". The proposition was led by Mr. S. Sivaganesandram and the opposition by Mr. P. Kandiah. Comments were offered by Messrs V. Nadarajah, C. J. N. Nagaprasam, M. Nagamuttu, P. Sellathurai, V. Kathirithamby, C. T. Solomon, S. S. Selvanayagam, L. S. Dorairajah and S. Sabaratnam. When the subject was put to the vote, the proposition carried the day.

SARASWATI LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—The weekly meeting of the above Association, Colombo, came off on Saturday the 5th instant, Mr. V. Pampai, Vice President, occupied the chair. The chief business for the evening was a lecture on "The effect of Education on Society" by Mr. S. Alalaunderam, B. A. The lecturer in the course of his brilliant speech, pointed out the defects in our schools, and emphasised that the kind of education we receive is quite inadequate, and that there can be no real progress without universal mass education. Valuable comments on the lecture were made by the following: Dr. S. K. Chinniah, Messrs Spencer R. Sararatnam, Student at law, N. Velupillai, M. Thampiah and the Chairman. The meeting came to a close with votes of thanks to the Chairman and the learned lecturer.

MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATES FOR THE TAMIL SEAT.

As announced by us in our last issue a meeting of the Tamils of Jaffna was held at the Ridgeway Hall on Monday last at 4.30 p. m., in support of the candidature of Mr. J. H. Vanniasinkam. There was a good attendance of representative men. Mr. J. M. Hensman, retired Principal Kumbakonam College pro-

sided and Mr. A. Catheravolu J. P. & U. P. acted as Secretary. The first Resolution submitted the name of Mr. Vanniasinkam to His Excellency the Governor for nomination to represent the Tamils in the Legislative Council was moved by Mr. V. Casipillai, Proctor Supreme Court, seconded by Mr. J. V. Ohalliah M. A., Professor, Jaffna College, and supported by Mr. W. D. Niles, Advocate, and Mr. David Thambiah, Surveyor. The other speakers were Messrs S. Kandyay, Proctor, M. S. Elyatamby, Advocate, V. Joseph, Advocate, P. S. J. Chrysostom, Proctor, and A. G. Thambiyayagam, retired Pleader Travancore.

The meeting in favour of Mr. W. Duraiswamy took place yesterday evening. The attendance was very large and representative. C. M. Sinnayah, Mudaliyar of the Governors Gate, retired Sheriff, Jaffna Kachcheri, presided, and Mr. S. Kattirasa, Proctor Supreme Court and Notary Public acted as Secretary of the meeting. The Chief Resolution submitting the name of Mr. Duraiswamy to His Excellency the Governor for nomination to the Tamil Seat was moved by Mr. T. S. Crossette M. A., Vice-Principal, St. John's College, seconded by Mr. S. Rajaratnam, Advocate, and supported by Mr. Allen Abraham B. A., Rev. Somasunderam, Mr. Nadarajah, Mr. T. A. Thuraiappah, and Dr. Seenicuddy. The resolution appointing a Committee to carry out the object of the meeting was moved by Mr. Crossette Thambiah, Advocate, seconded by Mr. R. Kautaiyah, J. P., retired Secretary Jaffna District Court.

It will be seen from the notice published elsewhere that the meeting in support of Mr. Sappathy's candidature will be held on the 14th instant.

BUDDHIST ECLESIASTICAL CONGRESS.

AT THE KELANIYA TEMPLE.

MESSAGE FROM H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

The Kelaniya Temple was thronged with people on Saturday and Sunday last, the occasion being the holding of a congress of Buddhist priests "to bring unity among the various sects of Buddhist monks in the Island."

All arrangements were under an able committee and several pinkan ceremonies were successfully gone through. From early Saturday morning Buddhist monks from all parts of the island began to arrive. A large number of paddy boats were so arranged as to provide comfortable accommodation for the priests.

On Saturday, at noon, 1,000 priests were fed by the Buddhist Society, Kelaniya. At 2 p. m. the first sessions of the congress took place, at 8 p. m. "Pirith" verses were chanted, nearly all the monks present taking part. At 8.30 A. W. D. Granatille Thero delivered an oration on the decay of the Pali language. He spoke in Pali and Abjhanikke Medananda Thero interpreted it into Sinhalese.

Sunday morning's *dana* was given by Haranamis Appahamy of Madampitiya, Mrs. Jeremias Dias of Panadura gave the mid day *dana*. After each *dana* several useful articles were presented to the priests, as also a photograph of Kaveendra Ananda Rajakaruna, the Secretary of the Buddhist Society, Kelaniya, who was mainly responsible for the success of the congress.

FIRST SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS.

The first sessions of the congress began at 2 p. m. at the Bana Preaching Hall. A very large and representative gathering of Buddhist Priests were present. Dharmatilake Maha Thero, Chief High Priest of the Amara Pura Nikaya, Madampe, presided. Kaveendra Ananda Rajakaruna, the Secretary, read letters and telegrams received and the notice convening the meeting.

Sudasthana Thero of Randabay delivered an eloquent address on behalf of the presiding priest. Giridara Rathnayothi, Principal, Sadananda Pirivane, Doranagoda, moved that the congress express loyalty to the British Government. Gnana-wimala Thero, Principal, Sougatha Vidyalaya, Panadura, seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

U. A. Granatille, High Priest, Welisara, spoke at length on the decay of Buddhism, and he moved that the Buddhist monks in the Island should work in harmony for the welfare of Buddhism.

Abjhanikke Medananda Thero, Wellisliya, Panadura, seconded and the motion was carried. Wipala-casasabe Maha Thero, Principal, Sri Lanka Vidyalaya, Colombo, moved that there should be "unity among the various sects of the monks."

Sumada Thero, Ambalangoda, seconded—Carried.

Gnanawimala Thero, Panadura, proposed the formation of a committee consisting of several High Priests in the island with power to add to the number.

Wipala-casasabe Maha Thero seconded—Carried.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS.

Among the large number of letters and telegrams received were from the following:—His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, Colonial Secretary, Hon. Sir S. C. Obeyesekere, Hon. Mr. Harry Crossay, Hon. Mr. Haythe Elliot, Hon. Mr. T. B. L. Mooneswalle, Hon. Mr. A. J. R. de Soysa, Mr. Paul E. Pissis, District Judge, Jaffna, Rev. J. Simon de Silva, Dharmanyake Thero, Negombo, D. Saranapala Thero, Bambalapitiya, Mr. A. Sabaipathi Editor, "Hindu Organ," Mahanyake Thero, Malwate, Kandy, Mahanyake Thero, Asgiriya, Kandy, A. P. Kueratne, Coroner. —The Ceylon Morning Leader.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at 2.30 p. m. yesterday at the Council Chamber. H. E. the Governor presided; the other members present were:—The Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, C. M. G., the Hon. the Brigadier General F. Hackett-Thompson, C. B., the Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden, the Hon. Sir Aubrey Bertram, K. C., the Hon. Mr. A. C.

Allnutt, the Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser, C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. R. B. Hings, the Hon. Dr. G. H. Rutherford, the Hon. Mr. C. S. Vaughan, the Hon. Mr. F. Bowes, C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. T. H. Chapman, the Hon. Mr. P. Ramasathan, K. C. C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. W. H. Abdul Kishman, the Hon. Mr. T. B. L. Mooneswalle, the Hon. Sir Christoffel Obeyesekere, K. C., the Hon. Mr. H. Crossay, the Hon. Mr. R. Haythe Elliot, the Hon. Mr. A. Kanagasabai, the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingam, the Hon. Mr. Charles Vanderwall, the Hon. Mr. A. J. R. de Soysa and Mr. A. G. Clayton, Clerk to the Council.

The only item of interest in the agenda of yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was the motion of Mr. Ramasathan for papers regarding the passing over of the claims of Mr. Justice Ennis to the Acting Chief Justiceship, and the appointment of his junior colleague to the seat.

Messrs. J. Graeme Sinclair, Chairman of the Planners' Association, and Mr. T. Y. Wright were visitors, and occupied seats at the top of the room.

Mr. Ramasathan, in introducing his motion, reiterated a good deal of what has already appeared in print regarding the interference of the Executive with the judiciary. He said that it was believed that Sir Alexander Wood Renton had recommended the appointment of Mr. Justice Ennis as his *locum tenens*, but that the appointment was not made as Mr. Ennis's judicial pronouncements in certain cases were not in accord with the views of Executive Officers in high places. It had been declared that the appointment of a junior Puisne Justice over the head of the senior was a distinct warning to judges that it would be to their advantage to know what the views of the authorities were in matters that came up for adjudication and that they must subordinate their independence to those views. Mr. Ramasathan said that he could not help agreeing with those who declared that the whole history of the Colony from the remotest times of British rule had not known a more serious charge being brought against the Government. It was impossible for the Government to be quiescent under the accusation, and he thought it was his duty to give an opportunity to the Government to offer some explanation as to the serious belief so abundantly rife in the country, and he hoped that the explanation would be such as to restore the opinion both among Europeans and natives of the honour of the Executive and the glorious traditions of the British Government.

Mr. Crossay seconded. He said it was a delicate matter as Messrs. Shaw and Ennis were their personal friends, but the appointment of the Junior Puisne Judge over the Senior damaged the latter's reputation and damaged the confidence of the public in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Vanderwall supported the motion. The appointment was such an unusual departure that the public were anxious to know the reason for it.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.

The Colonial Secretary in reply said:—"I think it is quite obvious to anybody reading the wording of the motion that there is very considerable misapprehension in the minds of several members of Council as to the position of Officers of His Majesty's Service. The motion asks for papers regarding the passing over of the claims of Mr. Justice Ennis to the Acting Chief Justiceship of Ceylon, and the appointment of his junior colleague to that seat. The word 'claims' is one which I have never heard used in that connection outside this Council. There is no more well known rule throughout the Colonial Service than that no officer has any claims whatever to act other than in his own appointment. The suggestion that because an officer is senior to another officer he therefore has a claim to act in the appointment rendered vacant by leave of absence of a third officer is one which will never be seriously entertained in any department of public service in any Colony of the Empire. I do not propose to enter into a discussion of the merits of two eminent gentlemen. I have not the qualification to decide as to which is the better lawyer. I believe in rank of Puisne Justice they count as equal, but I may point out that Mr. Justice Shaw is senior both in age and as a Barrister to Mr. Ennis. This, however, has no bearing on the real point, which is that no officer has a claim to act. There can therefore be no question of a passing over or of suppression. The one principle acted upon and which will continue to be acted upon is that the Governor will appoint to act in a post which is temporarily vacant the person whom he considers in all circumstances the most suitable without regard to seniority or any other extraneous circumstance."

THE KING THE FIRST SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Ramasathan in reply said he regretted that the Government had taken up this attitude, and had authorised the Colonial Secretary to give utterance to the remarkable statement that (the Councilors) were under a misapprehension as to the officers in His Majesty's Service and that he had never heard of any officer having claims to promotion.

Mr. Ramasathan waved his hand in expressing his astonishment. Did not Mr. Stubbs know or had he forgotten that the rules actually spoke of the claims for promotion. He quoted clause 37.

The Colonial Secretary begged to interrupt. That, he said, was in the case of the promotion, not an acting appointment.

Mr. Ramasathan waxed wrath. "That is a quibble and nothing more," he declared. His Excellency had enunciated the principle that the King was the first servant of the public. Mr. Ramasathan went on to labour this point tirelessly. The King was the first servant of the public, yet the local executive acted in an autocratic manner. He became grandiloquent, waved his hands freely and told the Colonial Secretary that he had grown grand by notions of his power.

Mr. Stubbs rose to a point of order; he objected to personalities.

Mr. Ramasathan could not understand his honourable friend. On a previous occasion Mr. Stubbs had complained of a reference to his inexperience.

The Colonial Secretary rejoined that Mr. Ramasathan had then referred to his age.

Mr. Ramasathan: "Inexperience from age." Mr. Ramasathan added that he was surprised. He did not wish to go on further and sat down.

A division resulted in 8 voting for the motion and 14 against it, the unofficial voting against the motion being Mr. R. Haythe Elliot and Mr. Abdul Rahimian. —The Times of Ceylon.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

London, Aug. 4. General Sir D. Haig, in a *communiqué*, says:—As a result of minor operations West of Pozieres we gained some ground. There were other minor operations North of Bazentin-le Petit and North-West of Delville Wood. We captured a few prisoners. There has been considerable mutual Artillery work on various portions of the front.

General Haig says there was a bombing attack which gained ground at Bazentin. Four strong detachments attacked Delville Wood at night. They were allowed to approach at close range before the British fired, repulsing them with heavy loss. Our heavy Artillery bombarded a strong point between Pozieres and Thieval, the Garrison being across the open, shelled by field guns. There was considerable reciprocal Artillery activity at other points on the Somme front. Two enemy aeroplanes were felled, one apparently of a new pattern. Three British machines were brought down by gunfire.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

Paris.—A *communiqué* says: Fighting continues on the Thiaumont-Fleury front where the Germans attacked the night stubbornly. Several strong attacks near Thiaumont were repulsed with heavy losses. The fighting at Fleury was equally violent. After several fruitless attempts each preceded by intense Artillery work the Germans gained a foothold in the Southern part of the village where lively fighting continues. During the fighting we even carried Thiaumont Work but evacuated it under the enemy bombardment. Attempts to dislodge us from the South-East of Fleury failed. An attack on our new positions East of Yachereu Ville was repulsed with heavy losses. There was heavy Artillery work at Vaux Chaptire and Chenois region.

London, Aug. 4. Paris.—A *communiqué* says the French battle-planes on the Somme were most active. They felled four German machines. Two others were badly hit and dived vertically into the German lines.

London, Aug. 5. Paris.—A *communiqué* says: Fighting continued all day in the region of Thiaumont and Fleury and North West and South of Thiaumont Work. All the enemy attacks with a view to dislodging us from the conquered positions were fruitless, while we in a second counter attack captured a second time in twelve hours the Thiaumont Work, which we retained against several counter-attacks. There was fierce fighting at Fleury village which we evacuated wholly in the morning in consequence of German attacks. Our Infantry in the afternoon stormed most of the village with the bayonet. The enemy is still resisting vigorously. We took 400 prisoners during the day.

SUEZ TOWN AND SHIPPING BOMBED.

London, Aug. 5. General Murray reports that two enemy aeroplanes on August 3rd attacked the shipping on Lake Tisra and the town of Ismailia. Many bombs were dropped without damage. An Aviatik was wrecked in an aerial fight at Selmania.

ALLIES BOMB NAMUR.

London, Aug. 5. A German *communiqué* admits that an Allied air squadron attacked Namur, and adds the usual unconvincing comment that there was small material damage.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Petrograd.—A *communiqué* says: After desperate fighting we threw back the enemy across the Stavok River tributary on the left bank of the Stokhod capturing six hundred Germans and twelve machine-guns.

TURKISH PRISONERS FLOWING IN.

Petrograd.—A *communiqué* says: Desperate fighting is proceeding on the Stokhod. The Russians in the Caucasus in the direction of Diarbekr stormed with the bayonet the Turkish works between Much and Mamakhatun, taking prisoner 800. The attacks continue. The prisoners are flowing in.

BELGIAN SUCCESS IN AFRICA.

London, Aug. 4. Havre.—A *communiqué* says: The Belgians have occupied Kigoma and Tiji, the most important German port on Lake Tanganyika the terminus of the railway from Dar es-Salam.

THE WAR ANNIVERSARY.

London, Aug. 4. The War Anniversary was commemorated by services of intercession including one at Buckingham Palace at which the Prime Minister presided. Their Majesties attended. There are meetings all over the country. The principal one is at Queen's Hall where Mr. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law will speak. Cheerful and confident messages from French and British Statesmen were published. Mr. Lloyd George said victory was coming to the Allies with the grim tread of destiny. Germany's chance of victory was past.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

London, Aug. 5. The King has addressed the following telegram to the Sovereigns and Heads of the Allied States: "On this day the second anniversary of the commencement of the great conflict in which my country and her gallant Allies are engaged. I desire to convey to you my steadfast resolution to prosecute the War until our united efforts have obtained the objects for which we have taken arms in common. I feel assured that you are in accord with me in the determination that the sacrifices our valiant troops have so nobly made shall not have been in vain, and that the liberties for which they are fighting shall be fully guaranteed and secured."

A QUEEN'S HALL MEETING.

London, Aug. 5. A Queen's Hall meeting adopted with acclamation a resolution of inflexible determination to prosecute the War to victory which Mr. Asquith moved and Mr. Bonar Law seconded. A message from General Bithia was read: "A lasting peace is impossible without complete victory." General Smuts said: "Our victory will be the enemy's highest good."

General Haig in a message said: The anniversary finds the British Empire acting on the offensive in the third year of desperate trench warfare. It has made us still more inflexible in our determination to carry through the War to victory. We look forward confidently to success and a triumphant peace.

ITALY AND GERMANY.

London, Aug. 4. Italy has denounced the Italo-German commercial treaty thus marking a further advance towards complete rupture.

TWO ITALIAN SUBMARINES LOST.

London, Aug. 4. Rome (official).—Two Italian submarines which left on a mission to the enemy coast have not returned and they must be considered as lost.

GERMAN SLAVERY.

London, Aug. 3. The publication of the French Yellow Book with full details of the ruthless deportations of 25,000 inhabitants from Lille, Roubaix and Turocoing, calls the world's attention to the exceptional barbarity of carrying these French people into practical slavery for the purpose of doing the enemy's work behind the German lines. M. Briand in a moving despatch describes the heart-breaking scenes at the violent separation of the families. The deportees were forced to work inhuman hours, were unpaid, unfed and liable to flogging and other odious punishments. In view of the recorded German atrocities the fate of the women who are employed as cooks to the troops, and servants to officers is appalling. This black picture contrasts with the splendid spirit of the victims who shouted *Vive la France* and sang the Marseillaise when leaving their homes.

U. S. A. PURCHASE OF DANISH WEST INDIES.

Washington.—A Treaty has been signed under which the United States will purchase the Danish West Indies for twenty five million dollars.

MAIN GERMAN SECOND LINE SYSTEM CAPTURED.

London, Aug. 5. General Sir D. Haig in a *communiqué* states that the Australians participated in a successful attack North of Boziers in which the main German second line system was captured.

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH AT QUEEN'S HALL.

London, Aug. 5. In the course of his speech at the Queen's Hall meeting Mr. Asquith said that the enemy is now on the defensive showing signs of material weakening and exhaustion, and the recent recrudescence of the deliberate and calculated barbarity indicated desperation. The Fryatt infamy has outraged the world and the Allies are considering the most effective methods of dealing with the atrocities and their authors. (Prolonged cheers), but the war must be first won. It was the united opinion of the Allied General Staff that the prospects of victory were never so bright.

WAR ANNIVERSARY: EMPIRE-WIDE CELEBRATIONS.

London, Aug. 5. There have been Empire-wide celebrations of the War anniversary. Great and enthusiastic meetings were held in the cities and towns and resolutions were passed similarly as at Queen's Hall. Services of intercession were held in the Churches and other places of worship by all creeds. Business was suspended. Messages were received from Premiers and Governors of Dominions and Dependencies expressing their unalterable determination to continue the struggle and their confidence in victory.

FIGHTING NEAR PORT SAID.

London, Aug. 6. General Murray reports at eleven at night on Aug. 4th that since midnight on Aug. 3rd the Turks in strength estimated at 14,000 are attacking our positions near Romani, East of Port Said on a front of seven to eight miles. The position at dusk on Aug. 4th was that the attacks had made no impression on our fortified positions, while on the Southern flank the fighting also was going on in our favour. We took prisoner between 400 and 500. Three British warships rendered valuable assistance from Tina Bay. Fighting is continuing. The temperature is 100 in the shade.

General Murray reports that he defeated the enemy with heavy losses at Romani on Aug. 4th and 5th, capturing 2,500 wounded, including some Germans, four mountain guns, and a number of machine guns. Our casualties are not heavy. The Australian and New Zealand Mounted Troops displayed steadiness in holding a strong flank attack, and energy and initiative worthy of the highest praise in pursuit.

On Aug. 4th the enemy frontally attacked the British entrenchments in conjunction with an attack round our Southern flank, employing 14,000 men with heavy howitzers. The frontal attack was unsuccessful. Our mounted troops retired slowly before the flank attack until the evening and became involved in the sand dunes late in the evening. Then the counter attack was made by all arms which was completely successful. The pursuit of the retreating enemy was taken up vigorously and still continues. The Territorials have done exceedingly well, especially in manoeuvring in the heavy sand despite the great heat.

Monitors firing from Tina Bay assisted materially. The work of the Flying Corps was excellent.

London, Aug. 7. Romani—mentioned in General Murray's despatch—is eighteen miles East of the Canal. Reuter states that the wells near the Canal are all in our hands. Therefore the enemy must bring every drop of water to Romani from Angharata, ten miles distant. Moreover the water is only transportable by slow pack camels. The number of the enemy is receding, for unquestionably 14,000 cannot invade Egypt in face of General Murray's powerful Army. There were probably 1,000 to 2,000 Austro-German Infantry beside a large number of Bedouin horses with the Turks.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

London, Aug. 6. General Sir D. Haig, in a *communiqué*, says:—Further progress was made at High Wood.

The enemy all night long shelled various areas on and behind our front between the Ancre and the Somme. He opened a heavy bombardment North of the front, being apparently alarmed by one of our patrols. Otherwise there was no change.

London, Aug. 6.

General Haig, in a *communiqué*, states that including the capture of the trenches reported to-day, our line North and West of Pozieres has been pushed forward 400 to 600 yards on a 3,000 yards front, during the last two days.

London, Aug. 5.

The troops of the New Army participated. The captured line extends on a front of two thousand yards. Several hundred prisoners were taken. Repeated counter-attacks were subsequently repulsed with most heavy enemy losses. The only other incident of importance was mining activity near Souchez and Loos.

London, Aug. 6.

Australian, Kent Surrey and Sussex troops participated in the operation and consolidated the ground won, despite heavy shell fire. Our Artillery shelled Courcellette and Miramont and destroyed ten guns and emplacements and three munition stores. Enemy aircraft were not enterprising. Eight of their machines scattered when three of ours engaged them.

London, Aug. 7.

General Sir D. Haig, in a *communiqué*, says:—East of Pozieres we progressed in the direction of Martinpuich.

The enemy twice attacked the ground we gained North-West of Pozieres. One attack helped by liquid fire temporarily forced us back. One captured trench but later we recovered all except forty yards. The second was repulsed with loss. There was considerable activity at Caranchy, Loos and St. Eloi. We raided enemy trenches causing many casualties. Artillery assisted by aeroplanes destroyed several gun emplacements.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

London, Aug. 6.

Paris.—A *communiqué* says: We extended our gains North-West of Thiaumont, repulsing numerous attacks. Our air squadrons dropped numerous bombs in the Comblès region and at Noyon, Stenay, Sedan, Conflans and Metz stations; also the military establishments of Romach. Two German captive balloons on the Somme front were set on fire.

London, Aug. 6.

Paris.—A *communiqué* reports: The enemy on the right of the Mouse was quiescent. In the sector of Thiaumont we held all the Southern part of the village of Fleury. The Germans after an all day bombardment made two powerful attacks on Vaux and Chaptire Wood. One was repulsed and the other penetrated portions of our trenches but they were immediately driven out. Our front remains intact.

London, Aug. 4.

Paris.—A *communiqué* reports that the night was comparatively quiet on the Somme front. The Artillery bombardment was violent throughout on the Thiaumont Fleury sector. Renewed furious counter-attacks on Thiaumont Work were repulsed. Equally severe fighting took place in Fleury village with no appreciable change. An enemy attack after Artillery preparation on Faq Forest was broken down. Two German aeroplanes were brought down on the Somme front and two at Verdun.

London, Aug. 7.

Paris.—A *communiqué* says: The Germans are violently bombarding Thiaumont, Fleury, Chaptire, Chenois. Infantry has not attacked.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

London, Aug. 6.

Petrograd.—Southwards of Brody the Russians have overcome the enemy's resistance on the left bank of the Brabonka and Sereth. A number of villages were captured and over 3,000 prisoners.

London, Aug. 6.

Petrograd.—A *communiqué* says: The fighting on the river Graberk and Sereth South of Brody is developing in favour of the Russians who stormed two villages and the adjacent wood and hill. The enemy in one village had to be dislodged from every house. Nine enemy counter-attacks were repulsed with heavy loss. 1,200 enemy prisoners were taken and others are coming in.

London, Aug. 5.

Petrograd.—A *communiqué* reports stubborn fighting South of Brody. Repeated enemy counter-attacks were repulsed and the ground is being consolidated. Some advance in the Caucasus West of Kilik and Tschiftlik is reported.

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

London, Aug. 5.

A telegram from Bukharost states that the Roumanian Foreign Minister has drawn the attention of the Bulgarian Government to recent frontier incidents remarking that they have become too frequent and do not harmonise with the good relations of the two countries.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, Aug. 6.

Rome.—A *communiqué* says:—A heavy Austrian attack between the Adige and the upper Isone, also Sugana and the Cordevole Valleys was repulsed. Artillery on both sides was most active. The Austrians are employing a new type of explosive gas bomb.

TREATMENT OF ALLIED PRISONERS.

London, Aug. 4.

Sir E. Carson suggests to Mr. Asquith an immediate conference of the *Entente* Powers in view of establishing a common basis of treatment of enemy prisoners, and joint representations to neutrals respecting the conduct of our enemies towards Allied prisoners. Also the appointment of a Minister whose whole time shall be given to the question of the treatment of the British prisoners.

ALLIES' DETERMINATION.

London, Aug. 6.

The Tsar, Mikalo and King of Serbia have sent messages to King George of their determination to carry on the fight till victory.

AUSTRIAN DESTROYER SUBMARINED.

London, Aug. 4.

Rome.—An Italian submarine torpedoed an Austrian destroyer in the Upper Adriatic on Aug. 2nd.

MINE SWEEPER SUNK.

London, Aug. 6.

The Admiralty announces that the auxiliary mine-sweeper "Clacton" has been torpedoed and sunk in the Levant on August 3rd. Two engineer officers and three men are missing. The Assistant Paymaster and four stokers are slightly wounded.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.

London, Aug. 4.

Reuter learns that the first fruits of the Russo-Japanese treaty are the conclusion of a separate agreement whereby Russia sells Japan the Southern half of the Harbin-Changchun railway, about sixty miles in length including the line from Changchun to Sungari river. It recognises the right of the Japanese to navigate the river between Kirin and Patana, Russia previously contended that the right of navigation belonged exclusively to Russian shipping.

SOLDIERS TO ASSIST IN HARVESTING.

London, Aug. 6.

The Army Council has decided to release 28,000 soldiers to assist in the harvest.

STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Aug. 6.

Another Danish steamer has been sunk. It is reported at Copenhagen that the Wilson liner "Aaro" has been torpedoed.

THE PORT SAID FIGHTING.

London, Aug. 7.

General Murray reports with reference to the fighting in the Kotia district that our fire was most effective. The Turkish losses in killed and wounded appear to be most heavy. The pursuit was continued for eighteen miles. The Turks are now well clear of the Katiau Maisha basin. We took prisoners 45 officers and 3,100 men wounded.

London, Aug. 8.

Cairo.—The Egyptians are most elated at the Turkish rout. A hundred prisoners, most dirty and disreputable, have been brought in, suffering from thirst. More are expected, including German officers.

PESSIMISTIC HARDEN.

London, Aug. 7.

The German publicist, Herr Harden, in an article on the second year of the War shows a remarkable revelation of a chastened mood. He pessimistically warns readers that Germany is fighting for her life; that a period of untold suffering is ahead; that nothing can be hoped for until the favour of heaven or an accident smashes England which is still unassailable.

GERMANS PRAYING FOR PEACE.

London, Aug. 8.

Copenhagen.—Danish Socialists who have returned from a tour in Germany declared that everybody was praying for peace. German Socialists regard the restoration of Belgium as a matter of course. Germany is willing to conclude a peace without annexations provided her political and economic independence is guaranteed.

STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Aug. 7.

The steamer "Mount Coniston" has been sunk.

London, Aug. 7.

The sinking of the following steamers is reported:—"Tottenham" and "Favonian" (British), "Tricoupe" (Greek), "Siens" (Italian), "Jaegersborg" (Danish), "Commerce" (Swedish).

—The Ceylon Observer.

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