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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8586.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Muttupilal wife of Murugesar Valtilingam of Vannarpannal West

Murugesar Vaitilingam of Vannarpannal

Vs.

Pakkyam daughter of Vaitilingam

Vaitilingam Muttuccumaru

Pillayiner Murugesac of Vannarpennai Westof whom the let and 2.d Respondents
are minors appearing by their guardianaa litem the 3cd Respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Murayerar Vatilingam of Vannarpannai West praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Mutupillai wife of Mr rug sar Vatiling am, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Dector Letters, District Judge, on Cotoler 16, 1918, in the presence of Mr. M. Canapathy pillay, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Fetitioner date? O toler 16, 198, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of his said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person stall on or before December 10, 1918, abow sufficient cause to the sati-faction of this court to the contrary.

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November 28, 1918.

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December 1918, beginning at 4 P. M.

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3. One-third share in common of a piece of land called Pommaiadi in extent 5 Lms. V. C. & 14 and 7/8 kulies with well, Palmyrahs and cultivated plants, bounded on the East by A. Meerasaibu and others, North by Crown Land, West by S. Segumuhamadu and others and by bye-lane and water course, South by lane and M. M. Sultan Abdulkader.

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Jaffna, 28th November, 1918.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BADULLA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. B554.

In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Mockan, late of Haputale

Maruppaie of Pita Ratmalie Estate in Mapu-

Bengammah, a minor, by her Guardian-ad litem 2. Kadiraie of Pita Ratmalie Estate in Hapquale

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before John Radley Walters, Esqr., District Judge of Badulla, on November 22, 1918, in the presence of Mr. S. Suppramaolam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner, and the sffidavit of the Petitioner Karuppaie of Pita Ratmalie Estate in Haputale having been read:

been read:

It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the lat Respondent, unless the Respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before December 11, 1918, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is forther declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the abovenamed deceased, and as such sha is entitled to have letters of Administration to his estate issued to her accordingly, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary.

November 22, 1918.

J. R. Walters, District Judge,

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FOOD PRODUCTION IN CEYLON

The prevailing famine conditions in the pply of foodstuffs in Ceylon has set ery one to think and plan out schemes and measures for increasing the food sup-ply of the Island. These schemes and measures may be said to fall under two parts. Preventive measures against pro-fiteering in the trade in foodstuffs form fiteering in the trade in foodstuffs form the first part. The second part consists of the increasing and cheapening of shipping and transport facilities, both for the importation of foodstuffs from external markets, and for their internal carriage and distribution to the outlying centres of demand. The subject was thoroughly discussed at last Wednesday's meeting of the Legislative Council. We thoroughly discussed at last Wednesday's meeting of the Legislative Council. We have the assurance of the Government that it has been doing, and will continue to do, everything possible to check profiteering among traders in foodstuffs, as well as to secure increased facilities for importing more foodstuffs from India, Burma, and other markets. It will be found that Government has already gained partial success in this It will be found that Government has already gained partial success in this direction. Let us hope that with the cessation of the war there will be a growing increase of shipping facilities and that the efforts of the Government to reduce the price of foodstuffs will be crowned with greater success in the future. But we must not forget in this connection the opinion expressed by all who have studied the question, that it is vain to expect a considerable reduction in the prices of foodstuffs in the future, as the world's demand for them is bound to increase when peace is firmly established.

The best and the only true remedy The best and the only true remedy

The best and the only true remedy that will give permanent relief to the people of our Island is to increase the local production of food-stuffs and to extend the area under cultivation. The concluding portion of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on the debate in Council regarding the appointment of a Food Commissioner, which we publish in another column, deserves to be carefully read in this connection. It is a message from His Excellency to the people of Ceylon pointing out the only course that coulds lead to their future material salvation. Introducing improvements in salvation. Introducing improvements in agriculture so as to raise it to the position of a paying industry for the people is a work of national importance. It is a work in which the Government and the public must closely cooperate. The public look forward to the inauguration of a vigorous policy of agricultural improvements in the Island under the auspices of their new Governor. It is to be hoped that His Excellency will have greater opportunities for enlisting popular support to his schemes for improvement as a result of the coming popular reforms in the Central and Local Governments of the Island.

Schemes for the increase of food pro-

cal Governments of the Island.

Schemes for the increase of food production in the Island have been for a long time under discussion. It was the ambition of several of our past Governors to restore Ceylon to its ancient position as the granary of the East. Vast sums of money have been spent by the Government, to restore the ancient Irrigation Works. Some of the Railway lines, including particularly the Northern railways, were opened mainly with the chiect ways, were opened mainly with the object of promoting paddy cultivation in the Wanni Districts But with all that, the progress has been slow and the prospect of the Island becoming self-sufficiant in the production of paddy and other food products is as distant as ever. But there is one consideration that induces us to take a more hopeful view of the proposals and schemes that we expect

to see inaugurated under the auspicies of the new Governor. The war has inde-libly impressed on the Government and the public that after the recent experi-ence of food distress, with little or no pros-pect of gaining substantial relief in the future, it will amount to a culpable neg-lect on their part if they do not take immediate steps to develop the vast potential capacity of their Island for the production of foodstuffs. It is stated potential capacity of their Island for the production of foodstuffs. It is stated that there are more than a hundred thousand acres of good irrigable lands awaiting cultivation and colonisation. Is it beyond the power of man with all his modern equipments of scientific and economic facilities to reclaim these wast areas for food production?

On a close examination of the question of agricultural development in Ceylon, it will be found that the primary responsibility rests with the Government. We do not have in Ceylon such extensive landed proprietors as the Zemindars, Bajas and Maharajas of India, or the ancient landed aristocracy of England, who can command the resources to requisition the services of experts in scientific agriculture, or presents quisition the services of experts in scientific agriculture, or procure the modern labour saving implements for the development of their property on a sound, economic basis. In Jaftaa, particularly, the paddy lands are in the hands of small farmers who cannot afford to experiment with and introduce the changes and improvements that may be recommended by the experts. The Government must help the people by opening model farms in every Province in vernment must help the people by opening model farms in every Province in the Island for experimenting with and demonstrating the advantages of improved and economic methods of cultivation to the local farmers. There are also other directions in which Government help is necessary for the local farmers. Cattle breeding forms an important adjunct to agriculture. Pasture lands for cattle, which were amply proportant adjunct to agriculture. Pasture lands for cattle, which were amply provided under the ancient village communal Government, have been for the most part alienated and transferred to other purposes. This policy must be reversed and a new scheme should be inaugurated whereby every village may be provided with pasture lands.

be provided with pasture lands.

The settlement of the Wanni Districts should be accelerated under more liberaterms that could readily attract settlers. More surveyors should be engaged and areas favourable for colonisation under irrigation schemes should be marked out in small lots and offered for intending settlers. It may be advantageous to follow the communal system of colonisation as at Nachchaduwa, but, it is important that the Tamits as well as the other communities who may require it, other communities who may require it, should be given equal opportunities and facilities for colonisation in centres they may choose for themselves.

Of far greater importance than all the facilities that may be offered by the Government for the agricultural develop-ment of the Island is the education of ment of the Island is the education of the masses in agricultural and commer-cial subjects through the Vernaculars. No improvement can be effected either in agricultural methods, or in stock rais-ing, or in co-operation, when the peasan-try are utterly unacquainted with even the elementary principles of modern science as well as bookkeeping and busi-ness methods.

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LOCAL & GENERAL.

FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE -A meeting was held at the Kachcheri on the It considered the suggestion of selling rice under Government control at reduced A final decision was postponed for accurate information. Over 50 bags want of accurate information. of rice were decided to be distributed in the villages most affected by the flood.

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SHOW .- At a meeting held in Kalmunai it was decided to hold an Agricultural and Industrial show

THE RICE SITUATION.—Two small shipments of rice have just arrived in Colombo,

and by December 5th a further 150,000 bsgs are expected, while it is understood that instimation has been officially received that a further 143,000 are about to be shipped from Rangoon. The arrival of those supplies early next month will doubtless cause an appreciable drop in prices and the downward tendency, once it begins, should continue in view of the fact that the Indian Food Commissioner has now got things fairly well in hand in Rangoon. However, while this relief is on the way everything is being done to deal effectively with the speculator. An offort is being made to compel importers as far as possible to sail direct to the retail shop keeper, thereby doing away with the profits of the middle men. If the serew can be effectively applied to the middleman in this way before the arrival of the expected large shipments, it will precipitate a fall in the present high prices. — "Times."

PERSONAL — Dr. M. Vettivelu, Medical flicer, Chavakacheheri, is now in Vanuar-Officer, Chavakacheneri, is now in valuar-pannai west having come on a month's leave.

—Mr. Mahathevan C Arumugam, of the Survey Department, Jaffna, who was laid up with an attack inflier za and phneumonia since the 20th of October last is now con-

valescent.

1NDIAN REFORMS—London Nov. 25—The British Committee of the Indian National Congress has sent a letter to the candidates in the general election, asking them whether, in the event of their being returned, they will support a Bill, which is it is anticipated, will be presented to Parliament within the next few months, on the basis of the Montagu Chelmsford report and the reports of the Committees now sitting in England and India, with such amendments as may be recessary in the light of representative Indian opinion. The letter states that, in view of India's willing and loyal War contributions and rapid political developments in India, which are largely stimulated by the new spirit of the times, and principles of liberty and political sell-expression, from which India has fought side by side with the other parts of the Emission with the Allies the second conditions. self-expression, from which India has fought side by side with the other parts of the Empire and with the Allies, the greatest degree of self-government within the Empire should be conferred on India at an early date, in order that she may achieve as zoon as possible the status to which she aspires and to which she is entitled in the Councils of the Empire, and thus give added strength and stability to those Councils. —"M. Mail."

India's Place in Empire —Addressing at Cambridge his election constituency Mr. Montagu referred to more than 12 lakhs of men supplied by India who of her own freewill had done her part in the war and in winning the victory adding, she must in future he treated as a partner in the British ture be treated as a partner in the British Empire and that it would be his principal endeavour to launch her firmly and squarely along the path leading her to self-government and that this great question must be decided in the spirit of today and not of the past.

—"Bombay Chronicle."

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A FAREWELL FUNCTION.—The Post Office quarters at Nuwara Eliya were very lively on the 22nd ultimo when Mr. K Kandiah Assistant Postmaster was entertained at a farewell function by his brother officers and the members of the Post and Telegraph Social Union on the eve of his departure on transfer to Jaffna, Mr. E. S. Dissanaike Postmaster and president of the social union took the chair and spoke very highly of Mr. Kandiah's sterling qualities and abilities. He regretted at the transfer of Mr. Kandiah's sterling qualities and abilities. He regretted at the transfer of Mr. Kandiah from this office but he was glad that he was going nearer home. As a token of recognition Mr. Kandiah was handed a small present by Mr. S. Thambapillai, Daputy Postmaster, on behalf of the brother officers. This was followed by speeches from Mesers. D. S. Rasiah and S. H. J. Fernando. Mr. Kandiah responded suitably and feelingly. The gathering "dispersed at a late hour after having a very etj-lyable time. Mr. K. Kathiravelpillai from Ratoapura has succeeded Mr. Kandiah. Mr. E. S. Joseph, Assistant Postmaster, Nuwara Eliya has gone to Moneragala on relief duty to act for the Postmaster there and Mr. O. F. Gunawarnasuriya who was on relief duty at Diyatalawa, has returned. Mr. K. Sampanther, Supervising officer has gone to Jafina on three weeks' leave — Cor. Dec. 3.

Prov. Sir J. C. Bose's Crescograph — Sir J. C. Bose's recent invention of the part of the Triversian of

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Prof Sir J. O. Bose's Crescografi — Sir J. O. Bose's recent invention of the High Magnification Crescograph has evoked great scientific interest, and the Royal Society is publishing a full account of this remarkable apparatus and the discoveries made with it. The magnification produced by this unique instrument is 50,000 times greater than that afforded by the highest powers of the microscope. It is thus possible by its means to measure part of an inch. This power of detection of ultra microscopic movements will open out new fields of investigation in various sciences. The invisible growth analysed by this apparatus is found to consist of successive pulses, each of which lasts for about 15 seconds, the growth elongation being at a rate of 1 60,000th inch per second; this is succeeded by a pause for 10 seconds; the pulse then renews once more. The Crescograph also records the influence of the slightest change of environment, on growth, so super sensitive is the apparatus that the record shows modification of growth even by mere touch or by slight variation of atmosphere condition.

Wondeaful Beitish Air Fliebt.—Bagdad, Dec 1—General Salmond, Commanding the Air Force in the Middle East, arrived at Bagdad this afternoon, having flown from Cairo. The party of five, consisting of General Borton, commanding the Palestine Brigado, R A F, Capt. Rossmieb, Australian Flying Corps, and two air mechanics, left Oairo yesterday morning at 7.40 a m. and arrived at Damascus 5½ hours later. They stayed the night and left Damascus this morning at 7.40 a rriving at Bagdad six hours and fitty minutes later. Today's distance was 510 miles, a non stop flight. After fiying North East along the Jobelesh Sharki range to Pelmyra they steered due East till the Euphrates was reached. They followed the stream to Ramadie, and thence flew across to Bagdad. The flight was made in a Rolls Royce engined Handley Page machine over a wateriess desert area. The machine carried ten days water supply and provisions for the party, also, biggage. General Salmond told me on arrival the weather was perfect and the conditions ideal. The importance of the flight is that it was made along the direct route to India. The Far East All Red Air route must pass Egypt as a junction for India, and the whole of the East and South Africa. There is bound to be a big air station in Egypt. The ordinary time taken for the journey from Oairo to Bagdad is two to three weeks, while General Salmond's flight occupied twelve hours and 35 mioutes.

THE JAFFNA HINDU COLLEGE CARRIES OFF THE INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CUP.

The last of the Cup Matches between Hindu and Central was played on the 7th instant on the Police Grounds. The Match was anxiously looked forward for by all interested an the game as the two Colleges were tying for the first place and were considered to be well matched. The game comsidered to be well matched. The game commenced at 4.45 p. m. sharp and was brisk and vigorous from the start. After about ten minutes game the Central Right extreme dribbled the ball along and neatly netted it just under the cross bar. The Hindus started up and played with new vigour and soon scored their first goal. Two minutes later the Hindu Captain who played a dashing game in the centre of the forward line sent another shot whizzing through. Before the whittles were for half-time the Hindus scored a third goal. During the second half-time, the game was almost one sided, the time the game was almost one-sided, the Hindus pressing their attack hard and the Centralites trying to repel. The attack very much hinged on the strength of the Hindu half line which seemed to realise that the safest defence could be ensured only by an unceasing attack. The haives were also fleet of foot to prevent their opponents keeping the ball too long with them The atrate centering of the extremes and the dashing game of the centre forward gained the Hindus 3 more goals during the second halftime. We offer our heartiest coveratula-tions to the Hindu College Foot-bail Eleven on their well deserved victory and hope they will keep up the standard of excellence they have reached.

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S. D. STANISLAUS,
Secretary & Treasurer,
Flood Relief Committee. 2nd Dec. 1918.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at 230 p. m. today at the Council Chamber. There was a very large gathering, including a party of distinguished Indian visitors, in view of the interesting motions on the Agenda. His Excollency the Governor, Sir W. H. Manning presided.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR. RIOT PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED.

Before the business began,
H. E. the Governor—said he had much pleasure
in making the following announcement: The
Secretary of State for the Colonies has been
pleased, on his recommendation, to approve of the

To MARK THE SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF HOSTILITIES.

1. The release of all those who were undergoing imprisonment for actual participation in the Riots of May and June, 1915.

2. The cancellation of the Government Notification containing No. 8896 of the Ceylon Government "Gazette" dated Sept. 5th, 1917.

MOTIONS.

Motions.

The Colonial Secretary—moved—
(1) That the transfers between votes and the items of expenditure shown in the lists attached to the reports of the Finance Committee dated September 10 and November 5, 1918, be authorised.—
The Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden—seconded.
The Hon. Mr. Sapapathy—"rose to make a few observations,"—His Ecclency—drew attention to a rule in the procedure.
The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—hastened to "make the demand" in terms of the rule cited by His Excellency.

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He objected to the vote of R20,000 for peasant settlements under Nachchaduwe Tank. His objection was not the policy of such settlements, but the proposal to carry it out with Sinhalese alone, to the exclusion of Tamils and Moors.
The Hoo. Mr. Ramanathan—supported at length.
The Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando—explained that

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The Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando—explained that the matter was not actuated by any scotal antagonism. The whole question was over the success of the scheme; it was based on the schemes workalt in India.

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The Hon, the Colonial Secretary—said it was ardly necessary to make any further explanation, he scheme was presented by the Agricultural coiety.

The motion was eventually carried.

WAR ALLOWANCES,

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The Hon, the Colonial Secretary—moving:
That the Select Committee which was appointed on March 6, 1918, to advise upon the grant of a War allowance to Government servants, he reappointed for the purpose of considering and reporting whether in present circumstances further relief should be given to Government servants in receipt of not more than 8600 a year—sald this was merely to entrust the Select Committee that met on this subject last year, with the reconsideration of the matter, aspecially owing to the high cost of rice just now.

The Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden—seconded,—Carried.

STOCK OF RUBBER IN COLOMBO.

The Hon. Mr. Tillekeratne—moved:—
That Government be so good as to procure and table a return of all the rubber in stock in Colombo in the hands of licensed rubber buyers on the 18th November, 1918, showing the total quantity in the hands of each buyer.

He said his notice for so doing was apparent, Ho believed the Government had the legal authority to inspect the rubber stocks held by licensed buyers. There was rubber also sold but still in the hands of sellers for want of accommodation by the buyers. by the buyers.

The Hon, Dr. H. M. Fernando—seconded.

THE REPLY.

The Hon, Dr. H. El. Fernando—seconded.

The Reply.

The Hon, the Colonial Secretary—said he was unable to accept the motion. Government was not in a position to obtain the details wanted. He quoted a section which gave them powers; but that was all. It did not extend so far as to cover this motion.

The Hon, Mr. Tillekeraine—quoted a section which he thought gave the power to obtain the details wanted.

The Colonial Secretary—repeated that they had no means to obtain the exact amount of the rubber in stock in Colombo.

The Hon, Mr. Huyshe Elict—observed that if the motion lower down was going to be accepted, the present motion was unnecessary.

His Excellency—said;—That motion would not be accepted? Any further remarks by the Hon, gentleman?

The Hon, Mr. Tillekeratne—No, Sir.

His Excellency—will you withdraw it?

The Hon, Mr. Tillekeratne—No, I will allow it to be rejected.

The motion was thrown out.

MOTION TO TESTAMENTARY CASES ACCEPTED.

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The Hon. Mr. Tillekoratine—moved:—
For a return of testamentary cases in the District Court of Colombo filed during 1917, omitting names of parties and giving the following particulars:—(1) Testate or intentate, (2) total value of estate, (8) value of immovable property, (4) total liquid assets, (5) total mortgage dotts, (6) total unsecured debts, (7) total duty poid on probate or letters, (8) costs of administration as per final accounts, (9) whether any property sold to pay debts, if so, the value, (10) what security administration has given, (11) numbers of heirs in each suit, (12) number of outside legatees, if any, if so, total value of legacies.

He said his object was apparent.
The Hon. Mr. Vanderwall—seconded.

Reform of the Council.
Motion Deferred.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan's motion—

MOTION DEFERRED.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan's motion—
That it is desirable that the Government should report without delay to the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies the results of its consideration of the following questions, namely:
—(a) Reform of the Executive and Legislative Councils; (b) a more effective policy of control on the Municipal Councils and other local Councils with elective Chairmen and majorities of elected members; (c) the filling of the higher offices in the

A PUBLIC LECTURE

Under the auspices of the Uva Jaffoa Ucion, a lecture on "The Work B fore Us" was delivared by Pundit K O Nathan at the Union Hall on Tuesday the 25th ultimo. In the absence of the president and vice president owing to ill health, Mr S Sivasuhramaniam, one of the joint secretaries, took the chair. The lecturer dealt with the question as it confronts us at the present moment after the happy termination of the horrid war and the pandamic. He showed our dependence every way even for our food and clothing on foreign countries and stated that the chief work before us today was to raise up our country to the level of a self-supporting state—industrially, economically and commercially. He pointed out the defects in the present system of education and urged for a persistant effort on the part of the educated young men to see that the posterity at least could be made to inherit a strong physique, keen intellect, and strong will. He present day educational institutions give us. Turning to the social aspect of the nation, the speaker conclusively proved that the present organisation of caste is a misnomer of the o'd organisation which was based more or less on merit than on heredity, and prayed earnestly that the benefits of education, above all other things, should be thrown open to all classes. Intellectual people, he said, must devots all their energies to translate Western thoughts and sectores into the vernacular so that the ideals and inventions of the West may be accessible to the masses. The emotional among us should work in the social field and see that the fraternity of humanity is established amongst us. For patriots of strong body and will, he allotted the industrial, commercial and agricultural improvement of the country and, for all, the religious and ethical growth of the nation which by a strangs irony of fate is by the present educational system divorced from the curricula of studies. He concluded by showing bow great men could work like Mahatma Ghandi and the late Mr Goka'e by living and feeling with the

The chairman then summed up the whole the chairman tries summed up the whole lecture in a neat little speech and proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Mr H J Pinto, Proctor, S C in a thoughtful speech complimented the lecturer on his zeal in the cause of the national upliftment and seconded the vector of thanks.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair proposed by Mr. T Saravanamutto and seconded by Mr. S G.—Cor.

Ceylon Civil Service and the other branches of the public service with a larger proportion of competent Ceylonese—was put off.

He said: I beg, Sir, to say that it will suit the convenience of members on this side of the house if consideration of this motion be deferred for next week.—Agreed.

His Excellency—pointed out that there were three distinct motions here and it would be better to divide than.

The Food Problem.

MOTION TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER

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The Hon. Mr. P. Ramanathan—moving:—
That in view of the acuteness of the situation of food supplies in Ceylon, Government do appoint a Food Commissioner to take immediate measures to procure a sufficient importation of rice and flour on favoucable terms and to place the same for sale throughout the Island at reasonable prices, with the help of an Advisory. Board to be also appointed by Government—Spoke at length.

He concluded by saying that if the Government—Was not going to appoint a Food Commissioner, and there followed any starvation in the Island or any disturbance, the responsibility would rest on the shoulders of the Government.

The Hon. Mr. Balasingham—seconded.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary—first of all strongly objected to the latter remarks of the Hoo. member; there was no good done by suggesting there might be rices, &c.

The Hon. Mr. Balasnasham—sald he never sald that; it was grievous injustice for the Colonial Secretary to say that.

His Excellency—said that he wanted to call the hon member to order, whom referring to ricus. Those who ricted would suffer.

Referring to the subject matter of the motion. The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—said that taking all the circumstances into consideration, it was not advisable to appoint a Food Commissioner.

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The Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando—asked whether it was not possible for Government to charter a steamer to assure, at least, part of our regular monthly supply.

The Hon. Mr. Bowes—made a loughly statement—answering the Hon. Dr. Fernando's question in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Huyshe Eliot—did not agree with the major part of the motion, but threw out the suggestion that an Advisory Board be associated with the Hon. Mr. Bowes.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—began his reply at The Hon, Mr. Ramanathan—began his reply at

480 p. m.

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80 p. m.

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BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES.

(FROM MR. C. W. MILLER, MANIPAT)

St. Patrick's College, First Jaffna Troop, celebrated list third achiversary on Schutday, November 20th. A section of the College hall was decorated in true secul style and refreshments and music contributed to make the occasion very enjoyable. Reports of the activities of the three years were read by troop officers and addresses were made by the Asst. District Commissioner, Mr. C. W. Miller, the District Scout Master, Mr. Victor Paul, and Messrs. Arulanardan and Granapiragasam of the teaching staff of the College. Mr. Reginald, the Scoutmaster, replied in behalf of his troop it appreciation of the good wishes and congratuations expressed by the guests present. Rev. Fes. Thomas, Guyamar and several others of the teaching staff of the college showed their keen interest in the troop by their pressence at this samiversary meeting. The Rector and Commander of the troop Rev. Fr. Matthews was unable to be present owing to a sudden call to Colombo on account of the Bishop's illness. He sent a long telegram of good wishes and congratulation. St. Patrick's troop has shown steady progress under Scoutmaster Reginald's leadership, and the work of three lears is apparent in the sturdy membership of alert Scouts, well-trained and keen on advancing in knowledge and practiof scouting.

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Central College Boy Scouts did excellent work during the recent floods. As soon as the distress in which handleds were left was known, the troop met and formed a plan to give relief. Some of the scouts were sent to collect money, and the others went to help the flood sufferers, take their belongings from their houses, and to arrange for their temporary comfort. Provisions were brought with the zoney collected and food was given to those who needed it.

those who needed it.

The October census returns show that in Ceylon there are 1,322 registered scouts, of whom 117 are King's Scouts. In addition to this there are 208 wolf cubs or Junior scouts and nearly four hundred scouts belonging to unregistered troops. The latest registration was from Negombo where a troop has recently been formed at St. Mary's College, with the assured backing of influential citizens. A recent request for help in forming a troop at Puricy, Pont Pedro, English School is an illustration of how the idea in taking hold even in remote districts.

THE TAMIL UNION, NUWARA ELIYA.

Minutes of a meeting of the above Managing Committee held at the Offices of the Union Press, Hill Street, Nuwara Eliya, on Thursday the 28th November, 1918, at 6 p. m.

PRESENT. Mr. S. W. C. Coonansyakam (in the Chair) and Mesers. D. S. Rasiah, J. P. Ampalavanar, S. Thambapillay, T. Rasiah, M. Sinnathamby, V. Thambipillay and S. R. Sathaseevan, (Secretary.)

(Secretary.)

Notice. Notice convening the meeting having been read, and the minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

EUROPSAN WAR. It was unanimously resolved to record in the minutes the joy of the Union on the conclusion of an Armistice with Germany and the successful cessation of hostilities as from the 11th Nov. and to forward the following resolution to His Excellency the Governor to be conveyed to His Majesty the King George the Fifth, viz, "That this Union, on behalf of the Tamily of the Nuwars Ellya—Hatton Districts, begs to express their joy and respectfully tender to His Excellency the Governor for transmission to His Majesty the King George the Fifth is loyal congratulations on the conclusion of an Armistice with Germany and the succe-reful termination of hostilities of the British and her Allied Arms".

Subscription. This subject was discussed and

Susscription. This subject was discussed and it was resolved to call for immediate payments of all the arrears due to the Union and the Scoretary was instructed to send out a circular latter to that effect accompanied by a bill from the Treasur Agreed.

BALANCE SHEET. The Report of the Select Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting together with the rovised Balance Sheet for the season ending 31st March, 1918, were presented, and it was unanimously revolved to circularise the copies of the Balance Sheet to all the members of the Union for their information. In this connection the Secretary was instruced to write and ask the Treasurer of that season to hand over the cash balance in his hands to the Treasurer of the current season, and for the guidance of the latter to give necessary extracts from the Report of the Select Committee. Passed.

FILLS. Three bills for printing and peramounting to Rs. 85/32 were submitted passed, and the Treasurer was authorized to me them as soon as funds are available.

BUILDING FUND. The Treasurer was instruc

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Relief Fund to Jaffena. As a result of t serious damage done by the recent flood in Jaf on or about the 17th instant, the Committee will extending their sympathy there equally hardship borne by their fellowmen, and with a view to provide funds for relief work in Jaffoa, it was unanimoully resolved to make an appeal in the name of the Union amongst the members and other sympathisers in Nuwara Eliya—Hatton Districts.

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passed:

"That our Union in common with the other Ceylonese Institutions does not view favourably the system of the proposed increased taxation which appears to favour a few at the expense of a majority of the permanent population of the Island."

land."

VOTE OF THANKS. A vote of thanks to the
hair brought the day's proceedings to a termi—Cor.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR ON OUR FOOD SUPPLIES.

The following is the full report of H. E. the Governor's speech at the last meeting of the Legislative Council on the Hop. Mr. F. Rama-nathan's motion on the above subject:—

Actions the Council on the Hon. Mr. F. Name nathan's motion on the above subject:—

H. E. the Governor—said:—I have dealt with this question before,—in other places—with a situation very similar to the situation bere, and I steadily opposed the appointment of a Food Commissioner, for the very reasons which the Hon. Mr. Bowes mentioned in his speech. A Food Commissioner for the very reasons which the Hon. Mr. Bowes mentioned in his speech. A Food Commissioner catast in Rangoon. He is the person to whom we have to lock for our food supplies in Ceylon, and he is the person who is fixing and has fixed the price of rice for our food supplies in Ceylon, and he is the person who is fixing and has fixed the price of rice for Ceylon, in addition to which he also, in a telegram I received this morning or yesterday, informs me that there will not be permitted any appendiation in freights. Now, I say that I have objected to it in other places and object to it here—because I do not believe that a Food Controller would be able to control the situation; and the Hon. Mr Bowes has policid out very clearly that what I found in Jameira, applies here. But I did what I believe was correct in Jamaica and what I advise should be done here is this:—

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I WOULD APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE I wound Appoint an Advisory Committee could consult with Mr. Rowes,—who could have the subject at his fingers' ends—and tell him what would be of value to him, and I think he will agree with me that he would be glad to have such a Committee that he might work with them. Now, with regard to the remark of the hon, member about certain orders prohibiting the expert of rice and paddy from certain provinces,—surely it must be perfectly clear why such an order is given. There are cases in these provinces where the very men who have grown the rice for their landlords are unable to obtain rice because the landlords desire to export it out of the provinces either by see or land, and the situation in certain parts of the Island had become so serious that I considered it desirable without delay to prevent auch export in order that the people who helped to produce the rice might have the opportunity of eating it. I think that was—a-very—wise rule. Now, there is one other matter about which I wish to speak, and that is to say that only as a very lear tesors thould the Government of this solony or any other colony dabble in such matters as importation of foodstuffs or anything else. But as the Hon. Mr. Bowes has pointed out, if that last resort is reached, then this Government without doubt will take such steps as may be necessary to provide the requirements of the Island in food—but not until such a step is necessary. There is still one more matter concerning which I have spoken on more than one occasion I believe, when opportunities have been presented to me, and on which I should like to speak here, and that is that the time has now come when it must be brought home to the agriculturists of this Island that it is necessary that they should put for ward their very best endeavours to produce all the foodstuffs that are being produced in the work of the provided provided in the work of the provided in the work of t

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

BRITISH NOW IN GERMANY.

F.-M. Sir D. Haig says:—The advanced troops of the Second Army, commanded by General Plumer, crossed the German frontier between Beho and Eupen, advanced to the Rhine and reached the general line Burgreuland Bullingen.

Mont Jois.

A American communique says:—The Third
Américan Army has crossed the German frontier,
and resched the general line Alferateg Winterscheid Muelbach Treves-Saarburg.

ALLIED FLEET OFF SEBASTOPOL.

The Admiralty announces that the Allied Squadron in the Black Sea anchored off Pebastopol on Nov. 28th. The Russian ships in the hands of the Germans were surrendered to the Allied Naval representatives, also some German submarines.

GOODS FROM GERMANY.

London, Dec. 2.

Amsterdam.—A Berlin message says:—Great
Britain has prohibited the exportation of goods

from Germany to Sweden except raw materials, Swedish vessels already loaded at German ports are ordered to discharge the manufactured goods.

THE DAMAGE IN BELGIUM.

London, Dec. 2.

Brussels.—The Central Industrial Committee estimates that the German Military and civil damage during the occupation of Belgium totals 6,560,000,000 francs.

ANOTHER LITTLE PEACE.

London, Nov. 28.

Shangbai, Nov. 29.—Feace has been concluded between China and Thibet.

FOCH IN LONDON.

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London, Dec. 2.

Paris.—Havas' Agency states that Marshal Foch and M. Clemenceau were yesterday given a wonderful welcome on their arrival at Charing. Cross, which was packed by a dense crowd of people, who raised resounding cheers, thus expressing their best of gratuude to France. The distinguished visitors were met by the Duke of Connaught and Mr. Lloyd George. The British Press greets Foch as Germany's conqueror and M. Clemenceau as an energetic stateman who has by shoer merit won the confidence of all the Allied nations. The object of the visit is to arrange in conjunction with Baron Orlando and Baron Sonnino the preliminaries to the Feace Conference. The French Press urges, firstly, the prolongation of the Pact of London of September, 1914, beyond the date of the signature of the Peace Tresty, and, secondly, a Conference. The latter will take the form of a preliminary conversation between the Missions appointed by the Associated Powers, after which there will be a more general discussion.

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The "Manchester Guardian" says: -It is gener ally understood that the primary object of the visit of M. Clementeau and Sig. Orlando to Lon-don is the question of dealing with the ex-Kaiser, London, Dec. 1.

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Despite the discouraging weather, upprecedented crowds welcomed Marshal Fooh, M. Clemenceau and party. Unparalleled enthusiasm was
displayed. The most prominent English statesman and Naval and Minsary officers awaited the
visitors at Charing Cross where a Guard of
Honour was present. The Greuadiers' Band
played the "Marteillaise." The guests were
visibly impressed by the warmth of the welcome,

THE EX KAISER.

The Attorney-General, Sir F. E. Smith, interviewed, said the War Cabinet, including the Overseas representatives, had unanimously decided to press Holland for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser. London, Dec. 1.

Amsterdam.—The German Government has forbidden the Kaiser and Kaiserin to return. London, Nov. 80.

London, Nov. 80.

In connection with the report that the Kaiser has definitely renounced the Throne, it is noteworthy that strong movements, with which powerful Military elements are identified, are siming at the resteration of the old regime. It is reported that Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is in Switzerland, where a conference of Austrian and German Royalists will be held.

London, Dec. 5.

The "Daily Mirror's" Amerongen correspondent
says:—The ex Kaiser in a statement said:—"I am
threatened with criminal charges which I must
face. Therefore I must reserve a statement until
the charges are brought. Furthermore, I am a
private citizen and must be loyal to the present
German Government, and cannot make a declaration possibly compromising others."

Landon Dec. 1.

The Hague.—The Government has appointed a Commission to report on the position which the ex-Kaiser occupies in Holland, and to enquire as to the relationship of the Dutch Government to legal questions which may arise respecting his admission to and stay in Holland.

Amsterdam

London, Nov. 30.

Amsterdam.—A telegram from Berlin says that the text of the document signed by the Kaiser is published, definitely renouncing the Crown of Prussia and the Empire, and releasing officials and officers from their oats of fealty.

A telegram from Paris says it is 'semi-officially pointed out that the Kaiser's abdication applies only to himself.

Paris.—It is semi-officially confirmed that the Inter-Allied Conference in London agreed on the necessity of obtaining the extradition and trial of the ex-Kaiser.

RUSSIA'S LITTLE HOPE,

A Berlin message says:—The Russian Com-missary, M. Rodek, declared that the Entente will be unable to interfere in South Russia before the spring. He hoped Germany would be Russia's ally before then.

THE ARMISTICE.

London, Dec. 2.

Paris.—The Matin states that the Germans have handed over 150,000 wagons in accordance with the Armistice.

London, Dec. 1.

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Paris.—Marshal Foch has issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of the occupied territory of Ethenish Prussia, enjoining the strictest obedience, and warning the people against hostile acts under penalty of Court-Martial.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO PARIS.

At least six official visits to Paris are expected during December. King Albert will arrive next Thursday. He will be followed by President Wilson, the King of Italy, the Prince Regent of Serbia, the King of Greece and a British Naval deputation.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

London, Dec. 4.

Beginning today a mail train will run between
Paris and Lille. Some time will be required befive the Railway system in the whole of the
Northern France is in working order.

PEACE TERMS AGREED UPON.

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London, Dec. 8.

It is authoritatively stated that the conclusions reached at the Inter-Allied Conference were submitted this morning to the Imperial War Council for endorsement before adoption as the agreed items of policy to be pursued at the Peace Conference. The Prime Ministers of Canada, Newfoundiand and Australia, Geograf Smuta, Mr. Walter Long, the Hon. E. S. Montagg and other Ministers not participating in the Inter-Allied Conference attended this meeting which lasted half-an hour after the Inter-Allied Conference had deliberated at length when the War Council were called in to attend the joint sitting. This lasted an hour and marked the conclusion of the Conference. It is emphatically and unequivocally declared that the Allies absolutely agree and have the backing of the representatives of the entire British Empire. It is confidently anticipated that Franco Italian opinion will support the Conference's conclusions.

Marshal Foch, in a farewell message, expressed his gratitude for the unforgetable reception, which exactly reflected the sincere and intimate union animating us on the battlefield and which jointly enabled us to whack the common enemy. It is understood the Inter-Allied Conference unanimously agreed to demand the handing over of the ex Kaiser and the Crown Prince in connection with the breaches of International Law in War time.

THE GERMAN WAR PRISONERS

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London, Dec. 4.

Amsterdam.—A Berlin message says that Herr
Erzberger, opening the War Prisoners Commission to investigate the allegations of cruelty,
promised ruthless punishment of those convicted
of ill-treating prisoners.

HOLLAND.

London, Dec. 4.

The Hague.—In the Second Chamber the proposal of the Revolutionary Socialist, Herr Wynkoop, that the question of the ex Kaiser should be decided immediately, because it might endanger the importation of foodstuffs, was defeated by 59 votes to 4.

PRESIDENT WILSON DUE ON DEC. 12.

Brest.—President Wilson lands on Dec. 12th and reaches Paris on Dec. 13th.

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Allahabad, Dec. 4.

A "Pioneer" special cable, dated London, 27th November, says:—Present indications are that Great Britain during the life of the new Parliament will be governed not on the Party but on the Group system. A Coalition Manifesto, signed by Mr. Lioyd George and Mr. Boner Law reads list the Election Address of a candidate anxious to draw support from the widest possible range of opinion. Apart from a declaration concerning the Nationalisation of Bailways, etc., it contains little to show how far the Coalition policy will accord with the Conservative policy and how far with Radical principles. Individual Unionists may be heard privately exulting over the capture of Mr. Lloyd George, while individual Liberals claim a similar capture of Mr. Bonar Law. That the Unionist Members of the Coalition will outnumber the Liberal Members of the Coalition in the new Parliament seems probable, if only because the Unionists are similarly refusing to unclude all Mr. Asquith's supporters. The pledges given by the candidates in return for recognition as Coalitionists are apparently quite general, so the new Government's aloption of any very Radical schemes of reconstruction will probably involve Unionist defections, for which, however, the increased support of Asquithian Liberals may atone. This is exactly that happens under the Group system in France.

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THE ARMISTICE.

London, Dec. 5.

Paris,—The Germans have begun restitutions under the Armistice. They have already paid £300,000,000 sterling in gold exacted from Russia to the Allies, who retain it till the conclusion of Peace. The Germans are daily restoring works of art stolen in France. The value of those already returned are estimated at £80,000,000 sterling.

ready returnes are common to the French Press to the German Staff's plan of preserving a small but solid Army to draw out the negotiations in the hope of exterting extensive concessions. The Germans are said to be so organising their foodstocks as to tide over the critical months of May and June, so that during the final negotiations the Allies will be powerless to bring effective pressure to bear on Germany.

London, Nov. 80.

The weekly report of the Imperial Bank of Germany indicates that Germany has paid the Allies £12 000,000 sterling in gold under Article 19 of the Armistice, providing inter alia for the restitution of cash and securities taken from the invaded territories and gold taken by Germany from Rossis and Roumania.

200 GERMAN SHARM

200 GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK.

London, Nov. 80.

Information obtained at the Admiralty shows that 200 German submarines were sunk prior to the Armistice out of a total of 880,

CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST

London, Dec. 1.

Paris.—Madame Prieur, whose husband was killed in the torpedoing of the "Bussex" in 1916, has ledged in the Courts a charge of murder

against the Kaiser. In this connection it should be noted that an Extradision Treaty exists bet-ween France and Holland.

RUSSIA.

Constantinople.—Revolution has broken out in
Ukraine. The Ukrainians here are urging the
Allies to occupy the Russian Black Sea ports.

Paris.—A Russian wireless message states that Allied troops have crossed the Bessarabian front-ier and entered Ukraine.

GERMANY.

London, Dec. 1.

Berne.—Beside the counter-Revolutionary incidents reported in several towns in the Rhine-land the existence of an Imperialist movement in the Army is confirmed by the speech of Herr Molkenburg, President of the Berlin Sevies, who said a squadron of Dragoous on return to barracka in Berlin on November 28th obeyed the order of the Commander to cheer the Kaiser, while a number of Soldiers' Councils in the vicinity of Berlin were working on behalf of the reactionaics. In his address (sic) he said documents incriminating the old regime had been burned in Berlin public offices.

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London, Nov. 30.

Amsterdam.—A telegram from Berlin says there was a stormy meeting of the great Berlin Soviets in the Beichstag. Various speakers referred to the dissensions in the Executive and demanded the speedy convocation of the National Assembly. Herr Scheidemann deprecated the differences between the workers and the soliders. He said that a Central Council for the Empire would shortly be formed. He announced that Hindenburg and Groner yesterday again formally declared their unreserved adhesion to the Government. The meeting, after a long debate, appointed a Committee to investigate the allegations against the Executive.

Reports from Stockholm and Zurich affirm that there is no danger of starvasion in Germany, and that the situation there has been purposely exaggerated in order to arouse pity amongst the Allies.

London, Dec. 1.

According to a message from Stutigart the King of Wilrtemberg has abdicated.

ROUMANIA.

London, Dec. 5,
A Berlin telegram states that it is reported Bukharest is burning and that a peasants' revolt has broken out in Roumania.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Washington.—President Wilson will personally head the American Peace Delegation. The other members will be Mr. Lansing, Colonel House, General Bliss and Mr. Henry White, ex-Ambassador to France and Italy.

SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN.

London, Nov. 80.

Amsterdam,—A message from Berlin says:—
It is reliably stated that Germany has coded the Northern portion of Schleswig to Denmark. including the districts of Sonderburg and Hadersleben and the greater part of Tondern and Aponrade.

THE WAR CRIMINALS.

Sir Auckland Geddes at Reading declared that Enver Pasha and the exrulers of Bulgaria and Austro-Hungary must be tried and shot if convict-ed. Government policy included the production of powers.

PROMINENT TURKS ARRESTED.

London, Dec. 2,
Paris.—A Constantinople message says:—At
the request of the Ottoman Government the
Borlin Government has ordered the arrest of
Enver Pasha, Talsat Pasha, Djemal Pasha,
Nazim Pasha and Shukri Bey who took refuge
in Germany. The Ottoman Government has
arrested 200 Young Turks, including Ferdri Bey,
who was proceeding to Odessa with half-a-million
pounds Turkish, which he had amassed at Aleppo
in a month.

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AMERICA.

London, Dec. 2.

The President who opened the Congress hoped Peace would be declared by spring. A new Naval programme was desirable because it was unwise to adjust the American programme to the future world policy at present undetermined.

-The Ceylon Observer.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3678. In the Matter of the Estate of the late funcou wife of Mohamadu Sultan of Van-arponnal East

Deceased. Mohamadu Sultan of Vannarponnai West Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Meydeen Bawa Usupu Sahib of Vannarpoonal West
2. Mohamadu Mutalipoo of do.
Respondents.

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This matter of the Petition of Mohamadu Sulian of Vannarponnai West, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abvernamed deceased, Muncou wife of Mohamadu Sulian of Vannarponnai West, coming on for dispocal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on September 27, 1918, in the presence of Messres. Chelvadural and Ramalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated September 27, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before December 13, 1918, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

November 80, 1918.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

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