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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8885.

In the Matter of the last will and Codicil of the late J. P. Sanmugampillai of Tellippalai in Jaffaa late of Madras

Saraswathiammah widow of J. P. Sanmugam-pillai of Tellipslai Potitioner.

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1. Arumugampillai Kanagasabaipillai of Tellippillai, a minor by his Guardian ad litem the 2nd Respondent
2. Sangarapillai Kanagarayar of Tellipalai
3. Pootapillai Wythilingampillai of Pt. Pêdro
4. Kanagasabai StiSuntharamoorthy of Point Pedro and his wife
5. Vechaladchiammah

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Saraswathiammah widow of J. P. Sanmugampillai, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, J. P. Sanmugampillai of Tellipalai late of Madras, coming on for disposal before Hoable Sir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 19, 1919, in the presence of Mr. A. Appathurai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated March 13, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration with the will annexed to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other perpensions, and the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other perpensions, and the said for the cause to the satisfaction of this Court to econtrary.

A. Kanagasabai.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge.

Order Nisi.

THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3876.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chellammah wife of Mailvaganam Kandar of Meesalai Deceased.

Muttiah Thiyagarasah of Tirunelveli Petitioner.

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Vs.

1. Mailvaganam Kandar of Meesalai and Minor 2. Annapooranam daughter of Saravanamutu Muttiah and

3. Mutuppillai widow of Saravanamutu Muttiah of Tirunelveli, the 2nd Respondent is a minor by be Guardianad litem 3rd Respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Muttish Thiyagarasah of Tirunelveli, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Chellammah wife of Mailvaganam Kandar, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Bir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 19, 1919, in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somasundram, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 18, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs 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 May 27, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge.

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LOCAL OPTION WORK IN JAFFNA.

An opportunity of great promise is now before the people of Jaffaa, to exercise the privilege of Local Option conceded to them by the Government. It will be no exaggeration to state that the hope of Jaffaa's redemption from many of the moral, social, and economic evils that now hamper her progress, depends largely on how she acquits herself in facing this grand opportunity. For, no Jaffaa-man can deny the statement that there has lately appeared among his community can deny the statement that there has lately appeared among his community many serious symptoms of national deterioration. Physically, there can be no doubt that, our race is deteriorating. The fact is obvious, and it is also supported by figures relating to births, deaths, and infant mortality among the Tamils, as given in the Government Beports on Vital Statistics. In reviewing the Reports every year, in these columns, we take particular care to place the figures proving the physical deterioration of our race prominently before our countrymen. Again, in our economic condition too, our people do not fare better.

The bulk of the population consisting of the agriculturists, the artisans, and the other labouring classes of our country are largely suffering in the grip of poverty. Similarly in our moral, religious, and spiritual conditions too, our people are deteriorating, and have fallen much below the standard maintained by our forefathers for centuries and centuries together in the glorious records of their past history.

Now, what is all this downfall and dete-Now, what is all this downfall and deterioration of our countrymen due to? Clearly, it is an undisputable fact that the drink evil is one of the most powerful causes of this deplorable condition. Drink contributes powerfully to physical deterioration. Many eminent scientists and medical authorities in Europe and India have testified to the fact, that all alcoholic drinks are injurious to health, they diminish the vitality, and though they act as stimulants for a time, the effect is soon followed by depression which does permanent injury to the body. This was why all drinks were strictly forbidden by Government among soldiers and munition workers during the period of the war. We published at that time, in our columns, the important manifesto of the war. We published at that time, in our columns, the important manifesto issued to the British nation signed by almost all the leading men of the Medical profession, such as Sir Fredric Trieves, giving more than a dozen reasons to prove that all intoxicants are poisonous in their effects on the human system. There is that all intoxicants are poisonous in their effects on the human system. There is an idea current in our country, that drinking in moderation develops the appetite and gives strength to the body. That this is a huge delusion has been abundantly demonstrated in many books and pamphlets written by eminent medical authorities. It is a matter for deep regret that our educational authorities have not thought it necessary to place such not thought it necessary to place such literature in the hands of our children in Schools, though the matter was prominently brought to their attention some time ago by the Hon'ble Mr. K. Balasingam's motion in the Legislative Council.

As we have stated above, the drink evil is also one of the most powerful causes to the economic and moral decline of the people. It has brought misery and poverty to thousands of families; and has been the cause of innumerable crimes in our land. It will be superfluous on our part to dilate on the manifold evils of drink. It has been found in experience that in every country where this evil was suppressed by the authority of the state, it was invariably followed by a striking diminution in crime and an increase in the savings of the people as revealed in the deposit statistics of the savings banks and similar banking institutions of the country. In an extract which we As we have stated above, the drink evil banks and similar banking institutions of the country. In an extract which we published in a recent issue, bearing on the Local Option Campaign in Australia, it was stated that the abolitionist party were well supplied with funds and that the leading cloth merchants contributed a large part of it as they were confident that the suppression of drinking will be followed by an economic prosperity among the people which will largely benefit the cloth trade.

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In the face of such glaring facts as the above condemning drink, one is dismayed to note the fatal affection of many of our people for drink, which is daily on the increase About five years ago, for the 1914-15 rent year, the amount realised by the sale of toddy rents in Jaffna was Rs. 232,800. Next year, 1915-16, it was even less, being Rs. 203,050. But for the year 1919-20, the toddy rents of Jaffna realised Rs. 377,535. Compared with the figures for 1915-16, the toddy rent of Jaffna has increased by nearly 1 lakh and 75 thousand rupees this year. This astounding increase in the midst of the food scarcity and general distress prevailing here for the last four years is really a serious symptom of national decay. In the rent year 1916-17 the quantity of toddy consumed in Jaffna was 1,364,597 gallons. Barring the Colombo District, no other District in Ceylon is found to consume even one quarter of the quantity of toddy consumed in Jaffna In the matter of arrack consumption also it is humiliating to note that Jaffna is very forward. For the financial year 1913-14, we find that the Jaffna arrack rent realised Rs. 181,568, and for 1917-18 it realised Rs. 181,568, and for 1917-18 it realised Rs. 278,990, so that within about 4 years the arrack rent has increased by nearly 1 lakh of rupees. Are these facts and figures not striking enough to stimulate our leaders to action in order to avert the serious danger that threatens the very life of our race. life of our race.

Our future is full of promise. Who among us ever expected that the Governments of Western Nations would take such drastic action against the drink

traffic as the Governments of France and England, and that unfortunate country Russia took during the war. Western nations were long addicted to the drink habit, and it was also believed that drink does not injure a Western man living in cold and temperate climates as it does in the case of his Eastern brother living in hot climates. In spite of all these, the Westerners are now more active in combatting the drink demon in their lands than we Easterners are with all our social and religious traditions tabooing drink as a mortal sin. Among Western countries the United States of America has led the way by introducing total prohibition throughout all the States. Canada too, we believe, has done the same, and now we read that in Australia, attempts are being made to introduce prohibition. It is reported that there is a strong organization of philanthropists in America who are determined to carry on a campaign in favour of prohibition in all other countries. In India there are Native States like Bhavanagar which have prohibited the drink traffic among their subjects. subjects.

In Jaffna too the situation is full of hope. Our Government has given us the right of Local Option, and in July we will be called upon to exercise that right in respect of the toddy taverns in our District. We hear of Local Option activities started in the town and in some of our vil lages, and we er nestly expect that everyvillage in Jaffna will soon start work. We will be glad to publish short ac-counts of all Local Option activities in our columns, if our correspondents in the villages will take the trouble to send us such accounts. Much is gained by publicity, as our thought and all our activities are, in a way, contagious. Any-how, let us see to it that we give a good account of ourselves in the work be-We know with what commendfore us. able activity our Sinhalese brethren are working in this cause. Could Jaffnese be less active in guarding the fair name and welfare of their motherland?

LOCAL & GENERAL

New Technical Schools, Jaffna.—The site selected for the new Technical Schools is on the 3rd mile, Thavadi—Irrupalai Road and is about 5 acres in extent Preliminary plans have been made and submitted to the Director of Education for approval.

PLANTERS ASSOCIATION FOR JAFFNA.—The leading men of Jaffna are about to form an association to promote the welfare of the planting community of the district. It is said that there over 1,500 cocorut estates to be represented.

THE JAFFNA SALT INDUSTRY.—The Hon. Mr. B. Horsburgh, Controller of Revenue, Mr. E. O. Ward, Acting Excise Commissioner, and Mr. O. T. Symons, Acting Government Analysh, were expected at Elephant Pass today. The visit, we learn, is in connection with the Salt industry.

Conviction of a Jaffna Postmastre.—
In the Supreme Court, Colombo, Mr. Justice
Schneider delivered judgment on the 21st
instant in the Jaffna D C. case v. a Postmaster, S. A Ponniah, given a year's rigorous,
for breach of trust, His Lordship dismissed
his appeal. his appeal.

Run over by a Train.—On Monday night a boy of about 10 years of age was run over and killed on the spot, near Chiviateru, by the train arriving from Colombo.

THE JAFFNA ARRAOK RENTS —At the sale of arraok rents which took place in Colombo this wesk, Mr. K. Kathiresapillai has purchased the following arraok rents, viz. Jaffna, for 1919—20 for Rs. 302,555, an increase of Rs. 70,055 over the current year, Mannar for Rs. 67,555, an increase of Rs. 2,000, Mullaitivu for Rs. 34,555 an increase of Rs. 7,000,

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL FOR JAFFNA. INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL FOR JAFFNA.

—Government has, on the request of the Jaffna Local Board, celled upon the D P W to furnish plans and estimates for a rew Infectious Diseases Hospital, to be built by the Local Board on a site near the cremation ground at Ka'undai. At a meeting of the Local Roard on 31st March, the Board resolved to accept the present site and buildings as a free gift from Gevernment and to build the new hospital on its own expense.

of the February number of this interesting magazine. For the lateness of its publication we are well compensated by the oxcellence of its contents. Mr. C. Arulambalam, the Editor, S. Sabarabaa Muda'iyar, Pandits S. Mylvaganam, Mrs. T. Tiru-navuk-arasu, Mudaliar S. Vythianatbao, and Mr. R. R. Gunaretnam, B. A., are the chief contributors to this number.

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AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR JAFFNA.—The site for the Experiment Station and Agricultural School at Jaffna is situated at Tinnevell. The cost is estimated at R30,000. The proposed station will take the place of the one at Maha Illupallama that was recently cholished.

JAPAN'S TRIUMPH—Japan scored a great diplomatic triumph at Paris in successfully claiming the reversion of German privileges in Chica. Still the success may lay the seeds of future trouble while it is viewed by the British Government notably and by others also with keen anxiety. Still Japan, having stood on the letter of the Treaty, the Allies had to give way.—Reuter.

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Confrence of Orientalists.—The first stage in the realisation of the plans, which the Bhandarkar Institute, Poona, was long maturing for the holding of a Conference of Orientalists in India, and Burma and Ceylon, was reached at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Conference held in the Tata Hall of the Institute on May 1st. Many subplars from outside Poona had specially come for the purpose, and those that could not attend had sent suggestions for consideration. It was decided that the Conference should be held in Poona on the 30th of October next and the succeeding days. Other details pertaining to the inauguration and presidentship, etc., were settled on the lines of other Conferences—"M Times," May 18.

CHEMICAL SCHOOL AT CAMBRIDGE.—London, May 13.—British Oil Companies have together donated two hundred thousand guineas for the purpose of endowing a Chemical School at Cambridge.—Reuter.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.—London, May 13.—St. Johu's.—Another British airmen has arrived and will attempt the Trans-Atlantic flight. His machine is due during the week. —Ibid.

Trans-Continental Flight.—London, May 13.—Lieut. Col. Wilson, of the British Staff in Mesopotamia, flew a biplane from Mosul to England. He crossed the desert from Mosul to Cairo in one day. —Ibid.

HONOURS COMMITTEE MRETING.—A meeting of the Honours Committee was held at the Secretariat this afternoon. The Hon. Mr. A S Pagden, Acting Colonial Secretary, presided, and the others present were the Hon. Messrs. J G Fraser, R B Hellings, C S Vaughan, B Horsburgh, Mr. W C S Ingles and Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike.

Y. M. H. A. Pettah.—Under the auspices of the above Association a lecture will be delivered by Mr. M S Eliatamby, Advocate on "Meditation" on the 24th instant instant in the Library and Reading Room. —Cor.

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Y M. H. A. CHULIPURAM.—At the last weekly meeting held on Sunday the 18th ultimo in the Association hall Mr. N Candiah, Teacher, Victoria College delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Saivaism" in Tamil with quotations fron "Thirukural, Shivagnana Sithiar etc." The lecture was very highly appreciated by the audience. It is proposed that Mr. B. Candiah, Studentst law will deliver a lecture on Education in English at the next meeting. The meeting came to a close with the singing of Devaram and Shivanamam. —Cor.

AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Bombay, May 8 (Delayed in transmission).—
The "Times of India" states it is a fact regarding
Amanullah Khan that in the first days of his
reign he announced in a public Durbar that
Afghanistan becomes absolutely a free nation
bound by no Treaties, an epissed which shows in
what direction he inclined from the start, even
before the danger of opposing factions had become

a real one.

The "Times" adds;—The Turkish officer, who is the Principal of the Officers' Military School in Afghanistan, and who is said to be responsible for preparations for War, is believed to claim that in the operations he has planned, fighting will, for the most part, be hand to hand and that the Afghan, with his traditional contempt for death, will, therefore, emerge victorious. That information reaches us from a correspondent at Jellalabad, who wites of the enthueisem which the Afghans are displaying and of the way in which those who are not already in the Army are volunteering their services. There is not the slightest doubt, he wrote on the 30th April, that the Afghans really mean business.

Allahabad, May 17 .- The "Pioneer's" Allahabad, May 17.—The "Pioneer's" special correspondent gives further details of the Peshawar plot and says:—This War was caused by two happenings. The first arose out of the murder of the late Amir. The second was Gandhi's "Satyagraha" movement. The latter was the closk under which the rising in support of Amamulla's force was planned in Peshawar. Evenually is was discovered the Afghan Postmaster

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JAFFNA LOCAL BOARD HELD ON SATURDAY THE 12TH APRIL 1919 AT 10 A. M.

- The Govt. Agent N. P. Chairman, L. B.
 The Provincial Surgeon, N. P.
 The Provincial Engineer, N. P.
 Mr. R. R. Nallian
 Mr. O. Arulambalam
 Mr. K. Kanagasabai

Business:-

Considered Applications for the post of Supdt of Works, Jaffna Lecal Board

After consideration, Mr. R R Nalliah proposed and the Provincial Engineer seconded that Mr. Welupillai Sinnatamby (Applicant No 19) be appointed to the post. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

In view of the Chairman's transfer to Colombo, Mr. R. R. Nalliah the Senior Unofficial Member of the Board spoke at length of the keen interest the Chairman had taken in the welfare of the Board, and of the good work which the Board had done during his term of administration and moved that the Board's appreciation of the services rendered by the Chairman be recorded in the minutes of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Arulambalam and supported by Mr. K. Kanagasabai who in their turn spoke of the valuable services rendered by the Chairman in promoting the welfare and interest of the Chairman, thanked the Board.

The Chairman thanked the Board for its appreciation of his services and said that he was pleased to see that the Board had dore good work, and added that the Revenue of the Board had been carefully spent for the benefit of the inhabitants.

S. D. STANISLAUS, Secretary, L B.

THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION FAMINE RELIEF WORK IN BENGAL AND BEHAR.

REPORT AND APPEAL.

Monthly Abstract of the distribution of rice and cloth from the different centres:—

Districts.	Months.	No of Recipient	No. of Villages.	Mds.	Ŋ.	No Cloth.
Manbhum	Jan.	196	11	9	32	_
	Feb.	465	18	65	24	181
	March	1964	53	218	18	129
	April	2098	69	409	13	24
Bankura	Feb.	201	24	21	3	14
	March	281	26	50	22	26
	April	451	32	95	0	66

In total, we have distributed in these four months, only Mds. 860 32 seers of rice and 440 pieces of new cloth. And besides one centre at Indpur in the district of Bankura, we have opened another in the same district in Kotulpur Thana. Again to cope with the intense scarcity of water in those districts we have been re-excavating one tank and sinking several wells in Thana Puncha and Indpur, the report of which will be given later on. And by the first week of the current month we have opened a centre at Brahmanbari in the district of Tippera, wherefrom we have commenced distribution in 17 villages to 195 recipients. We have also started our work of relieving in a small scale at Kunda, near Deoghar, in the district of Santal Parganas. The Fire Relief work at Bhubaneshvar, in the district of Viri, is still going on. Moreover we are hearing appeals from all quarters of this province about want of cloth. But to meet this dire want is an enormous task; but, still, we expect with assurance, through the liberal grants of the generous public, we will be able to deal with the situation at least to some extent.

All contributions, however small will be In total, we have distributed in these four

All contributions, however small, will be cordially accepted and acknowledged, under the following addresses.

- (a) The President, R. K. Mission, Belur, Howrah.
- (b) The Secretary, R. K. Mission, Udbodhan Office, Bagbazar, Calcutta.

Sd/- Saradananda.

was freely distributing money in raising combatants for a lackler, and it was arranged, if War was declared, the mob in Peshawar in common with the mobs in the Panjub should rise. On the night of the 5th May there was a rumour that the Afghan Postmaster was going to be arrested within a few minutes. A crowd of two thousand Afghans had assembled and they were at once supplied with arms, which the Postmaster had been collecting for some time past. How the city was surrounded and the Postmaster and the ringleaders arrested is then described. It is commonly stated in responsible quarters that the Afghan plan was to invade British territory with troops and masses of tribesmen, expecting a concerted and simultaneous rising in India to help them. The plans, however, did not mature.

—"The Ceylon Observer",

VEGETARIANISM AND MISTAKES ABOUT FOOD.

A recent article in the Daily Mail contained the following useful information. Many of our most influential journals are now educating the public concerning Food Reform, and consequently our Movement is now becoming popular. But it is more essential than ever to emphasize the humane and other principles underlying our Cause—lest those who have been thus educated in the better way of diet lapse to excessive meat eating again when the War shortage of flesh food is removed:—

"Most of us are wont to accept the often stated as proven truth in dietetic matters. The common fallacies about food are repeated from generation to generation. Scientific analysis disproves many suppositions. Here are instances:

ppositions. Here are instances:
It is often said that beef is more nourishing in bread and choese. There is, however, far one nutriment in one shilling's worth of bread al choese than in beef of the value of one nilling. Lean beef is very inferior to cheese as extracent.

Skim-milk is supposed to be valueless as food. This is an error. Skim-milk taken with bread constitutes a sustaining meal.

Most persons imagine that butter is considerably more neurishing than margarine. The fact is that the best freeb butter and the best kinds of margarine contain almost exactly the same amount of nutriment per pound.

It is believed that costly cheese is the most nourishing. The cheaper cheeses are mostly richer in proteid than the expensive sorts.

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That potatoes are a cheaper food than bread is incorrect. If potatoes are eaten as substitutes for wheaten bread the quantity must be very large and the cost will not be less than that of bread.

We are often told that oatmeal is not so nutritive as wheatmeal. On the contary, oats contain more fatty ingredients than wheat and are the most nutritious of grain foods.

Most people think that rice is indigestible. Ex-riments prove that well-cooked rice is easily

Maize is thought to be inferior to wheat as human food. Maize undoubtedly contains more fat than wheat.

Nuts are regarded as desert dishes and not as nounshing food. Brazil nuts, almonds, and walnuts, have 50 per cent. of fat and are very good foods.

It is thought that fruit is not a food. This depends on the kind of fruit. Dates are a staple diet in parts of the East, and figs and raisins in a dry state are very nutritive.

Tea and coffee are supposed to be "sustaining." Neither of these beverages contains nutriment. Milk and sugar give a small food value to the ordinary cup of tea or coffee."

-"The Herald of the Golden Age."

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR DUTY.

ear Sir,
I shall be much obliged of you will kindly allow
ie a small space in your worthy paper to express
by humble views on the above subject.

my humble views on the above subject.

Each and everyone of us is sent to this world by God Almighty to perform our duty, to play our part in the Draum of the world. To do that duty, steadily we should develop all the faculties which the all knowing Providence has given us. These faculties will only develop if we have freedom to think and act in our own way without being dictated by our official superiors. What I exactly mean is, we should have treedom of thought and action and be free to perform our duty towards God and Man, and for that purpose we should build our character and develop our individuality. I hope you will agree with me when I say that such unfettered thought and action are indispensable for doing our duty towards God and Man.

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Now, we as a nation have degenarated mentally, and morally, and perhaps physically, to such an extent that we cannot think or do anything independently of Europeans. Worst of all is we think that we cannot rise to fame by not being Government Servants. Official Service saps a man's intelligence and takes away the power of initiative from him. An officer has got slways to subordinate his views to that of his official superiors and do several other things which can hardly be approved by any right thinking man. The officers' backbones become feebler day by day, by, in the words of Macsulay, 'Simpering at every word and bowing down at every step' whenever he goes before his superiors. The inevitable result of such a life is that it makes many person a narrow minded and withered up creature unworthy of any useful achievement. It is owing to these detects a great Tamil Poet said.

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MALAYA LETTER.

Burprises in Rice Prices:—What the Food Controller of Malaya trics in season and out of season to impress upon the public as not due to the War has however come upon us in the wake of the War, namely an unconscionable rise in the price of rice. The Controller, who by the way, was found necessary only after the War had come to an end, is very particular in telling the public that there is a shortage of rice due not to the War but to short crops in all the rice growing countries. We know that the War has not easen up the rice but the fact remains that the price of rice is in the glies, indeed it has been so for several month now, Quite recently the Food Controller calc fated that the available supply of rice for Malaya for this year was very much below that of normal year, and began a series of lectures in the important centres on the subject of this shortage and issued circulars in many languages to the public about the threatened searcity of rice towards the closing month of this and the early months of next year. People were asked to grow foodstuffs and provide supplies of them, such as wheat, ragi and other grains, and were even advised to accustom themselves to new diets. This frantic effort at food growing gave the rice merchants one more chance of profitorink, for while supplies were still available in good quantities and the period of the alleged scarcity was months ahead they at once raised the prices a good deal. People are now running up laying in stores of rice for the impending famine at famine prices and under famine conditions. Whether the Food Controller was unwise in stumping the country before actually taking steps to "controller as meaning that "now's the time of your life" does not very much concern the consumer. One of the consolations offered by the Controller is that wheat can be had in plenty from Australia when rice becomes searce which only shows that whe will also be up in the higher regions as soon possible.

Notes at Rardom:—Malaya has already ppared for the due celebr

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Norrs at Rardom:—Malaya has already proposed for the due celebration of Peace as soon it is finally settled. Representative and by committees have been entrusted with the gramme of celebrations, the Government of Straits Settlements has voted \$35,000 for purpose, Municipality of Singapore \$10.00 F. M. S. Government \$85,000 besides the tion by private bodies. A leading free professed and the social settlement of the sett

It is not all smoke and freworks here as may be inferred from the above, we have some solid things also, one of such being the establishment shortly of a full fledged College in Singapore in commeration of the centenary of the founding of Singapore which was celebrated with much enthusiasm in February last. The funds for the College are rapidly coming in mainly from Chinese sources and higher education, and perhaps also compulsory education will soon be everybody's right. The step to a University will not than be far off.

As with rice so with passage there is scarcity everywhere. Six hundred odd grumbing Euro peans from Malaya are just now on their wa Home after months of waiting, and now it's tear all the way for the papers are full of complaints about the want of accommodation and service in the steamer. Passage between Cevlou and Malaya is also becoming increasingly difficult to get so much so that somebody in Colombo is advertising the fact that he specialises in it, I mean in securing passages, not difficulties, and another says they can be arranged easily. Now we don't

feat!

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I read in the paper that when a lawyer was recently admitted to the Ceylon Bar the Presiding just on wished the lawyer all success in the progression, which reminds me of a lawyer's progression being getting on, then getting honour, and finally getting honest!

In the Editorial on the Hudu New Year which recently appeared in this paper the happy suggestion is made that another step may now be taken in the enlargement of the Hindu Organ. That this is possible speaks well of the Hindu Community, especially the constituents of the paper. I am never tried of hammering at this subject. Let us then start the campaigo.

Perhaps it is not fully realised that any scheme of improvement in the paper should take note of the necessity for making the Tamil Edition more widely read, more useful and appear more frequently. The day is on when the masses have to be educated, and that is possible only through the medium of the veroacular.

Whether it is due to the high price of rice or to the recent visit of Sadhu Sunder Singh we have the pleasant spectacle here of a round half dozen Sadhus appearing on the horizon of our intellectual firmament impressing all and sundry with their Sadhu hood.

broadcast the ideas contained therein and unal we stop thinking that it is a sign of civilized life to imitate only the questionable aspects of western civilization etc. Even if you do not succeed in doing much let us set up a high ideal and strive to work up to it.

'Airm at a lion and miss it rather than hunt at a jackal and catch it.'
Suthumaly.

'9th May, 1919.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Berlin.—Prince Lichnowsky, writing in the Tagebiatt, declares that Germany should in no circumstances accept the Peace Treaty. Rupture of the negotiations would be the only right factors.

Paris, May 12.—Peace Conference circles recog-nise that the German Gramment will probably be glad to have M. Cle procear's unconditional rotusal to enter into negotitions about the Peace terms as an argument to use against the panic and despair which is reported from Germany.

London, May 18.

Paris.—A number of German Delegates including Lansberg and Glesberta, left today for Germany.

London, May 12.

London, May 12.—Havas Agency says M. Clemen-ceau passed yesterday in conferring with M. Pichon, M. Venizelos, Mr. Balfour and M. Tardieu and in calling upon President Wilson, with whom he remained a considerable time. Count Brockdorff Rantzau has sent, in the space of 24 hours, four communications to the President of the Peace Conference and it is stated that, if these communi-cetions can be taken as a criterion of the state of mind of Germany, she is far from ready for ad-mission to the League of Civillized Nations.

Paris, May 12.—Great Britain and France ha ome to an agreement regarding the division the Cameroons and Togoland.

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Paris, May 12.—The mandatory system will not be applied concerning the new Triple Alliance between France, the United States and Great Bertain. The Italian papers hope that such a bond may be created between France and Italy, this, however, being a matter for later diplomatic negotiations and not for the present Treaty.

Paris, May 12.—Havas Agency states:—It is rumoured in Paris circles that the Chinese Delegation has received an intimation from the Chinese Government to refuse to sign the Peace Treaty on account of the Shantung solution.

London May 13.

Paris.—Havas Agency states:—It is estimated in Conference circles that Germany will sign in spite of notes of protest, and that the endeavour to distract the work of the Allies by introducing the Labour factor will fail. It would seem that the Italian deadlook still continues. Dr. Wilson is standing fast and the British and French are faced with the difficult problem of siding with one or the other party.

London, May 10.

Paris.—A telegram from Zurich states that the
German Cabinet has settled the terms of the Note,
which will be handed to the Allies forthwith.

Paris.—The "Echo de Paris" states that Count Rantzau is preparing a fifth Note to the Allies in which the Delegation opposed the decisions regarding the former German Colonies by advancing a suggestion for the Internationalisation of the African Colonies.

London, May 10.

Paris.—The "Echo de Paris" states that an invitation to attend the Peace negotiations was addressed to the Hungarians, but was stopped in the course of trausmission owing to the Allies realising Bela Kan's desperate position.

SCENE AT THE CONFERENCE.

Reuter, wiring from Versailles on 75h May, says:—Instead of 54 Allied Plenipotentiaries the German Delegates were faced with 80, as it was decided at last moment to include all nations, great and small, who declared War and broke of relations with Germany, thus impressing the Delegates with the tremendous coalition which their former rulers had evoked. Five American Delegates with the tremendous coalition which their former rulers had evoked. Five American Delegates sto on the right and five British on the left of M. Clemenceau. Two Canadians, two Australians, one New Zealand and five Japanese sat among the Delegates outside the long table on M. Clemenceau's left, on the inside of which were two South Africans and two Indians, while two Siamese, one Hedjaz and two Chinese were accommodated inside the table on M. Clemenceau's right. The German set at the table barring the horse-shoe of the Allied table, thus completing the rectangle. There was no crowding anywhere. The Conference impressed me as more dignified than the previous Plenary sittings. The Germans entered, accompanied by a French officer, They bowed in silance and took their places. All were soberly garbed with black morning coat and dark neckties. Herr Landeberg's flowing beard was the only note of colour. Practically the whole sitting was occupied by Count Ranizan's speech, to which no reply was made. M. Clemeneau declared the sitting finished when Count Brockdorff Bantzau had ended. It is noteworthy that M. Clemeneeau spoke standing up, while Count Ranizau read his speech seated.

Huns' Counter-Proposals.

London, May 18.

Paris.—The Germans are preparing counter-proposals as regards the Saar Valley and are reopening the question of oral discussions, at least with the experse of the various Commissions.

GERMAN "LEAGUE" SCHEME SUBMITTED.

German "League" Scheme Submitted.

Paris.—The Council of Ten today considered the boundaries of Austria, including recommendations in this connection of the Council of Foreign Ministers. The German Delegates have submitted a complete, independent scheme-for a League of Nations, including provision for an International Labour organistion. The main difference is that Gremany proposes a Congress of States and an International Parliament.

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BUSSIA.

London, May 18.

In the House of Commons, Col. J. C. Wedgwood saked a question regarding the report that the Entente was preparing to attack Petrograd in cooperation with Finland. Mr. Bonar Law replied that a British squadron was available at Helsingfors in case of emergencies, but no such arrangaments as suggested had been made. Obviously, if anything of the sort were contemplated, it would be impossible to say anything of the subject, (Cheers). He declined, amid cheers, to give 1 m

undertaking that Government would not be com-mitted to attack rearograd in co-operation with Fuland without the House of Commons being acquainted with the operation, but emphasized that no such definite proposal was at present contemplated.

Reutor loarns that the presence of the Allied warships at Helsingfors is due to an appeal from Finland for protection as Bolshevist vessels had been seen in the Baltic and a night attack on the unprotected parts of the Finnish coast was feared.

A War Office telegram, dated Archangel, May 12th, says:—The enemy Artillery was active everywhere on the front, but was silenced by counterfire. The thaw is progressing satisfactorily. The Dvina is free from ice, and the river transport is in full swing. The Write Ses is not yet free from ice, but is navigable without difficulty at the mouth.

AFGHAN MISSION AT MOSOW.

London, May 10.

A Bolshevist report states that an Afghan Mission has arrived at Moscow.

ALLIES' LOSSES AT SEA.

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The Ministry of Shipping announced that the number and tonnage of the Allies' Merchantmen lost through enemy action is as follows:—Great Britain, 2,197 tonnage 7,638,000; France, 238, tonnage 697,000; Italy, 230, tonnage 742,000; Japan, 20, tonnage 120,000; United States, 80, tonnage 341,000. A further twenty British vessels of tonnage, of 95,000, were lost on Admiralty service.

AFGHANISTAN.

Calcutta, May 18.

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Calcutta, May 17.—A Press communique states:—A report from the Khyber front states that a recomaissance, made from Dakka towards Basawel, met with alight opposition. Returning to camp at Dakka, our force was followed up and fighting ensued. After breaking off the engagement the enemy is reported to have moved South in the direction of Fort Tattsobir and a pass connecting the Afghan plain with the Bazaar Valley. Attempts are being made to have so converse in the neighbourhood of Ali Masjid. Reports from all other fromes show no change in the situation. H. E. the Vicercy has sent the Mehtar of Chitral his cordial thanks for loyal and efficient co-operation in deiving out a force of some 300 Afghans who had invaded the Chitral territory and his hearty congratulations on the success achieved by the Chitral Scouts and the Mehtar's body-guard in repelling the invaders without sustaining a single casualty.

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Simla, May 18—A Press communique etates:—
The Afghans, who on the 16th inst. followed up the withdrawal of our reconnaissance from the direction of Basawal, attacked our position about Dakka that evening. They were driven off after heavy fighting and did not attempt any further attacks during the night. On the Morning of the 17th our force at Dakka moved out to attack the Aighans who were in position on a ridge about two miles west of this place. Gen. Skeen captured the Hills by 350 p.m. after stiff fighting. The Aighan force opposed to us is estimated at 8 battalions and many guns. It is probable that these mambers were augmented by bodies of Afghan Triesmen. Our aeroplanes co-operated in attack and also carried out bombing on Basawal and Jelalabad. The troops on our lines of communication in the Khyber have cleared the hills south (South) of Ali Musjid, of snipers and parties of badmashes forming parts of Yar Muhammada's gang, who have been causing considerable trouble and annoyance to our convoys. A few days ago one of our aeroplanes while on reconnaissance patrol was forced to descend in Bazar Valley. A report has been received from the airmen, Lieuts. Barker and Hoars, that they are being well treated by the Zakka Khel. The general attitude of both trans and cis border tribes continues satisfactory, in spite of every effort which the Afghans are still making to embroil them against us.

Cairo.—A communique, dated May 8th, says:—A noisy crowd, including students, attempted to force their way in the neighbourhood of the Residency, but were dispersed with sticks. One demonstrator was killed and nine slightly injured. Fifty were arrested.

London, May 8.

Egyph.—The situation is outwardly quiet. The total Military casualties in the disturbances in the last two months are:—Five British officers killed and six wounded, 18 killed and 50 wounded of other ranks and six killed and two wounded of Indian "other ranks." It is estimated that the rioters' casualties were under 1,000 including predatory Bedouins.

FINANCING CHINA.

London, May 12.

Paris.—The new "consortium" for financing
China with Loans was organised today by French,
American, British and Japanese bankers with a
reservation for the later participation of the
Belgians.

Belgians.

London, May 14.

The "Daily News" Paris Correspondent telegraphs that the new consortium for financing China with leans will embody no Government guarantees and will threaten China with no possible infringement of her severeignty. All future leans to the Chinese Government or to individual Provinces will be made by the group as a whole, and the responsibility will be shared pro rata by the participating banks. It is proposed that existing interests of participating banks in China should be similarly pooled. The proposal, if carried out, would mean that particular Powers would no longer have a predominant influence in particular regions in China. The importance of that doctrine in its application to Japan's interests in Shantung, for example, is obvious. If it is definitely laid down that no future leans will be allowed to involve the creation of special spheres of influence in China, there is strong reason to hope that the result will be marked by a stimulation of development of China's transport system and the exploitation of her vast mineral recourses. The British representative on the groups is Sir Charles Addis.

—The Ceylon Observer. London, May 14.

-The Ceulon Observer.

NOTICE.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3870.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chellamuttu wife of Kandiah of Alaveddi

Ponnampalam Kandiah of Araly North

Vs.

Kasippillai Kastikasu of Alaveddi
Bannam daughter of Kandiah of Do.
Kandiah Theiwanayagam of Do.
Kandiah Sangarappillai of Do.
Sornam daughter of Kandiah of Do.
The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents are minors by their Guardiam ad litem the 1st Respondent

Respondents.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Ponnampalam Kandiah of Araly North, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Chellamuttu wife of Kandiah of Alaveddi, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on May 7, 1919, in the presence of Mr. R. R. Nelliah, Procotor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 11, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the hesband of the said intestate and is cuttiled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to hir runless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 27, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. cause to contrary. A. Kanagasabai,

May 8, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3844.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Seethevippillai daughter of Sinnappu of Thumpalai Deceased.

Nagappar Vairamuttu of Thumpalai Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Appapiliai Annamalai and his
2. wife Pakkiam
3. Rasammah daughter of Sinnappu
4. Thangsruuttu daughter of Sinnappu
5. Walliammai widow of Nagappar all
of Thumpalai. The 3rd and 4th
Respondents are minors by their
Guardian ad bitem the 5th Respondent

Respondents

Respondents,
This matter of the Petition of Nagappar
Vairsmuttu of Thumpalai, praying for Letters
of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Seethevippillai daughter of Sinnappu of Thumpalai, coming on for disposal
before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, District
Judge, on May 3, 1919, in the presence of
Mr. V. Ganapathipillai, Proctor, on the part of the
Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner
dated February 15, 1919, having been read: It is
declared that the Petitioner is the maternal uncle
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 May 27, 1919,
show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this
Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, Respondents.

May 15, 1919.

District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3872.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kanapathy Aiyer Suppaiyar of Innvil Deceased.

Thiyakaraja Kurukal Kailayanatha Kurukal and wife
 Suntharammah of Inuvil

Vs.

Nagaretna Kurukal Aiyathurai Aiyer

Nagaretna Kurukal Aiyathurai Aiyer and
 wife Nagaretnammah
 Kuruarasami Kurukal Ramanatha Aiyer
 Kumarasami Kurukal Nadaraja Aiyer
 Neolamnah widow of Kumarasami-Kurukal all of Inuvil. The 3rd and 4th Respondents are minora by their Guardian ad litem the 5th Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Fetition of the above-named Petitioners, praying for Letters of Ad-ministration to the estate of the abovenamed decased, Kanapathy Aiver Suppaiyar of Inuvil, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, Kt., District Judge, on April 80, 1919, in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somasundram, Protect on the presence of the Patiliprogram and the 1919, in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somasundram, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioners; and the affidavit of the Petitioners, dated March 17, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the 1st Petitioner is the husband of the 2nd Petitioner who is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the 1st, 2nd and 5th Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 22, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai,

May , 1919.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge,

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3882.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Iladohumiammab wife of Kadirippillai Aru-mugampillai of Tellippalai, Jaffoa, late of Madras

Kandappillai Ponnampalam of Tellippalai Petitioner,

Vs.

1. Arumugampillai Kanagasabaipillai of Tellippalai and
2. Saraswathiammah widow of J. P. Sanmugampillai of Do. The 1st Respondent is a minor by his Guardian ad litem the 2nd Respondent

This matter of the Petition of Kandappillai Ponnampalam of Tellippalai, praying for Letters of Admiftistration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Iladehumiammah wife of Kadiripillai Arumugampillai of Tellippalai, coming on for disposal before Houble Sir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 25, 1919, in the presence of Mr. A. Appathurai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner asted March 15, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the brother of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the eatote of the said Intestate issued to him uless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 27, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai.

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