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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3349. In the Matter of the Estate of the late Pennampalam Suppiah of Chivintheru Deceased. Suppiah Mailvaganam of Chiviatheru

Petitioner.

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3rd, 4m 5th and 6th Respondents are
minors by their Guardian ad litem the
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This matter of the Petition of Suppiah Malvaganam of Chiviateru, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Esgr., District Judge, on March 14, 1917, in the presence of Mr. C. L. Selvaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioners; and the affidavit of the said Petitioner, dated November, 7, 1916, having been read: It is ordered the Petitioners be and the is hereby declared obtitled, as an heir of the said deceased, and that Letters of Administration do issue to bim accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person shall, on or before April 17, 1917, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

Order Nisi.

March 14, 1917.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3382.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Achehimuttu wife of Kandappillal of Kockuvi

Sinnathamby Nannithamby and wife
 Sellamuttu of Kockuvil

Petitioners.

Vs.

Thampoe Kandappillai of Kockuvil now of
Ipoh in Federated Malay States
Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Sinsathamby Namitamby and wife Sellamuttu of Kockuvil, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed decessed, Achchimutta wife Kandappillai of Kockuvil, coming on for disposal before J Homer Vanniasinkam. Egg., District Judge, on February 19, 1917, in the presence of Mr. R. Sivapirakasam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 19, 1917, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioners as heirs of the said intestate, and are entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to them, unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before April 17, 1917, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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(At present a lane leads to the estate from the Railway Stoppage at Eluthumatuval, and the D. C. R. has already sanctioned the conversion of this lane into a metalled road.)

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JAPPRA, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1917.

THE EDUCATION OF THE

It was pointed out in our last issue that the best means to effect the improvement of the Hindu Priesthood in Jaffaa was

education. The establishment of a College where higher education in Tamil and Sauskrit with instruction in the meaning, purport, and esoteric significance of the different branches of the Saiva Kriya Kanda, could be imparted, will supply the best means for the elevation of the priesthood. The fiew existing Sanskrit Schools may take the place of feeder Schools to the central College. A substantial Government subsidy may also be Schools to the central College. A substantial Government subsidy may also be obtained for these institutions as in the case of the Vidyodaya College of Colombo, the Vidyalankara College of Peliyagoda and a flew other institutions conducted by the Buddhist Priests where education in Sanskrit, Pali, and Sinhalese is imparted. The management of the College may be in the hands of a layman or a Council of laymen, but the direction and supervision of the educational course should be entrusted to a syndicate or Council of leading Saiva Priests who should institute examinations and grant diplomas or certileading Saiva Priests who should institute examinations and grant diplomas or certificates. This Council may also admit to floates. This Council may also admit to have undergone a course of instruction under a competent Gurukkal. The courses of study may be graded according to the order of Priesthood. Gurukkals who conduct Saiva religious initiation, marriage, temple festivals and similar important ceremonies may ake the first rank. Temple Archakas and Purchits may rank next. All Saiva Hindus should pay higher honours and emoluments to those who have gone through the e examinations have gone through the e examinations and hold certificates from this Saiva Council. The according of such preference by the Saiva public to these authorised Priests would be a great incentive to them to educate themselves and pass the prescribed examinations and submit them-selves to the control and discipline of the

selves to the control and discipline of the central Council of Saiva Priests.

We have given above only a rough out line of the scheme and we would welcome constructive criticisms on it from our Hindu correspondents. The present position of our priesthood is so unsatisfactory that the need of improvement has become very urgent. Action in present position of our priesthood is so unsatisfactory that the need of improvement has become very urgent. Action in this direction cannot be long delayed. The Saiva Hindu community of Ceylon is second to none in point of intelligence or wealth and it is right and proper that their priesthood too should hold an honourable position in society, respected alike by ourselves and by other communities. High education alone will engender in them self-respect and a right conception of their duties and responsibilities to the laity. To allow the question to remain as it is would be to confess our incapacity to take concerted action on questions of vital importance to our religious life. Religions has always been the mainspring of our activities. When their religious interests were in danger, our ancestors held back nothing, but sacrificed everything they valued on earth, to defend them.

The question of finance is another important point in the success of the scheme. If we could create in the community in general a really earnest and intense desire for the success of the scheme, and in one or two leaders of organizing capacity would pioneer the undertaking, the institution can be successfully launched. The leading temple authorities may be induced by the force of public opinion, to make liberal contributions. There are also

leading temple authorities may be induced by the force of public opinion, to make liberal contributions. There are also wealthy men in our community one of whom can finance the whole undertaking single handed and earn the gratitude of his co-religionists as well as immortal glory to himself and his posterity. But, more than all, we would very much desire that the scheme for the improvement of that the scheme for the improvement of our priesthood is taken in hand by a central body with a network of branch organizations in every village. According to the last census there are 254 villages in the Jaffna District with an average population of 1,131 persons to the village. If the Saivites in every one of these villages would organize a committee of the leading earnest Saivites among them for the purpose. earnest Saivites among them for the pur-pose of looking after their religious edu-cational interest in general, and if all these Commi tees are affiliated to a centhese Commi tees are affiliated to a central body entrusted with the duty of coordinaling and directing the educational work of these village committees, not only the educational needs of all Saivite Priests but the educational needs of all Saivite Children too, the large majority of whom have now to subject themselves to be educated in institutions established by foreign proselytising agencies, will soon be supplied. The day when Jaffna Hindus will regain their Swaraj in Religious Education, when they will emancipate their children from the thraidom of fore-Education, when they will emancipate their children from the thraidom of foreign proselytising in thenees, will be the proudest day in their annals. May we all hope, the day will not be distant.

Closely connected with the education of the Hindu Priesthood is the religious

education of Hindu children. The one without the other will be incomplete and ineffective. No programme for the re-ligious education of Hudu children will complete which does not also pro subject is a comprehensive one and will be dealt with in another issue.

"OUR POLITICAL NEEDS."

Sir P. Arunachalam has done a distinct service to the Ceylonese by reading a paper on the above subject before the Cevlon National Association on the occasion of its annual general meeting held on the 2nd instant. It is sure to rouse the permanent population of this Island to a sense of their present position and to adopt prompt measures for the amelioration of their political condition, to keep pace with the advance of the times and not to be left behind in the race of progress in all parts of the British Empire. This paper, which, we understand, is published in pamphlet form and is for sale, should be read and re-read by every Ceylonese who can read and understand We think the Ceylon National Association should have it translated into Sinhalese and Tamil for the information and edification of those who cannot read and understand English.

Sir Ponnambalam was an official for the best part of his life and is of the type of some retired Indian officials the fire of whose patriotism and public spirit was not quenched by prolonged connection with Government service. Having re-tired from the public service about three years ago, he has been devoting the evening of his life to elevate his country to the level of British Colonics enjoying representative Government. We do not think that his patriotic, sober and wise words will fall on deaf ears.

We cannot, beyond introducing this paper to the notice of our readers and commending it to their serious attention, undertake to review it in detail, as it is impossible to do justice to it in a newspaper article. We agree with those who say that British subjects here as well as in every other part of the Empire should do nothing to embarass the Government when their whole attention is directed to the prosecution of the most terrible war in history which is now devastating Europe and other parts of the world. But in all other countries, specially in the self-governing Colonies and India, the people, while they are actively helping the Imperial Government in men and money and are making great sacrifices on account of the war, are on the alert to make the Imperial authorities feel that at the end of the war they should be granted additional political privileges. Ceylon also has done her part well, according to her means, to help the British Government in the prosecution of the war and is willing and ready to render further help, if required. If she, however, remains quiet and shows herself satisfied with her present condition and status, Ceylon is sure to be left in the lurch, when India and other parts of the Empire will considerably gain politically at the end of the war. No Government has ever granted political concessions, unasked by the people interested in them. had remained quiet, the very valued privilege of her interests being represented by Indians in the Imperial War Cabinet by Indians in the Imperial would not have been granted to her.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

JAFFNA No IV (HINDU) TROOP-will have a Magic Lantern show at the Kanterodai Eng-lish Institute, commencing at 7 P. M. on Tuesday the 11th inst. Admission to public by tickets. Proceeds to go towards Hindu Scouts' Fund.

Scouts' Fund.

OLD Boys' Association, Jaffna Hindu College.—At the last meeting of the Managing Committee of this Association at which the Principal prosided, it was unanimously resolved to stage three plays at the College Hall, in aid of the College Laboratory Fund. The three plays selected by the Committee are "Harichandra Mayanakandam," "Meedchikandam," and "Markandeya Nadakem". The plays will be staged on the 21st April, 25 h April, and 28th April, 1917 respectively. The actors are mostly Old Boys of the College. Mesers, V Ramanathan, K Ramalin.

gam, V T Sambanéban, S Navaratoam, M Krishnasamy and T Ponniah whose proved talents as amateur actors need no words of commendation from us, will take part in the commendation from us, will take part in superformances. It is hoped that Old Boys and the present Boys of the College in particular, and the Hindu public in general, will avail themselves of this unique opportunity and render a signal service to this the National Institution of the Hindus of Ceylon.

PERSONAL.—Mr. S Sivagurunather, Asst. Editor, "Hindu Organ", who was away at Keerimalai for the last five months to recruit his health, has returned and resumed

—Dr. C Muttulumaru, the well known Ayurvedic Physican who went to Colombo to collect funds for the construction of the Suttumalai Amman Temple returned here on Sunday morning on an urgent professional as I and intends to return shortly to Colombo on his mission.

—Mr. E M Tampoe Philips, B. A., L. L. B., Barristor-at Law, Inner Temp e. London, who arrived in the Island about a month sgo, has decided to practise at the Madvas High Court and left on the 3rd instant by the Talaimanner train. Mr. Philips is a nephew of Mr. A C McG Tampoe, I. C. S., Acting Collector of Chittoor District.

—Mr. C M Chellappa, Foreman, Colombo Lake Development Scheme is spending his holidays among his friends and relations at Jaffna.

—Mr. S Swaminather, of the Audit Office, Colombo, has come to Jaffna for the holidaya and is staying at his residence at Aiyanar-kovilady.

—Mr. C Speldewinde is appointed to act as Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, in the Jaffna Survey Odlice, in the absence of Mr. C W F Manel, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, from the 23rd ultimo.

of Surveys, from the 23rd ultimo.

—Mr. Sampander Nata Raja who passed the recent Proctors' Final examination taking second place in the order of ment, is the eldest son of the late Mr. S. Sampander who was the Crown Proctor and J.P. U. P. M. of Anuradhapura and a brother-in-law of Mr. V. S. Kanalaspillai, merchant, Jaffna. Mr. Nata Rajah had a distinguished school career having been educated at St. Thomas' College and Jaffna Hindu College and from the later institution he passed the Senior Local Examination creditably, obtaining examption from the London Matriculation Examination from the London Matriculation Examination. He intends practising his profession at Anuradhapura where his late father commanded a very extensive and lucrative practice as a Proctor Mr. Nata Rajah has the hearty congratulations of his many friends, in Jaffma and Colombo.

and Colombo.

RESULTS OF THE LONDON COLLEGE OF PRECEFTORS EXAMINATION —Mr. S G Lee, M. A., the Senior Local Secretary of the London College of Preceptors in Coylon received the results of the L. C. P. Examination held at the National Academy in December, 1916. The successful candidates are:—Senior: N. Ramachandra, T. Nagaingam. Junior: K. Arunasalem, G. M. Lee, V. Arunugam, S. Somasekarampillai, S. Vadiveiu, T. Subramaniam, S. Vivakauandaraja, A. Rasiah, T. Appadurai, P. Vythingam, K. Karalasingam, H. T. Lyman, K. Devadurai, D. K. John. Preliminary: V. Tambiah, J. Sinnappah, A. Vallipuram, V. Amirthalingam, U. P. Tambiah, V. Nadarajah, K. Sinnadurai, V. Kandiah, N. Rajaratham, K. Soliadurai, M. E. Ratnasinghe, M. Kailasapillai, S. Ramalingam, and S. Sinnacouddy.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR, 1915.—Mr. M Sara-vanamuttu, the winner of the Inter-Science Scholarship of 1915 from S. Thomas College, will be leaving Coylon early in June. Mr. Saravanamuttu intends joining the Ministry.

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Matrimonial.—The marriage of Mr. S.
Ambikaipakor, son of the late Mr. S. Sapapathipilial and grand son of the late Mr. S. Sapapathipilial and grand son of the late Mr. S. Sinnatamby, Grown Proctor, of Vanuarponnal, with Miss Kandaiya, daughter of Mr. V. Kandaiya, Landed Proprietor of Udupiddy and a neice of Mrs. B. Baisingam, wife of Mr. Hon. Mr. K. Baiasingam, took place on Iriday night last, as the bride's residence. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family the function was not attended by any pempous demonstrations. Only the near friends and relations of the parties attended the function and were very hospitably entertained. We wish the newly married couple long life, happiness and prosperity.

Another marriage in the same family.

life, happiness and prosperity.

—Another marriage in the same family was solemnised according to Hindu rites at the same Subamuhurta, the contracting partics being Mr. S Supiramaniam, Clerk, Medical Department, Colombo, a grand-son of the late Mr. A Sionatamby, Crown Proctor, with Miss Karthikesu, daughter of Mr. A Karthikesu, Landed Proprietor, Rokavil, and a neice of Mr. C Rasansyaka Mudaliyar, Secretary, District Court, Jaffina A large number of friends and relations of the parties were present at the function and were sumptuously antertained. We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Supiramaniam and wish them a long and prosperous life.

The mariage of Mr. P Sinnatamby, brother of Mr. P Nagalugam, Clerk, Suprame Court, Kuala Lumpur, and of Mr. P Vairavanather,

Booking Clerk, F. M. S. Railways with Miss Valliammai Kandiah of Neervely was celebrated at the bride's residence on Wednesday the 28th untime in the Presence of a large number of friends and relations. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. S Poothathamby of Neervely. Our best wishes to the newly married couple.

SALE OF A WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS. Under instructions from the Administratrix of the estate of the late Mr. Joseph P Alvares, Mesers. F J Hills & Co., Auctioneers, Colombo put up for sale on the 3rd inst. at 4 30 P. M as a going concern, under conditions sanc-tioned by the District Court of Colombo, the business of Merchants carried on at Wolfend-hal, Colombo, and Jaffan under the name and style of Joseph & Co., including the goodwill style of Joseph & Co., Including the best, and thereof, the stock-in-trade, book debts, and assets of any description. The business was assets of any description. The business was bought by Mr. Marshall Alvares for Rs. 83. 382.05 Mr. G A Willie represented Mrs. Alvares the only bid.

NEWS FROM MR. R. AIVADURAL - Mc Richard Aiyadorai, who went to the Front in January last, writing to his brother Mr. H C Aiyadurai from "Somewhere in France," says that he met with an accident in the tiring line and had to enter hospital. He has since recovered and gone back to the

Was Loan for Ceylon—Two questions appear to be giving concern to a number of people. We are constantly asked (1) is there to be a war loan in Ceylon? (2) in the absence of any local loan could not Ceylon do something to support the Indian Loan? It is, then, with some considerable satisfaction that we are able to announce on official authority that the flotation of a war loan in Ceylon is imminent.—"Times."

Ceylon is imminent.—"Times."

PROTEST MEETING OF MADRAS ROMAN CATHOLICS.—The "Christian Patriot" of Madras writes that the meeting of Indian Roman Catholics to protest against the decision of the conference of Bishops at Bangalore took place on the 24th utime at the Pathalyapa's Hall. The attendance was large indicating how keenly the action of the Bishops was resented by a large section of that community. There was at the beginning of the meeting an uprorious and organized obstruction by a small minority. It is said that "a foreign Roman priest of portly dimensions" took a vigorous part in the tumuit. The few malcontents had to leave the half at the order of the chairman and the meeting proceeded. The speeches that were delivered were characterized by moderation and gave expression to the growing apprehension of Catholics at the interference of the Bishops in matters that are clearly beyond their province and their strong disapproval of their attempts to thwart the political and social development of their community. The "Christian Patriot" concludes:—"We have no doubt whatever that the timely protest of Indian Catholics and their appeal to the Vatican will restrain the ill-directed zeal of the ecclesiastics in this direction."

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OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to record the untimaly death of Mirs Nagalingam, wife of Mr P Nagalingam, Public Works Inspector, Kuala Pilah, nepl ew of Mr. K Sivapragasapillai, Notary Public, Vannarponnai, which sad event took place at her residence at Vannarponnai on Tuesday night last She was a young lady of amiable qualities and was very religious and charitable. She was the daughter of Mr. K Sampanther and grand-daughter of the late Mr. V. Vythistingam, Shroff. The funeral which took place the following day was largely attended. Our heartfelt condolence to the boreaved.

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Initiation.—Under the auspices of the Y. M. H. A (Tamil Section) an initiation ceremony was held in the Vydheswara Vidyalayam on Saturday the 7th instant. Arrangements were made to give initiation to about 50 people but as many of the cheroot factories resumed work on Saturday there were present only 30 cheroot-hands. Adankamural Chelliah Kurukksil officiated as priest and the Dheeksha was over by 1 p. M. A select choir enlivened the proceedings with Bajanai. At noon the young initiates were entertained at an Ekspanthi at the invitation of M. R. Ry. V. Arumugam, the popular merchant of the Grand Bazaar. A short address on Vegetarian ism was delivered by the Secretary Jiva Daya Section. In the evening a rousing address was delivered in Tamil by Mr. M. S. R. Singhe, n. A. to an audience of about 600 people. The learned speaker exhorted the people to co-operate with the Y. M. H. A. in putting down the evil practice of animal sacrifices in some Hindu bemples. Among those present were Messrs. V. Morukosu, Racord Keeper, Police Court Jaffna, S. Somasundaram of the Land Registry, S. T. Chittampalam, S. Nadarajah, T. Nagamuttu and K. Veluppillai.

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JAIL PREACHING.—Permission has been obtained for Mosers. M. S. R. Singhe, B. A., S. T. Chittampalam, and E. K. Sivasubramaoia Lyer, B. A. to hold religious classes for Hindu prisoners in the Jaffoa Jails every Sunday.—Cor.

SAIVA BOTHAM, PART II.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of the second part of Mr. Sivapathasum-daram's Saiva Botham. While the first part with its excellent preface by the Hon Mr. P. Ramanathan, is yet in our hands, the second part makes its appearance and takes us into the sublime truths of our religion, fascinating us with its simple but beautiful style. The author has attempted, what would seem an extraordinary task, in trying to compass within this small volume of a hundred and odd pages, the wide range of the leading dogmas set forth in the numerous Saiva Agamas and other commentaries of the Vedas. The author himself may not admit this statement since he is modest enough in his preface, to suggest to the reader a supplementary course in the shape of the life and works of the Saiva Saints. But to enter into the spirit of the latter, is may be quite necessary to have a certain amount of individual experience or realisation. Moreover, no Saivits will underrate the value of those sacred works. Apart from this, however, Mr. Sivapathasundaram's work may in itself, be considered as an elementary text book on the Saiva Religion. It is perhaps the first of its kind to be attempted in simple Tanni prose such that as could be easily understood by young and old. It is a stop in the right direction when such works are attempted in a style which is at once simple, chaste, and yet appealing to the mass. A special chapter on meat eating and its evils is found at the end of the book. This chapter has a modern touch in as much as the author makes use of the authorisative statements of some of the famous medical men of the West, in support of his views. On the whole the book is an excellent one and deserves to be real by one and al. The get up is artistic and the price is very moderate. The language is forcible and clerk, The book cannot but be of immense service and usefulness to the Hindu Public and it is certain to find a ready place in every Hindu home and serve as an admirable text-book on Saiva Sidchan

CEYLON AND THE WAR.

MAHA MUDALIYAR'S OFFER OF HIS SALARY.

ACCEPTED BY H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

The following correspondence has been laid on the Press Table at the Secretariat:—

Horagalla, Veyangoda, March 31st, 1917.

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March 31st, 1917.

Your Excellency.—Your stirring appeal at the opening of Council, led me to question myself more closely as to the obligations to help which this war imposes. Not that I had been allow or lax before. I did all I could. Happening to be in Europe when war was declared, I hastened to York House—that was long before any war funds were started in Ceylon—to give, on behalf of myself and my son, the utmost I then was able, to the "Frince of Wale's War fund," and since my return I have also supported the local funds. Still, Your Excellency's speech set me thinking deeper. Did my age and health permit I would gladly volunteer my personal service, and, if my means allowed it, I would as gladly help more in subscriptions. But I feel that, if I cannot myself serve, I can further help those who do, and that, if I cannot give, I can at least forego. I have resolved therefore to surrender my pay, for as long as the war may last, so that it might be appropriated in sid of the war in any way the Government shall deem beat. It is to ask Your Excellency's kind acceptance of this humble offer that I crave, and I trust it may receive your gracious approval and sanction. I may add that, but for the unfortunate circumstances of the last few weeks, I should have waited on Your Excellency for this purpose before:

Yours, obediently,
(Scd.) S. D. Bandaranams,

Yours, obediently, (Sgd.) S D. BANDARANAIRA, Maha Mudaliyar.

The Queen's House, Colombo, April 3rd, 1917.

Dear Maha Mudaliyar,—I desire to thank you for the generous offer contained in your letter to me dated March 31st, to hand over your salary for the duration of the war, to be appropriated for the purposes of the war at the discretion of the Government. I have much pleasure in accepting this offer and shall bring it to the notice of His Majesty's Government. I consider that the object to which the unemy can best be devoted is the Ceylon Disabled Men's Fund, and the Treasurer will be requested to pay it direct to the Fund in your name.

Yours very truly, (Sgd.) John Anderson; Governor.

THE NEW TAMIL MEMBER.

RECEPTION TO HON, MR. A. SAPAPATHY.

AT THE MASONIC HALL.

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A large gathering of Tamils resident in Colombe and members of the other communities assembled at the Masonic Hall, Galle Face, yesterday evening to welcome the Hon. Mr. A. Sapapathy, the new Tamil Member in the Legislative Council. As the guests began to arrive they were greeted by the Hon. Member after which they spent the time in social chit chat. Lightre-freshments were lavishly served. A string bandwas in attendance and discoursed a lively selection of music.

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During the course of the evening the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham, addressed Mr. Sapapathy. He said that he had been asked by Mr. Sapapathy's numerous friends assembled there to convey to him their hearty congratulations on the well-merited honour conferred on him. His election had been halled with great satisfaction in all quarters, not only in the Tamil Community, but even amongst other Communities who had not known him so well but had the opportunity of judging him by his work. It was realised that in use case the honour was conferred on one who had not risen to the position by justling, by intrigue or by pstronage or by other adventitious aids, but it had been conferred on him, owing to

the painstaking and laborious duties he had discharged on behalf of the public (hear, hear.) It was proved, not once nor twice in our rough Islands abory, the path of duty was the way to glory. By homself self-taught and by himself prompted, he had overcome every obstacle in the way and had workel for the public. During the last 25 years there had been no movement in Juffae, of which he had not been the life and soul, (hear, hear.) The incentive which his appointment had given to the younger generation was really very great. He regetted very very much that Mr. Donhorst who was to have said a few words in that occasion had left all of a sudden owing to an urgent call, and he repretted he was not quite ready to do justice to Mr. Sappathy's great merits, but it was not necessary to paint the lift and it was not necessary to paint the lift and it was not necessary to paint the lift and it was not necessary to paint the lift and it was not necessary to paint the lift and it was not necessary to constitute the many good qualities of Mr. Hapapathy. He would do no more man to heartily congratulate him and wish him a long and a presperous public life. (Applause.)

Mr. A. St. V. Jayawardene on behalf of those genthemen present who did not belong to the community of which Mr. Sapapathy was an ornament wished to add a few words. Mr. Sapapathy's nomination to the Tamil Seast put an efficit o a subject which had been the theme of many a dobate "Whether the pen is not nightier than the sword or tongue in this feland. With the Hon. Mr. Ram mathan, he was one of those who supported the construction of the northern railway. It is time of national emergency like the present the imports that his pen properly wielded was far more effective and far more useful than of the spedice) heard of these links had been established. When he callest opportunity to write and congratulate Mr. Sapapathy. Presistency and the persistency of the salved to few present the import of the proportunity in well of the congration of the other member of the

euseing with him such public questions that came before the Legislative Council of Ceylon (Applause.)

Mr. Sapapathy replying said.—Mr. Balasingham, Mr. Jayawardene and friends:—I could hardly find words adequately to thank you for the honour you have done me in attending this function in such large numbers and thus testifying to your appreciation of my nomination by His Excellency the Governor to the Tamil Stati in the Legislative Council in succession to the Hon. Sir Ambalawanar Kanagasabai. I consider it a great honour and a privilege to see here not only such a large gathering of gentlemen belonging to my own community but many representative and leading gentlemen of other Ceyloness communities. I am truly grateful to my friends the Hon. Mr. Balasingham and Mr. Jayawardene for the kind things said of me, although I feel that I do not fully deserves all the compliments paid to me. I know my defects better than others do. My friends have always set great value on my capacity and ability than I set upon them. On my nomination I received congravitatory telegrams and letters from all parts of the Island. India, the Siraits and the Federated Malay States, and the vest majority of them was from Tamils but there were also a few European and Burgher gentlemen who have also written to me congravitating me on my nomination. I was very much pleased to see certain leading Simhalese gentlemen who have also written to me congravitating me on my nomination. A popular representative in the Legislative Council is expected to be a ready debater and facile speaker, but I do not possess these qualities in an eminent degree. I have always avoided as much as possible public speaking as I never thought I would be called upon to fi' this responsible position as a Member of the Legislative Council. I have done some public service as has been said by my friend Mr. Balasingham. My friends who prevailed upon me much against my original intention to allow my name to be put forward as a candidate to the Tamil Seat in the Legislative Coun

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Representatives of the leading Chatties of Colombo called in and garlanded Hon. Mr. A. Sapapashy. A special song composed at the instance, oi Mr. A. Kannudurai Backus was sung by R. Minus wamy Natdu, an Indian Poet.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

London, April 2.

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The Prilish are now within sight of the spires St. Queedla, where the Gormans, after a month lexury and Reenee, have begun to look the uneums, picture galleries, etc. Part of the win is already ruined by fires and explosions, as strongth of the St. Queentin position can tength by the fact that it is defended by ten parata belts of wire and well protected from the ur. Three are numerous traces of the effectives of our guouers. One German graveyard

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M. Sir D. Haig says: We substantially produced an immorous points. We carried North-ward of Say the villages of Francisty Science and Holmon. We captured as field-and are now within two unless of St Quentime of St. Q

GERMANS ADMIT DEFEAT.

A wireless German official despatch says:—
Eighting has developed on the roads from Hapament to droiselles and Cambrai, also Westward of
the Quentin. Strong Franco-British forces gained
from dafter heavy lossos. The French progrested in the neighbourhoods of St. Regny and the
Dise-Aisne Canal.

MORE VILLAGES TAKEN.

London, April 8.

F. M. Sir D. Haig says:—In the course of yes-cays attack South East of Arras we carried e value of Honin sur-Copul. Artillery broke a see and counter attack. Further South we counce Maissemy and occupied Konssoy Wood-tectus, aetroplance were brought down and of driven down damaged. Six of ours are

THE FRENCH FRONT.

London, April 2.

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London, April 8.

London, April 3.

French communique says:—Between the time and the Otse Artillery fire was especially into or the sector of Casures Contescourt. In of Atlette we advanced in the region of directors.

A French communique reports intermittent railiery work from the Somme to the Aisne, here were paired encounters North and South alieste. We captured six machine guns in the glom of Yauxailion yesterday. The Artillery regule containes fairly violently in Batte dute and admissions de Champage region. Our moutead a German attempt on a trench in the cotor of Soppois-le-Haut in Alasoe.

FRENCH MACEDONIAN HOSPITALS BOMBARDED.

London, April 2.

French Macedonian communique says:—
of avistors shelled the hospital at Eksison,
in the fifth time within a month. The enesecreted the Army Medical establishments,
insteading conspicuous Red Crosses. The
us include twenty Bulgar soldiers.

THE RUSSIAN FRONTS.

London, April 2.

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reless Russian official despatch says:—We do a Parkiah offonsive in the direction of tam. We occupied Miatague, Poitabu and le at the direction of Kanykin. The renest towards Kust Chirio continues.

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AVIATORS' ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

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London, April 3.
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THE NEW RUSSIA.

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IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

red,—Government has ordered the re-Petrograd of all personages detained ex-Tear at Tarrièneselo. The Grand Macie Pavlova and a number of her the Grand Dake Boris have been ar-te supposed in connection with a plot to the Grand Duke Nicholas Czar.

"Coased Housezolderns" Denounced.

Petrograd,—Military deconstrations in favour of the Repealle continue. A Reserve Cavalry regiment with all its chicers rode to the Duma carrying a business information of the Cavalry Regimens of Republican Guard". Addressing another domonstration outside she Duma the Depaty, M. Neouselfi, who is also President of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers" Delagates, said;—"The most codoubtable sacrines of librity was the Kaiser and Herr von Bethmann Hollweg. We cannot shake hands with the Garnau people until they rid themselves of the cursed Hohensolderns."

London, April 3.

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The Times' correspondent at Russian Hear, quarters says it has been decided to form a War Cabinot of seven on the English, and French models and ewapingly reorgazate the Army high command. A shorphy reconounced anti-German deep refers with reserve to the actual state of efficiency of the Army at the moment. It transpires that General Alexieft had great difficulty at the time of the levelation in dissuading the Tarton ordering troops from the front with the object of re-establishing the ex-Government's authority.

Bulgarian Delign.

Amsterdam.—M. Radoelavoli, in the Sobranje, like Herr von Beitmann Hollweg and Czerin [2] showed allected and ostortations of high ta the Russian royolusion as conducing to the ancient friendship of the Russians and Bulgarians.

Deputation from the Russians and Bulgarians.

DESCRIPTION FROM THE TROOPS.

Petrograd.—All the munders of the dynasty acked leave of General. Headquarters to come to Petrograd. The troops at Headquarters are conding a deputation to greet the Duma.

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General Alexins has been confirmed as Commander in Chief.
General Brushoff, Commander of the Southern Army, has telegraphed M. Gutchkoff that the Army is ready.

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London, April 2

IN EGYPT.

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Egypt (Official).—A further description of the Gaza operation shows that Wadi was occupied without resistance. In order to compel the enemy to fight General Dobell decided to attempt to capture Gaza by a cong de main. The first line was captured on the 26th and 700 taken prisoner. The German Communder moved up three columns which our mounted troops delayed. Owing to fee and lack of water the operation was not completed. We took up a defensive position Southward of Gaza. We heavily repulsed a Turkish attack on the 27th and withdrew the infantry to Wadiguezze on the 28th, remaining in occupation thereof. The ensury's casualties are estimated at 8,000. We took prisoner 950. Our killed are under 400. Small parties of British, under 200, believed to have penetrated to Gaza, are cut off and missing.

PEACE TALK.

London, April 1.

Amsterdam.—The German Press with one inspendence of impending German effensives against Petrograd and Besau at it, and says these are inspired by Reitsin. The Bavarian Press has now joined the Prace chorus, declaring Austro-Germany is ready so onter any practicable way leading to an honourable Peace.

GERMAN WAR BABLES' SERIOUS

GERMAN WAR RABIES SERIOUS PROBLEM,

London, April 2.

War babies are becoming a serious problem in
Germany, 360,000 are already supported by the
State. NEW GERMAN GUNS.

London, April 2.

The Germans are using a new field gun, outranging its predecessors by two thousand yards.

They are also employing light guns drawn by a
pair of horses.

THE U. S. A. AND GERMANY.

Washington.—President Wilson asked Congress to declare that a state of War exists between the United States and Germany. He said that War including libers I manering. He urged the raising of an army of half-a-million. On the conclusion of President Wilson's speech Congress adjourned tell April 3rd wishout tasking action.

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AID FOR THE ALLIES.

London, April 4.

President Wilson, referring to the United States' intentions in regard to co operation with the Allies, and it was necessary to organice and mobilise all material resources to supply War materials, to serve the national needs in the most abundant yet most economical and ellicient way possible and to provide immediats and full equipment for the Navy, especially for dealing with enemy submarices. Freaident Wilson thought that the now Army should be raised by conneciption, also that authorisation be given for the subsequent additional increment of half-a-million men as necessary. He suggested the proposed principle governing the raising of money. He said the United States should endeavour to keep the nations in the field supplied with materials. He continued:—We are not quarrelling with the German people. We feel sympathy and friendship towards them. It was not with their impulse, knowledge or approval that their Government acted in entering on a War that was determined, like War in olden days, when the relors in nowing conculted the peoples and waged War in the interests of dynasties or little groups of ambitious men, accustomed to use their fellow men as pawas and tools.

POPULAR EXCITEMENT.

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London, April 2.

Washington,—Congress has met to face the most serious international critis since the Civil War. The Hoase of Representatives forthwith proclaimed its democratic fervour by re-electing Mr. Clark as Spesker. The city is overflowing with patriotic sentiment. Flags are floating from all windows. Men and women are wearing the national colours. Children are darrying flags to school. It is noderstood that Precident Wilson's Address to Congress may lead the Foreign Governments to assume that it so closely approximates to the recognition of a state of War as to

necessitate the issuing of Neutrality Proclama tions, Mr. Flood, Chairman of Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives has prepared a resolution, declaring that a state of War exists between the United States and Germany. The passage of thus would authorise the President to carry on War.

SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT.

London, April 3.

Washington.—The Chaplain, in opening the House of Representatives, addressed the House on she diplomacy of appeals when reason failed. We abhor War, buth forced upon us every American world-uphoid the President in safegarding American inheritance. An unprecedent incident occurred when Miss Barkin, the first woman memoer of Congress, blushingly responded to the roll call and received an evasion.

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TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION.

Washington.—The text of Mr. Flood's resolution was:—'Whoreas the recent course of the Imperial German Government is in fact nothing less than War against and Government and prople of the United States, at is resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled that a state of belligerous between the United States and the Imperial German Government, which was thus been assured upon the United States, is hereby formally declared, and that the President be and hereby is austronised to take sleps, not only to put also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to carry on the War against the Imperial German Government and bring the conflict to a successful termination.'

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Washington.—President Wilson began his speech to Congress with a review of the development of German submarinism, and dealt lengthly with the ruthlessness of recent measures. "The present German warfare against commerce is warfare against markind. The challenge is to all nations, and in making the choice of action our mostive is not revenge and the victorious assertion of physical might, but only the vindication of the human right of which we are only a single champion. Germany has intimated that armed guards on ships are subject to be treated as pirates. Armed neutrality in face of such pretensions is worse than ineffectual. We are incapable of choosing the path of submission, and suffering that the most sacred national rights be violated and ignorned. In unhesitating obedience of what I deem my constitutional duty I advise Congress to declare the recent course of the Imperial German Government to be in fact nothing less than War against the Government and people of the United States, and that it formally accept the status of a belignment to the Imperial German Government throat upon it, and take immediate steps not only to put the country into a more thorough state of defence, but also exert all power to employ its resources to bring Germany to terms and end the War."

Sympathy with the Germans.

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"We had no selfan ends to serve and did not desire territorial aggrandisement and indemnities, but were making sacrifices freely as the champion of the rights of mankind and would be satisfied only when these were secured." Dr. Wilson postponed discussion on the relations with Vicona, indicating he was not at present righting Austria Hougary. "America possessed no enmity towards the German people and was not seeking their injury or disadvantage, but was in armed opposition to irresponsible Government devoid of the considerations of humanity and right which was running amok. America would have opportunities to prove triendship towards the millions of Gorman birth and sympathy living in America. "We would be proud to prove this to all German-Americans if they stood with us. Disloyalty, however, will be fittinly suppressed. Outbreaks might occur, but they would be local and not countenanced except by a lawless and malignant fow." Dr. Wilson concludes: "The necessity of thus addressing the Congress is a distressing and oppressive duty. It may be there are many months of fiery trial and secrifice shead. It is a foarful thing to lead this great and peaceful people into the most terrible and disastrous of all Wars. Civilisation itself seems in the balance but right is more precious than peace. In fighting we dedicate our lives and possessions with pride. We are privileged to spond blood and might for principles shat gave America birth, happiness and peace, which she treasured. God helping her, she can do no other."

WELCOME TO RUSSIA.

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Welcome to Russia.

Mr. Wilson sarcastically said that self-governed nations would not fill neighbour bustes with spices or sameh intrigue to bring about a critical posture of affairs which gave an opportunity to strike and make a conquest. Cunningly contrived plans of decoption or impression carried from generation to generation were only workable when kept from light and within the privacy of the courts or behind the carefully guarded confidences of a narrow privileged class. The President in the course of a powerful argument in support of recognition of democratic rights glowingly referred to the Russian revolution and greeted the new regime as a fit partner for the league of honour. The Russian people in all their naive majesty had now been added to the forces fighting for freedom, justice and pasce. It had been proved in the courts of justice that intrigues were coming perilously new disturbing peacs, and the dislocation of industries had been carried out at the instigation and with the support and personal direction of German officials, proving Germany proposed aggression at its convenience. The interception of the Note to the German Minister in Mexico was cloquent testimony to its evil designs. "We are accepting this challenge knowing such Government will never be a friend but a menace to the security of all democratics. We are accepting this challenge knowing such Government will never be a friend but a menace to the security of all democratics. We are accepting this challenge knowing such Government will never be a friend but a menace to the security of all democratics. We are accepting this challenge knowing such Government will never be a friend but a menace to the security of all democratics. We are accepting this challenge is the total to nullify its pretentions."

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The following is the text of the passage of Dr. Wilson's speech regarding co-operation with the Allies:—"This will involve the utmost practicable co-operation in Council with the Governments warring with Germany, and as an incident thereto the exposion to those Governments of most liberal floancial credits in order that our resources my as far possible be added to theirs. This will involve the organisation and mobilisation of all

material and resources in the country to supply War materials to serve the incidental needs of the nades in the most serve the full equipment of the Navy in all mediately the full equipment of the Navy in all mediately the full equipment of the Navy in all mediates. It will involve an immediate addition marines. It will involve an immediate addition to the principle of universal liability for service, and the principle of universal liability for service, and also authorisation of a subsequent additional increment of an equal force as soon as needed and they can be trained. It will involve also and they can be trained after they can equitably be sustained by well conceived taxation in order to avoid as far as possible serious hardships and inflation likely to arise irom vast loans. In carrying out these measures we should keep containing an order to avoid as far as possible with the daty of supplying the national ready warring with Germany with materials they can obtain only from us or by our senistance. They are in the field. We should help them in every way to be effective there."

ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS

In the Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Ambassador at Washington had telegraphed that he expected Congress to give Freadent Wilson authority to declare War (cheers.)

GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN U. S. A.

New York.—A number of Germans including Northest, retired German Naval Captain and Superintendent of the chemical factory at Hoboken, have been convicted of consultacy to destroy steamers with incendiary bumbs.

THE EGYPTIAN OPERATIONS.

London, April 2,
In the Commons Mr. Bonar Law said that in
the recent battle at Ghada the total British
killed were under 400. The enemy casualties
were 8,000.

FRING CORPS CASUALTIES.

London, April 3.

The official week-end casualty lists include the names of 44 officers of the Flying Corps.

ALLIED AERIAL LOSSES.

The Times states that last month's aeroplans losses on the Western Front are: British 58, French according to German reports, 71, and German 133. THE KAISER OUT OF IT.

London, April 3,
Paris.—The French Press is increasingly urging
that the best method to strengthen and Hohenzollernism and to assist the German Peace nevement is for the Allies to declare they will not
negotiate with the Kaiser.

EMPLOYING CYMPA

EMPLOYING CIVILIAN WAR PRISONERS IN BRITAIN.

London, April 3,

The Press Bureau reported that arrangements have been made to license on pasole elected civilian War prisoners for employment in escential industries in the employers' premises not connected with War operations, at the ordinary rate of wages. They must report themselves twice a week to the Police.

MUNITION WORKERS TO BE BELEASED.

London, April 3.

The Press Bureau states that Mr. Henderson, presiding at the Conference of the Trade Card Beherne, stated that in view of the Army's need it would be necessary to release a large number of munition workers and foreshadowed a new system by which the indispensables would not be disturbed.

-The Coylon Observer.

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