

M O R N I N G B U L L E T I N

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EMPIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Burma's Loyalty Picturesque Buddhist Rites.

The Chiefs of the Karenni States and also the Karenni Elders - The Karens are the second race in Burma - have asked that their loyal sentiments shall be conveyed to His Majesty.

A large number of political, religious, social and industrial associations in Burma have passed resolutions expressing loyalty to the Crown and promising all support to the British cause. They include Burma Muslims, Buddhists, Memons, Sikhs, Indians, Nepalis, and Anglo-Burmans. His Majesty's warm appreciation has been conveyed to them all.

One picturesque message to the Governor of Burma is from the Head of the Maha Sangas Council in Mandalay. It reads:

"I and ninety-nine Sayadaws (head-monks) of the Council wish to express our loyalty to His Majesty King George VI, who is ruler of the British Empire, Dominions and the Indian Empire. So that the British Empire may be free from danger and be in peace, we made offerings in various forms on the 3rd, 4th and 5th September, in accordance with Buddhist rites before ninety-nine images of Buddha, and distributed charity by feeding ninety-nine Sayadaws, and by presenting one set of yellow robes to each of the Sayadaws. By reciting selected verses from our Buddhist Scriptures we prayed for the long life and prosperity of His Majesty King George VI, Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family. I request that Your Excellency may be pleased to convey to His Majesty the King in England this message of our loyalty."

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Profiteering in India.

A severe warning against profiteering has been issued by the Government of India. It states that in August, 1914, large quantities of food grains were bought by speculators in the hope of realising large profits by their exploitation. This action so forced up market prices in India as to cause much distress.

The Government of India will not tolerate a repetition and they add to the warning that they have in contemplation control plans which "will tend to make attempts at profiteering not merely vain, but actually detrimental to those who make them".

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Indian Interests in Germany.

Indian interests in Germany will, for the time being, be looked after by the authorities of the United States of America, according to a Government of India announcement. The post of the Indian Trade Commissioner at Hamburg has been temporarily abolished.

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The Khan of Kalat.

His Highness the Khan of Kalat, on behalf of himself and his Sardars (nobles), expressing sincere loyalty and allegiance, states that they are prepared, in accordance with past traditions, to render loyal service and place all resources at the disposal of His Majesty's Government. Kalat is in British Baluchistan and His Majesty's thanks have been conveyed to the ruler.

Jerusalem Bandit Murder.

Mr. E.J. Lewis, Superintendent of the Animal Hospital at Jerusalem and his Arab orderly were murdered by bandits who fired on their car near a village outside Jerusalem yesterday.

The two men were on one of their regular rounds to treat sick animals in Arab villages. Police and military followed a trail with dogs and came on some of the bandits; they opened fire and, it is believed, inflicted casualties. A villager tracked by the dogs was arrested.

Ranee of Perempuaa Dead

The High commissioner for the Malay States regrets to report that the Ranee of Perempuaa, wife of the Sultan of Perak, died yesterday morning.

Admiral Osumi, I.J.N., who was with General Terauchi on a mission to Italy and who was to attend the Nürnberg Rally, has arrived in London with his staff.

General Terauchi proceeded to Berlin and visited the Polish Front, and is now proceeding home via Siberia.

Admiral Osumi arrived from Italy at Liverpool in the "Hakone Maru". He was going straight home to Japan via America without landing, but changed his mind and is now making a private visit to London, and leaves on Friday. for Japan.