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On Oct. 22nd, Hongkong's "bit" towards the Prince of Wales Fund amounted to \$124,519.48.

Capt. Eades, formerly of the Eastern Shipping Coy., joined the first Australian contingent for the front. (P.G.)

Two hundred and fifty American troops have been transferred from the Philippines to Tientsin to relieve the guard there.

H. S. Kirwan is now offering facilities to would-be recruits to learn as much as possible about horses and riding, which is a very desirable accomplishment in war time.


The heavy rains of the last few days have caused a big flood at Kuala Kubu, the water reaching record limits. One man has been drowned and much damage is reported. (M.M.)

Mr S. E. Dickson, of Simpang Estate, is leaving in a few days to take up the managership of Braemar Estate, Kajang. Mr Dickson is a keen volunteer and footballer. On Saturday last he was elected captain of the football team, and his departure will be a distinct loss to Perak.


The Chinese coolie who was convicted about a week ago of the theft of sand from a tongkang at Tangjong Pagar, the sand being the property of Messrs Topham Jones and Railton, was sentenced in the third court, on Saturday morning, to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

The Hylam coolie who pleaded guilty in






the third court, on Tuesday last, to theft as a servant of two singlets and a dozen handkerchiefs, the property of his employers, Messrs Robinson & Company, was brought up for sentence on Saturday. Mr Da Silva, on his behalf, pleaded for leniency, there being no previous convictions recorded against him. The accused was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.



For F. M. S. fishermen the year 1913 appears to have been a fairly prosperous one, and catches were, on the whole, above the average. During the year 41,734 pikuls of fresh fish were despatched from Port Swettenham and 22,441 from Teluk Anson against 32,799 and 16,775 in 1912, while the total quantity passing over the F.M.S. railway system, excluding the Kuala Selangor and Port Dickson branches for which no statistics are available, was 86,031 pikuls against 74,532 pikuls in 1912.



The two battleships which were under construction in this country for Turkey, and which the Admiralty commandeered on the outbreak of war, have now been completed and passed into service. The "Agincourt" (ex "Sultan Osman I.," ex "Rio de Janeiro"), was commissioned at Newcastle with a Portsmouth crew on August 7, Captain D. R. L. Nicholson taking command, while the other, renamed "Erin" (ex "Reshadieh"), was in nothing like so forward a condition. Messrs Vickers, however, put every available man on, finishing her, and she was commissioned at Barrow with a crew from Devonport on August 22, under the command of Captain the Hon. V. A. Stanley. Their combined broadsides are superior to those of any three German battleships. The best of the latter, those of the "Kaiser" class, fire ten 12 inch guns (8,600 lb. of metal) on the beam, giving a broadside of 25,800 lb. for three of the type. The "Erin," with ten improved 13.5-inch, has a broadside of 14,000 lb., and the "Agincourt," with fourteen 12-inch, 11,900., making 25,900 lb. of metal for the two ships. (Ex.)

