

THE Admiralty Order in Council 1910 came into force on April 1, and the Rules are now pasted on the board at H. M. Supreme Court.

THE "Japan Daily Mail" reports that two rats have been found at Nagasaki showing plague bacilli on dissection. There is naturally some excitement.

THE 2nd Battalion Somersetshire Light Infantry, which went to Malta in 1908, has been ordered to Tientsin, where it will relieve the 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

THE "Peking and Tientsin Times" reports that Mr. C. W. Campbell, C.M.G., who has been Chinese Secretary at Peking for so many years, has resigned from the Consular Service.

Mr. Robert Morrison, who was a member of the special missions in China in 1857-58, and a son of the founder of Protestant Missions in China, died at Newbury on March 16.

THE Directors of Messrs. Llewellyn & Co., Ltd., at a recent meeting decided to recommend a dividend of \$6 per share, amounting to ten per cent for the year ended December 31, 1910.

PRINCE Teai Chên, the Envoy of China to the Coronation, will be accommodated at the Alexandra Hotel, where a suite of rooms has been secured for him by the British Government.

ABSTENTION from the use of milk, cheese and butter by the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans is held by Professor A. Henry, probably to account for the absence among them of zymotic diseases.

THE annual conferences of prefectural governors and superintendents of police will be held in Tokio during April. An important feature of the police conference will be a discussion of measures to control socialists and advertisements.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd, courteously inform us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending March 25, 1911, amounted to 28,972.48 tons, and the sales during the period to 30,175 57 tons.

A CORRESPONDENT, who has recently arrived at Wankhsien, Szechuan, writes that all along the banks of the Yangtze River from Hankow to Chungking, the hills, which formerly were covered with the poppy plant, are now cultivated with broad beans and wheat.

THE United States transport Buford returned from Nanking on Wednesday after discharging the supplies brought for distribution in the famine-stricken districts. She leaves for Nagasaki at 3 p.m. to-day, and after coaling will proceed direct to San Francisco.

AMONGST the passengers by the Kobe Maru for Europe were Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Ransom. Dr. Ransom, who has been United States Public Health Officer at Shanghai for some years, will be away from Shanghai for nine months. Dr. F. M. Neild took over the duties of that officer on Saturday.

OWING to the retirement of Inspector G. Matheson from the Municipal police, Inspector J. McGregor has been trans-

ferred from Bubbling Well Station to the Central Station, and Sub-Inspector G. W. Morrison from Harbin Road Station to Bubbling Well Station. Sergt. Macdonald has been placed in charge of Harbin Road Station.

AT the German Consular Court on Thursday morning, before Mr. B. v. Hahn, Vice-Consul, M. Scheinemann was charged with having removed several cases of beer from the Wiener Cafe, Broadway, while the said premises were sealed under orders from the Mixed Court.—The accused was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

THE Custom House rates of exchange for April are as follows:—

£1	@2s/4 ¹ / ₈	£1=Hk. Tls. 7.48
Francs @303 ¹ / ₂	Hk. Tls. 1=Francs 3.38	
Marks @245	" 1=Marks 2.73	
Gold \$ @58 ³ / ₈	Gold \$ 1=Hk. Tls. 1.54	
Yen @84 ⁷ / ₈	Hk. Tls. 1=Yen 1.31	
Rupees @15	" 1=Rupees 2.01	
Mex. \$ @1.50	" 1=Mex. \$ 1.50	

AT the Russian Consular Court on Tuesday morning, before Mr. W. Bratzow, Vice-Consul, the hearing was resumed of the charge against F. Masbousky, of No. 38 Yuhang Road, of having sold intoxicating liquors on his unlicensed premises during the month of February, in contravention of Municipal By-law No. XXXIV. His Honour ordered that the premises be closed up from to-day's date.

OUR Hongkong correspondent writes:—The combined wisdom of the Licensing Board and the Legislative Council has at length solved the barmaid question, by inserting in the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, which passed through all its stages at the Council meeting on Thursday, March 23, a clause prohibiting any woman, whether belonging to the licensee's family or not, from serving in any capacity in a bar-room or in a room opening out of a bar.

THE decision in the action for alleged infringement of copyright, heard at the Mixed Court on Friday between the Commercial Press (a Chinese Printing Co.) and Messrs. Ginn & Co., American Publishing House, represented by Mr. Edward Evans, was not given on Tuesday, as announced. Magistrate Pao and Mr. J. P. Jameson, American Assessor, before whom the case was tried, have decided to give a verdict next Tuesday afternoon.

WONG DAU SZ, who was arrested on a warrant, was charged at the Mixed Court on Tuesday with cruelly ill-treating a slave girl, named Ching Du, by pricking her with hot opium pipe cleaners on various parts of the body, and also burning her with incense sticks, on various dates during the last five months, in a house, No. 98 Burkill Road. On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector Craig, a remand was granted, the officer stating that the accused was concerned in a case that had been before the British Assessor.

MESSRS. Macmillan & Co., Ltd., for some time past have been issuing educational publications in Chinese which are adapted in form and subject matter to the requirements of Chinese Government Colleges and Anglo-Chinese Schools and Colleges. Two more

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

H.M.S. Bramble arrived here on the 31st ultimo.

The German gunboat Iltis arrived here on the 5th instant.

The U. S. gunboat Villalobos left Shanghai on the 6th instant.

MAJOR Lecky has been appointed to command the Army Service Corps in China.

THE Mixed Court was closed on Thursday owing to the celebrations in connexion with the Tsung Ming Festival.

EIGHTY children left Shanghai on Saturday by the Staatssekretar Kraetke for the China Inland Mission School at Chefoo.

THE C.N.S. Pekin, from Ningpo, on Sunday, reports: "S. E. Knoll Buoy is not working. It shows a fixed light instead of a second flash."

of these useful little books have just been received from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh; "A Book of Golden Deeds" by Charlotte M. Yonge, translated by Dr. P. D. Bergen, and "A Health Reader" by C. E. Shelly, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., and E. Stenhouse, B. Sc. Such books only require to be known in order to be extensively used.

WE regret to learn that a telegram was received here on Monday afternoon announcing the death of Lady Sassoon, the wife of Sir Jacob Sassoon, the senior partner in the firm of E. D. Sassoon & Co. The deceased lady, who had been suffering for some time from chronic rheumatism, died at Poons. Sir Jacob was not with her, having been called to Europe on business. Lady Sassoon was related to Mr. Edward Nissim, one of the partners of E. D. Sassoon & Co., Shanghai. She was held in great esteem for her kind and charitable disposition and her death, at a comparatively early age, will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

A SENSATION has been produced in Russia by the solemn warning which Admiral Skrydloff has just issued to the Russian nation, foretelling speedy war with Turkey and an ensuing revolution, accompanied by more utter ruin than the worst disorders that followed the Manchurian campaign. Admiral Skrydloff has been twice Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet, and once before he appeared in the character of prophet, predicting the calamitous consequences of Russia's state of unpreparedness in the Far East before the war with Japan.

A NATIVE barber was charged at the Mixed Court on Tuesday with the larceny of a cotton bed cover, value \$3, from the verandah in the Mixed Court compound at twelve noon, on March 29. P. C. Macgillivray stated that the accused was found in the Mixed Court compound the previous day, and he was identified as having been on the premises the week before, when the property was stolen from Magistrate Sun's quarters. The accused stated that he only came to the Court to look on at the proceedings. Magistrate Sun, who presided, committed him to prison for nine months.

FROM the March number of "China's Millions," the monthly organ of the China Inland Mission, we learn that during the year 1910 fifty new missionaries were added to the Mission. Of these twenty-nine were from Great Britain, six from North America, two from Australasia, seven from Germany, four from Sweden and one from Norway, whilst one was accepted in China. Besides these, three former workers were, during the year, readmitted to the Mission. After deducting losses by death, and retirements from failure of health, family and other causes, the total number of members and associates of the mission at the end of the year was 968.

THE first edition of the amalgamated catalogue of Shanghai stores (spring and summer number) has just been published by W. Harvey's **advertising agency**. This book, which it is purposed

to publish twice yearly, contains a very comprehensive list of the goods and prices for sale at the leading stores in the Settlement. It also contains a road guide, and each store, hotel and other business house advertised within its pages, is carefully indexed, so that readers can at a glance find their way to a particular place to make a purchase.

It is a very handy publication and to people in the outports especially, it should be of great service.

At the United States Consular Court on Saturday, before Mr. J. P. Jameson, Vice-Consul, acting judicially, Carl Gunther was charged with assaulting a Chinese police constable while he was on duty in plain clothes, by striking him over the left eye with his fist and on the back of the head with a stone, thereby causing him grievous bodily harm, on Miller and Fearon Roads, on the 31st ultimo, at midnight. Dr. F. E. Hinkley, District Attorney, prosecuted. The constable gave evidence that the accused was drunk at the time. The accused was sentenced to fifteen days' imprisonment for the assault. He was also fined \$10 gold, for contempt of Court in neglecting to claim American citizenship when previously charged.

KAO WOO-SZE, an amah, was charged last Friday at the Mixed Court, with receiving a quantity of clothing valued at \$1,000, well knowing the same to have been stolen. The offence was alleged to have been committed about March 28, 1911.

Det. Sub-Inspector Roche stated that the goods had been stolen from a house in Socchow. One of the men concerned in the theft had been arrested by the native Police and had made a statement to the effect that the accused had received the property. The witness had searched the house of the accused, but he found nothing and the woman denied all knowledge of the goods.

A convict from Paoshan gave evidence of the accused having received the goods and she was released on security of \$1,000.

OUR Tengchowfu, Shantung, correspondent writes on March 31:— Fortunately there are no plague notes to report. The last known case in this city was on the fourteenth of the first moon. The near country also seems free. There is still an inspection station on the beach for all passengers landing at this port. Very few boats are running, however.

A fatal epidemic of scarlet fever is carrying off many children in this city and country districts.

Our news is of little interest. The arrival of a new district magistrate; a fall in the high price of corn; a street scene belonging to past years, two prisoners clanking their heavy iron chains which link them together as they march to their cells; the farmers beginning to prepare the ground for their Spring crops—these are some of the changes we note in the daily routine.

At the Mixed Court last Friday morning, before Mr. Sun (Magistrate) and Mr. Handley Derry (British Assessor),

Wong Ah-ching, proprietor of the Gordon Road Dairy, was charged with selling adulterated milk. Sergt. Mackenzie stated that on account of the very poor quality of the milk that had been supplied by the defendant to the sergeants' mess at Louza Police Station, a sample of the milk as delivered in a sealed bottle was sent by the Inspector-in-charge to the Health Officer for analysis. The Health Officer's report showed that this sample bottle of milk contained 29 per cent of added water, and also some foreign matter which resembled curd. Mr. Charles Hill, of the Health Department, stated that the accused had been convicted twice last year for similar offences. The accused was fined \$100, and the Magistrate warned him that if convicted again, his licence would be taken away and his dairy closed up.

THE Report for the year 1910 of the Shanghai (Chinese) Young Women's Christian Association is an inspiring record of what has been accomplished during the past year by this useful organization. The work has been done principally among three classes of women; first, the young women and girls in the non-Christian schools; second, the educated women, many of whom have studied in mission schools and are church members; and third, the women of the upper classes. The gain in members for the past year has been eighty-five, fifty-one active and thirty-four associate. An even larger gain has been made in the financial direction, the greater part of the contributions coming from the Chinese themselves. If these appreciate the work sufficiently to support it, we can feel assured that it will be a permanent institution among them and that it is meeting real needs. The total amount received during the year was \$2,125.53 and there was a balance in hand on December 31 of \$9.55. The proposed building fund amounts to \$3,176.53.

WONG CHING-CHING, unemployed was charged at the Mixed Court on Monday with being concerned with others not in custody, in breaking into and entering the premises, 1 Yunnan Road, between ten p.m. on April 1 and five a.m. on April 2, and stealing silk and articles of clothing to the value of \$2360. The accused was also charged with a broker named Sung Pau-zung with being concerned together, and with two others not in custody, in conspiring to sell and receive the silk.

Det. Sub-Inspector Roche stated that Ching was arrested in the ricksha with some of the silk in his possession by C.C. 681. On being taken to the station the accused made a statement to the effect that he was going to take the silk to the house of Zung. This was very likely, added the officer, as Zung could easily dispose of the property.

Inspector Chilver stated that fifteen packages of the silk had been brought to West Hongkew Police Station, and it appeared that on Sunday a coolie had taken them to a broker's house during the broker's absence at Wasieh. The coolie could not be

traced and the broker sent the goods on to the station.

Ching was remanded in custody, but Zung, for whom Mr. W. S. Fleming appeared, was released on security.

CHINESE AT THE CORONATION.

A telegram from Peking, was received by the authorities of the Kiangnan Arsenal on Wednesday, giving orders that the Chinese cruiser Haichi is to be made ready to go, under command of Admiral Ching, to take part in the festivities of the Coronation of King George. The Haichi will start as soon as she has been commissioned.

Prince Tsai Chên, son of Prince Ching, who represents the Emperor will go via Siberia.

SHANGHAI OIL CO., LD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Shanghai Oil Co., Ltd., was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Company's offices, 22 Yuenmingyuen Road.

Mr. Browett, who occupied the chair, stated that they were called together to confirm the resolution referring to the issue of accumulative preference shares, which was presented to the meeting on March 22. The resolution, which he moved should be confirmed, was to the effect that the capital of the Company be increased by the creation of 4,800 shares of Tls. 25 each, to be called preference shares.

Mr. J. H. Osborne seconded the confirmation of the resolution and the proceedings terminated.

A FISH STORY.

On the 20th instant a queer-shaped sea monster, about eighteen feet in length, was sighted by some fishermen off Haneda, in Tokio Bay. The "Japan Times" states that, as the creature made no effort to evade the boats as they approached, the fishermen attacked the stranger with their oars, and managed to drag the weakened monster into one of the boats and returned to their quarters at Haneda with the trophy. In shape the creature looks like a tai fish. It is eighteen feet in length, has a breadth of twelve feet, and two long fins measuring five feet each. The monster weighed over 1,600lb. and the oldest fisherman of the place declares that he never before saw a fish of the kind. The opinion was advanced by some that the fish was a malformed sun-fish, but according to Dr. Kishigami, who is a great authority, even the biggest sun-fish rarely reaches over six feet in length. At any rate the fish is not a native of the waters of Tokio Bay.

THE HONGKONG TIGER.

It may be recalled that some little time ago a report was in circulation that a tiger was at large in Hongkong. In this connexion the following extract from the "Hongkong Daily Press" of April 1 is of interest:—

The unknown animal, believed to be a tiger, which carried off some cattle at Repulse Bay recently, has again left indications of a visit which he recently paid to Shek O, which is about six miles from Shaukiwan. On the night of March 27 the Indian constable station-

ed at this village missed a goat, but did not report the matter. On the morning of the 30th a farmer complained at the Police Station that during the previous night one of his cows had been mauled by a wild beast. Inspector Gourlay visited the village and saw the cow, which weighed about 155 cattie. It had four distinct tooth marks on the head, four on the middle of the neck, four on the shoulder and four on the hind legs. The animal was badly lacerated, and judging by the space separating the teeth marks its assailant must have been a very large beast.

FIRE AT KIOTO.

At 3.30 yesterday morning, says "Japan Chronicle" of March 31, fire broke out in Kioto in one of the most densely populated districts, Shink-yogoku. The flames spread rapidly until more than fifty-seven buildings were on fire, including some thirty theatres and other public places of amusement. A number of large shops were also destroyed. The conflagration occurred among narrow streets, and the consequent confusion was indescribable. From further news to hand it appears that the flames were got under control at 5.40 yesterday morning. Among the buildings destroyed were the Seishin-in and the Saikoji temples and the Takoyakushi shrine, a very old and famous place of devotion; the Asahiza and Tamuraza theatres; a large bazaar, and the Kotani photographic studio. The roofs of the Sairingi, a temple, and two music halls were involved, but the buildings were saved. At one time Teramachi-dori, the Street of Temples, was threatened owing to the strong wind, but by the strenuous efforts of the fire brigades this calamity was averted. The district in which the fire occurred is the most prosperous part of the city, the ground in it being said to cost one sho of gold for one sho of earth. The total damage is estimated at Y300,000.