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CRYSTAL PALACE.

Thirty entries for the International Trophy Race --- the first international on the Crystal Palace track. Twenty-five laps of two miles each --- and the drivers included Bira, Austin Dobson, Lurani, Goodacre and Nabh. Throbbing engines and screaming tyres shattered the afternoon ^{peace} air, as all the skill of famous speedmen flung the little cars round snakey twists and corners. The race at the finish resolved itself into a duel between the Siamese Prince Bira and Austin Dobson. Bira No. 24 and Dobson No. 9 went after the trophy with all they had, till Bira won by half a length.

SHANGHAI.

First pictures of open warfare in China reach us from Tangkwantun --- twenty-two miles north of Shanghai on the Yangtse River. Rains are now flooding the typical Chinese country, impeding ~~slightly~~ the Japanese advance with men, Machine guns and artillery. But despite the difficulties of waterlogged fields to hamper transport and lower morale, the Mikado's men push on; ^{hacking} ~~blasting~~ their way to the stronghold of Tangkwantun --- one more stage in their advance. The peaceful scene of a willow-pattern plate has become an objective in war --- Tangkwantun falls to the invader. At Shanghai itself warships on the Wangpoo River are firing salvo after salvo upon the Chinese positions. ~~Seafaring shells~~ ~~hurtle through the sky to reduce a city to smouldering wreckage --- to slaughter and mangle the men defending.~~ Japanese troops pressing forward here ~~to maintain the advantage gained for them by the big big guns,~~ have camouflaged themselves against aerial observers --- and as they gain fresh vantage points, the voice of the guns is heard anew. |