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A FAIR SETTING TO A NOBLE CAUSE.

CHILDREN LEVY TOLL ON ROYALTY AND SOCIETY AT THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, TO HELP THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN OFFICERS.



The Duchess of Marlborough was interested in the flowers.



Mrs. Asquith came in a black satin coat, trimmed Redskin style.



An Anzac was a willing contributor to

Viscount Moore, Lady Drogheda's son, and the Hon. Joan Yarde Buller, Lady Churston's daughter, with the aid of a tiny Shetland pony, collected for the Belgian Agriculturists' and Lady Lansdowne's Officers' Families Funds. — (Daily Sketch Photographs, etc.)



King Manoel of Portugal and his Queen were among the visitors.

HOW TO WIN THE WAR, BY WINSTON CHURCHILL

Stop The "Waste Of Power" And Use All Resources.

SOLDIERS WHO DO NOT FIGHT.

"Only 500,000 Troops Against The British."

WHERE IS OUR 5,000,000 ARMY?

Remarkable allegations about the "waste of British war power" were made by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, following Mr. Asquith's motion for a 300-million vote for the Army.

It was unreasonable for people to expect the war to turn decisively and suddenly in our favour, at the present time (said Mr. Churchill). The contending armies were far too evenly matched. We felt the stronger and had a preponderance of men, but against this there was the central position of the enemy, the superior unity of their war direction, and the advantage of being able to retain the initiative.

We had larger reserves, actual and potential, than the enemy, and it was in the use and development of these resources as they became available that our confidence in final victory must justly be reposed.

The great energy and even frenzy with which the Germans and Austrians were now attacking at so many points of the line was a sign and measure of their enormous strength, but it might also be a sign and measure of their profound anxiety.

"USE THE CONSCRIPTS PROPERLY."

It was important that the best use should be made of the men now called to the Army and that all our resources should be immediately utilised to the utmost. If the Germans were to be beaten decisively they would be beaten by want of men, by being opposed by superior numbers along fronts so extensive that they could not maintain them or replace the losses incurred along them.

Our fighting troops did not bear a due proportion to the total numbers of the Army. There were large numbers of officers and men in the prime of their military manhood who never went, or only very rarely went, under the fire of the enemy. A most grim distinction was drawn between the "trench population" and the "non-trench population."

The part of the Army that really counted for ending the war was this killing, fighting, suffering part. Every measure we could take to increase the proportion of rifle strength to ration strength would be a direct addition to our war power, and it would be just as direct an addition as if we ordered new classes of recruits to join the colours.

The most wasteful method that could possibly be adopted was to keep battalions below strength. Unfortunately this had been the case, and was still the case in a large number of units at the front, and it was one of the great causes of the misfortune which overtook our Army at Gallipoli. It was sheer waste of war power.

WHERE ARE THE FIVE MILLIONS?

The Prime Minister had stated the total military effort of the Empire at five million men. Where were they? Certainly they were not and had not been in contact with the enemy. Our military effort could be measured by the number of the enemy forces we were holding on our respective fronts.

So far as it was possible to compute them, he believed it was fair to say there were in front of the British Army in all theatres about 45 German and Turkish divisions.

At 20,000 men to a division that would be 900,000 all told, and, therefore, the actual fighting force with which we were in contact probably in effective rifle strength and artillery strength was about half a million men.

If our total military effort was five million men, it was evident, after every conceivable deduction had been made, that there was a large margin not yet usefully applied to the prosecution of the war.

Every serviceable man should be put in to lengthen and strengthen the fighting-line. He suggested that the establishment of battalions in the field should be raised to 1,200, and that every endeavour should be made in the first place to find the men required from the fit and efficient men in the prime of life who were employed behind the front on work which could equally well be done by older men, by recovered wounded men, by medically unfit men, and to some extent by natives.

"COMB THE ARMY."

They had heard about combing this and that industry. He would say to the War Office, "Physician, comb thyself." (Laughter.) Then what about our armies in the East, Egypt and Salonika? What had they been doing all these months? What were they doing now?

Whom and where were the forces at Salonika expected to fight? There was no one but the Bulgarians, and they did not want to fight.

All the steps which led to the accumulation of the great forces in the East would be incredible if they were not true.

Had they threatened Constantinople, helped the Grand Duke, or relieved the pressure on Verdun? In all these events they bore no part.

Another reservoir was Africa. It would be regrettable if in this great struggle Great Britain was unable to make use of the mighty power

There were 200,000 officers now in the Army, with 200,000 servants and 50,000 grooms. This was an army in itself. How many could be replaced by substitutes? Then there were great masses of cavalry which could not be used.

If the Government built new formations upon the men of these famous regiments they could create at once a force of the highest military quality.

We should not continue to hold places of no vital importance in the line where our men were at a disadvantage and suffered undue losses.

The use that should be made of compulsion was to fit every man in his place so as to secure the maximum development of war power. The second reservoir was the Army at home. There were many here who would never be put into the field. No man should be retained who was not going to be of use. No man should be taken until he was required, and no man taken who could do more useful work elsewhere.

NAVY CAN PREVENT INVASION.

How many men were needed for home defence against invasion? The Admiralty told the Government at the outbreak of war that they could send all the regular forces out of the country. Everything that had happened since had tended to consolidate the position of this country as regards invasion. Our naval resources had increased, and our defensive arrangements had vastly improved while the present form of warfare was against any project of invasion.

These were facts which should allay fears and further a proper distribution of our military resources.

They also had a large reservoir in Asia. What part was India going to play in 1917?

The part played by the Indian troops was glorious, and what was there to prevent the Government having 10 or 12 new Indian divisions ready to throw in where they would be most effective?

All our resources should be utilised remorselessly to their extreme capacity.

CRITICISM OF LORD KITCHENER.

Sir Ivor Herbert strongly criticised Lord Kitchener's administration, and remarked that he had been engaged in a great war without a Secretary of State for War.

Mr. Lynch said he did not believe there was a single member of the Cabinet who would say that Lord Kitchener's appointment at the War Office was justified.

PUBLICANS AND "LONG PULL."

Action For Slander Through Gossip With The Customers.

Two neighbouring Peckham publicans were at law in the King's Bench yesterday in an action for slander.

Mr. Fred Richard, of the Britannia, sued Mr. George Scott, of the Adam and Eve, High-street, Peckham, for telling people that the former had been convicted and fined £8 for giving the "long pull." Mr. Richard said that this had a bad effect on his business.

A resident, who lunches at the Britannia, gave evidence for the plaintiff. Asked by counsel if he would continue lunching there if he thought Mr.



MR. SCOTT.



MR. RICHARD.

Richard had been convicted, he was interrupted by the judge, who suggested that if he thought he would get the long pull he would.

Mr. Scott, the defendant, said that all he said was that a man named Richards (with the final "s") had been fined for the long pull. He did not indicate the plaintiff, who had no final "s" to his name.

A barber had told him that he had heard that someone had been fined for "no treating."

The Judge: More likely for treating. (Laughter.) The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff with £15 damages.

NEW GREAT SHIPPING COMBINE.

A provisional agreement has been made for an amalgamation of the interests of the Cunard Company and the Commonwealth and Dominion Line.

The business of the Cunard Company has in the past mainly centred in the North Atlantic trade to Canada and the United States. Of recent years it has also become interested in the Indian trade, through the Anchor-Brocklebank Lines, while the arrangement now announced will extend its influence to Australia and New Zealand.

Shareholders will shortly be asked to sanction an increase of capital for the purpose of carrying out the amalgamation.

INTERIM WAR MEDALS.

On the third reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill on Monday Mr. Basil Peto, M.P., proposes to raise the question of an immediate interim issue of medals to soldiers and sailors who have taken part in the war, and many of whom have been invalided out of the service. He will argue that such a course has long since been adopted by France

LORD KITCHENER PRAISES NEW COMPULSION BILL.

"It Makes Directly For Equality Of Sacrifice."

MEASURE PASSED BY THE LORDS.

The Military Service Bill was read a third time and passed in the House of Lords last night.

On the motion for the third reading Lord Kitchener said as soon as the Bill received the Royal Assent the War Office would be able to regulate the flow of recruits to the Colours, and to get rid of those sudden fluctuations in recruiting that were so prejudicial alike to military and industrial interests.

The process of recruiting would now be carried on with the minimum possible inconvenience to the men themselves. The idea had apparently been prevalent in certain quarters that for some wholly inexplicable motive the military authorities were prone to crowd and even congest the ranks with men physically unfit.

No suggestion could be wider from the truth. Under the provisions of the Bill men could be called up for medical re-examination, but this power would be exercised not to absorb the physically unfit but to secure the physically efficient.

Some of those men were undoubtedly sheltering themselves behind certificates acquired in an unsatisfactory way or under a temporary condition of ill-health.

Groups To Be Kept Open.

The Bill made directly and unmistakably for equality of sacrifice in the national cause.

The Army Council would use every effort to render it as easy as possible for the men to be called up.

It would keep the groups open for voluntary attestation until the appointed date, and would not summon for medical re-examination any man whose rejection by the Medical Board had been final as recorded on the medical register.

The armies in the field would welcome the measure with intense satisfaction. The generals and Staff would be able to count with greater certainty on the necessary drafts for reinforcements, and the rank and file would be encouraged by the thought that all their countrymen at home were quite prepared to support them to the utmost of their power.

Our Allies also would, he believed, recognise in our acceptance of obligations which entailed such a marked departure from our national tradition that this country was prepared to throw into the scale without reserve the whole of our resources against the common foe. (Cheers.)

Our Fair And Full Share.

The conviction universally felt that we had engaged in a just war and the patriotism of our people under the voluntary system gave us a far larger Army than we could ever have contemplated, and this Bill would enable us to maintain its numbers in a manner and a degree not hitherto possible, and thus take our fair and full share in the great conflict on the issue of which our nation as a nation and the future of our race depended. (Cheers.)

In answer to Lord Harris and Lord Derby, Lord Kitchener said no one believed more in county association regiments than he did. The War Office would do its utmost to carry out as much as possible the policy of keeping such regiments together.

SINGLE MEN FIRST.

London Appeal Tribunal Saves Its Pity For Married Conscripts.

"As far as this tribunal is concerned, we are going to give all the consideration we can to the married men at the expense of the single men. The single men will have to go."

The speaker was Mr. MacLean, chairman of the House of Commons section of the London Appeal Tribunal, which sat again at the House of Commons yesterday.

In the case of an applicant who had been passed for garrison duty at home, Mr. MacLean said he might be called up in two months, and added, "We cannot tell what course the war will take, but it is very unlikely that you will be called up at all."

TOO OLD FOR THE ARMY AT 36.

At Henley Tribunal yesterday the military representative (Sir Robert Hermon Hodge) applied for exemption for his woodman, saying that at 36 a man was more useful to his country making pit props than in beginning to learn soldiering.

The man was exempted until September 30.

2 YEARS FOR NO-CONSCRIPTIONIST.

C. H. Norman, a member of the National Committee of the No-Conscription Fellowship, who was handed over to the military as an absentee at Bow-street on April 26, and who has since refused to obey all military orders, was yesterday sentenced at Caterham to two years' imprisonment. Norman has been removed to Wandsworth Detention Barracks.

NEW EXCHEQUER BONDS ISSUE.

The Bank of England gives notice in the *London Gazette* that the issue of Exchequer Bonds repayable on December 1, 1920, will cease on June 1. On June 2 applications will be received for Exchequer Bonds repayable at par on October 5, 1919, or October 5, 1921. Five per cent. interest will be paid half-yearly. In all other respects the new bonds will be subject to the same terms and conditions as the old.

Bethnel Morgan, a theological student, court-martialled at Cardiff for refusing to submit to a medical examination, was sentenced to two years'

THE QUEEN AMONGST THE FLOWERS.

Society's First Open-Air Function Of The Season.

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM.

The Queen and Princess Mary were among the earliest visitors to the spring show of the Royal Horticultural Society, which was opened in the picturesque grounds of Chelsea Hospital yesterday.

The Queen looked charming in grey, with hat to match. The Princess was in a tussore coat and skirt. The Royal visitors, who were received by the Rev. W. Wilks, secretary of the society, and Dr. Keeble, spent a pleasant hour in the fine marquees before the crush came.

Three features especially appealed to the Queen—the banks of roses and pink rhododendrons, the display of luscious fruits, and the gorgeous show of orchids, estimated to be worth £200,000. Nor did the Queen neglect to express her appreciation of the efforts of notable firms of seedsmen to improve the country's food supply. Both the Queen and Princess Mary smilingly sampled the giant strawberries. Her Majesty was also greatly interested in Sutton's new miniature white tobacco plant and an entirely new variety of small flowering calceolarias.

Children And The Pony.

The orchids, a gorgeous display, were, of course, the centre of attraction. Here King Manoel, in a grey suit and Tribby hat, was to be seen explaining their beauties to Queen Augusta Victoria, who was also in grey, with a chic green hat. Other well-known persons were Mrs. Asquith, in a wonderful coat of black with white panels, Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, the Countess Grey, and the Duchess of Wellington.

Lady Drogheda's little son, Viscount Moore, and Lady Churston's two children made a pretty picture, parading the grounds with a Shetland pony, collecting for Lady Lansdowne's Officers' Fund.

As the day advanced the crush of Society people increased. One saw the Speaker and Mrs. Lowther, Sir Harry Veitch, the veteran horticulturist, Lady Northcote, Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell, the Dowager Countess of Granville, the Hon. John Ward (whose display of fruit was much admired) and Mr. Leopold Rothschild.

Beyond the marquees were wide lawns of tables, and under the trees strawberries and cream were the favourite delicacies which seemed to have tempted all London society to the first open-air function of the season.

THE SIXPENNY QUART SCANDAL.

Co-ordination Of The Milk Supply To Bring Down The Price.

Let the supply of milk, not only in London, but throughout the provinces, be co-ordinated.

This is one of the suggestions which the Workers' National War Emergency Committee is making to the Government in a memorandum which has been forwarded to Mr. Arthur Henderson, and which will shortly be brought before the notice of the Government.

"We are not asking for a specific reduction in the price of milk," a member of the committee told the *Daily Sketch* yesterday: "What we are asking for is a co-ordination of the London supply. At present we have a dozen or more milkmen parading the same thoroughfare, and the committee think the Government ought to devise some scheme by which one milkman might be able to supply one district, and thus reduce the cost of distribution, and so bring down the price."

"We believe that far too much labour is involved in the distribution, and a system of co-ordination would lead to a return to normal prices."

£1,000 IN DIAMONDS IN THE STREET.

Girl Finder Rewarded By The Owner With A £10 Note.

A few days ago a young girl named Dorothy Grubb, whose parents live in Little Church-street, Edgware-road, London, found a packet of "beads" in Hatton Garden.

She attached little value to her find, but a day or two later, on the advice of a neighbour, they were taken to a jeweller, who found that the "beads" were diamonds, and were worth over £1,000.

The police were then informed, and eventually the diamonds were restored to their original owner, Mr. Leon Taca, of Hatton Garden, who rewarded the finder with a £10 note.

NOTHING STOPS HIM.

Corporal E. J. Redding, 6th City of London Rifles, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his resourcefulness and daring in action. He is attached to a Trench Mortar Battery, and on one occasion, when the enemy exploded a mine, he ran 300 yards along a communication trench under heavy fire and used his mortar with excellent effect. On another day the parapet in front of his gun was blown in. Nothing dis-



DESPERATE GERMAN ATTACKS SHATTERED BY THE FRENCH

GERMAN MASSES FLUNG AT FRENCH POSITIONS.

Desperate Assaults East And West Of Meuse.

MURDEROUS STRUGGLE.

Fort Douaumont Held Firmly By The French.

ENEMY ATTACKS SHATTERED AT THE DEAD MAN.

What was probably the most desperate fighting of the war took place yesterday on both sides of the Meuse.

The French positions on Dead Man hill on the west and Fort Douaumont on the east were furiously attacked by the Germans, who were prodigal in the sacrifice of life. In a massed assault on the Dead Man they were mown down by a merciless French artillery and machine-gun fire.

On the Haudromont-Douaumont front a furious struggle was continued throughout the day, which is described in the French official report as "murderous."

Numerous attempts were made to dislodge the French from the Douaumont Fort, but the result was failure and heavy losses for the Germans.

FUTILE MASSED ATTACKS BY THE GERMANS.

French Cannon And Machine-Guns Shatter Furious Assaults.

French Official News.

PARIS, Tuesday, Midnight.

In the region of Verdun the German counter-attacks have assumed a character of extreme violence on the whole of our front, but it is not yet possible to estimate exactly the very large effectives which have taken part in them.

On the left bank of the Meuse, after a bombardment with heavy shells lasting all the morning, the Germans several times launched their assaulting masses against our positions to the east and west of the Dead Man.

The first attack, swept by our artillery and machine-gun fire, was repulsed with sanguinary losses without the enemy being able to approach our lines.

A second attack, equally desperate, about seven in the evening, succeeded in gaining a footing in one of our western trenches. An immediate counter-attack by us completely drove back the enemy.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Haudromont-Douaumont region was all day the theatre of a murderous struggle.

The Germans multiplied their assaults, which were on each occasion preceded by very powerful artillery preparations.

In spite of all these efforts the positions won by us yesterday were held in their entirety, particularly in the fort of Douaumont.

In this region over 300 prisoners remained in our hands.—Reuter.

VIOLENT NIGHT BATTLES NEAR VERDUN.

Trench Lost By Flame Attack, Then Recovered.

Tuesday Afternoon.

In the region of Verdun the battle continued to be of an extremely violent character throughout the night on both banks of the Meuse.

On the left bank furious counter-attacks launched by the enemy against all our positions on Hill 304 [west of the Dead Man] completely failed.

To the west of the Meuse—notably to the east of Hill 304—the enemy made extensive use of flame-throwing apparatus, which enabled him to penetrate one of our trenches; but a brilliant reply of our troops compelled him immediately to evacuate all the positions occupied.

To the east, despite an intense artillery sector the fighting continues with desperation.

The enemy, who in the course of the night multiplied his mass attacks and sustained enormous losses, succeeded in reoccupying one of the



preparation, the enemy attack, broken by our fire, was unable to reach our lines.

On the right bank in the Thiaumont-Douaumont trenches captured by us to the north of Thiaumont Farm.

Everywhere else we maintained our position. In the interior of Douaumont Fort, despite a strong resistance, we continued to drive out the enemy, who now only hold the north-eastern corner of the fort.

On the Heights of the Meuse [south of Verdun] a surprise attack carried out by us at the Chevaliers Wood was completely successful.

DEFENDERS OVERWHELMED.

Taken By Surprise And Thrown From Two Lines Of Trenches.

The French assault, says the *Petit Parisien*, took place on a front of about a mile, starting out from the west of the Farm of Thiaumont [on the slopes of the Douaumont ridge], and extending as far as the north-east of the Caillette Wood and slightly beyond the road which connects Vaux and Fort Douaumont [between the woods].

When the French advanced the enemy concentrated a heavy fire on them, but the French swarmed over the German positions and overwhelmed the survivors, many of whom were taken prisoners.

In the course of the combat the French, fighting finely with the bayonet, swiftly passed beyond the first line trenches and reached the second line.

The success of the attack on the second German lines was as brilliant as that on the first.

The troops dashed through the wreckage of the wire entanglements, for the most part torn down by our artillery, which throughout lent invaluable aid.

A few moments later the French reached the very foot of the former works of the ruined fort.

The Germans, at first taken by surprise, launched violent counter-attacks, all of which failed.

ONE AIRMAN DEFEATS THREE.

Frenchman Brings Down German Plane And Puts Two Others To Flight.

French Official News.

PARIS, Tuesday Night.

In the region of Furnes a German machine shelled by one of ours was brought down in our lines.

Near Beaumont an aviatik which was badly hit in the course of an aerial fight fell in the enemy lines.

In the region of the Linge one of our pilots, attacked by three enemy aeroplanes, brought down one of his adversaries and put the two others to flight.—Reuter.

THE IRISH REBELS' MENU.

This is the dietary of the Irish rebel prisoners in detention barracks visited yesterday by representatives of the Press:—

Breakfast (8 a.m.): Pint of tea with sugar and fresh milk, bread and bacon.

Dinner (1 p.m.): 1 lb. of beef (roast or stewed), bread, 1 lb. potatoes or other fresh vegetables, 2 ozs. of cheese, salt, mustard and pepper.

Tea (5 p.m.): Pint of tea with sugar and fresh milk, bread, margarine, and jam.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S PURSE FAILS.

Queen Alexandra, who has a picture of her own painting, entitled "The Cardinal," on view at the Amateur Art Exhibition at 25, Park-lane, London, visited the galleries yesterday.

She learned with pleasure that 60 reproductions of her picture had been sold in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

Mr. Cope's picture of a blinded soldier being led by a little girl was greatly praised by Queen Alexandra, and she promptly bought it. She continued to buy with such enthusiasm that at last she laughingly declared she had no more money left.

NEW RUSSIAN SUCCESS ON PERSIAN FRONTIER.

Another Town Occupied On The Road To Mosul.

Russian Official News.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday.

In the region south of Trebizond at dawn on Sunday we repulsed repeated Turkish offensives.

In the direction of Giunchikhan our detachments dislodged the Turks from an organised position on one of the northern slopes of the Taurus.

In Persia, in the direction of Mosul, our troops occupied Serdesht.—Reuter.

[Serdesht is just on the Persian side of the frontier (in the province of Ardalan), about 125 miles due east of Mosul. It is 55 miles east-south-east of Rowanduz, 40 miles south-west of Sujbulak, and about 47 miles south-south-west of the nearest point on Lake Urmia.]

ITALIANS TAKE UP A NEW LINE.

Austrians Massing For A Revival Of Their Offensive.

Italian Official News.

ROME, Tuesday.

Between Lake Garda and the Adige enemy troops are reported to be massing in the Kiva zone.

Between Astico and the Brenta, and in the Sugana Valley, after the repulse of the enemy attacks against our lines yesterday, our troops gradually withdrew to their main lines of resistance. The movement was carried out in perfect order under no pressure from the enemy.

In the Upper Cordevole one of our detachments took by storm an important enemy position on Monte Sief, capturing some 50 prisoners, including one officer, besides arms and ammunition.—Reuter.

"WE TRIED TO AVOID WAR."

"Germany Must Keep All She Has Won By War."

The Berlin correspondent of the *New York World* quotes the German Imperial Chancellor, Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, for the declaration that the only basis upon which peace would be considered by Germany would be the territorial position as shown by the map to-day.

The Chancellor insists that England has shown herself far more a militarist nation than Germany, and asserts once again that Great Britain entered the war for her own sake and not Belgium's.

Germany, he says, tried to avoid war, but could not permit Russia to gain the advantage.—Central News from New York.

WANTED, A DEFINITE AIR POLICY.

Demands For More Power For Lord Curzon's Board.

During the air debate in the House of Lords last night Lord Crewe announced that Lord Curzon will speak on the subject of the air service to-day. Lord Montagu of Beaulieu urged that Lord Curzon, as the new chairman of the Air Board, should have more power in ordering supplies for the air service, but he thought the Board would prove disappointing when judged by the test of how far it would help in winning the war.

Lord Derby hoped the Board would secure a definite policy. He was sure that the air service would play the most prominent part in the defence of the Empire, perhaps not in this war but in the future.

Lord Northcliffe, in a maiden speech, said the aeroplane was infinitely more important to us as a weapon of defence than to any other people. It was essential that the attention of Lord Curzon's Committee should be directed to the encouragement of the inventor by setting up a Board of Inventions, the encouragement of the manufacturer by financial assistance from the Government, and the training of a larger number of airmen.

BOMB THROWING EXTRAORDINARY.

For an exceptional bomb-throwing feat Private R. M. Laverick, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. At a critical stage of a sharp fight he saved the situation by keeping up a continuous rain of bombs. He threw no fewer than 563 in succession. Laverick is a South Shields man.



The King has appointed General Sir James Willcocks to be Colonel of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

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ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON BRITISH FRONT.

"Situation Unchanged" About The Vimy Ridge.

GERMAN AEROPLANE DRIVEN DOWN.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.

Tuesday, 9.37 p.m.

Hostile aircraft active on portions of our front yesterday.

Fourteen enemy aeroplanes were engaged and one was driven down inside the enemy's lines in a damaged condition.

Last night and to-day there has been a heavy bombardment by both sides about the Vimy Ridge, where the situation is unchanged.

To-day hostile artillery has been very active against our trenches between Hooze and the Ypres-Roulers railway.

There has been some shelling about Mametz, Hebuterne, Monchy-au-Bois, Neuville St. Vaast, and Grenay.

Some mining activity about Mametz, Fricourt, Hohenzollern Redoubt, Cuinchy, and east of Laventie.

ARAB REVOLT IN TRIPOLI.

Italian Expedition Makes Short Work Of Rebels.

ROME, Tuesday.

It is semi-officially stated that during the last few days the danger from rebels has become more serious at Zuara (Tripoli), where the population remains faithful to the Italian administration.

A relief expedition was accordingly organised at Tripoli and dispatched to Zuara, where it met with an enthusiastic reception from the population.

The rebels were defeated, and a considerable quantity of booty was taken and prisoners were captured.—Reuter.

LORD WIMBORNE'S POSITION.

Viceroy May Withdraw Resignation And Go Back To Dublin.

DUBLIN, Tuesday.

Lord Wimborne is expected to return to Ireland at an early date to resume the position of Viceroy. His frank evidence before the Inquiry Committee has aroused much popular sympathy in Dublin.

Mr. Grimwood Mears, secretary to the Commission which is inquiring into the causes of the rebellion, arrived in Dublin to-day, and is staying at the Shelbourne Hotel, where the first public sitting in Dublin will open on Thursday morning.

The trial of John McNeill, president of the Irish Volunteers, was resumed to-day at Richmond Barracks. A large crowd again assembled outside the barracks to see the prisoner, who, appearing between an escort with fixed bayonets, looked quite cheerful.

THE CASE OF SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON.

The general court-martial on the officer arrested in connection with the shooting of Mr. Sheehy Skeffington in Dublin will be held next week, and in accordance with Mr. Asquith's promise the inquiry will be public.

A new Order issued under the Defence of the Realm Act by Sir John Maxwell makes it an offence for any person to send a letter or other written communication from Ireland to any part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere by any means except through the Post Office, unless official authority has been previously obtained; and persons are prohibited from receiving communications except under similar conditions.

The exceptions to General Maxwell's prohibition order as to sending letters are shipowners' letters or advices and letters referring to business connected with a Secretary of State.

EAST END DISTURBANCE.

Some excitement was caused in the East End of London last night by a serious quarrel which broke out among the Chinese living in the neighbourhood of High-street, Poplar.

At first it was reported that anti-Chinese riots had broken out, but the fighting was confined to the Chinese themselves. Several were injured though not seriously.

The police quelled the disturbance, and took some prisoners who will be charged at Thames Police Court this morning.

CINEMAS HELP THE WAR CHEST.

It is estimated that in Liverpool the new tax on theatres, music-halls and cinemas yielded last week approximately £1,600, of which £900 came from cinemas.

Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., has received news that his son, Lieut. Henry Mond, has been wounded.

LIFE GUARDSMAN'S FIANCEE



Mr. O. C. Bristowe, the Eton, Oxford and Essex cricketer, has been appointed a 2nd lieutenant in the Royal Engineers.

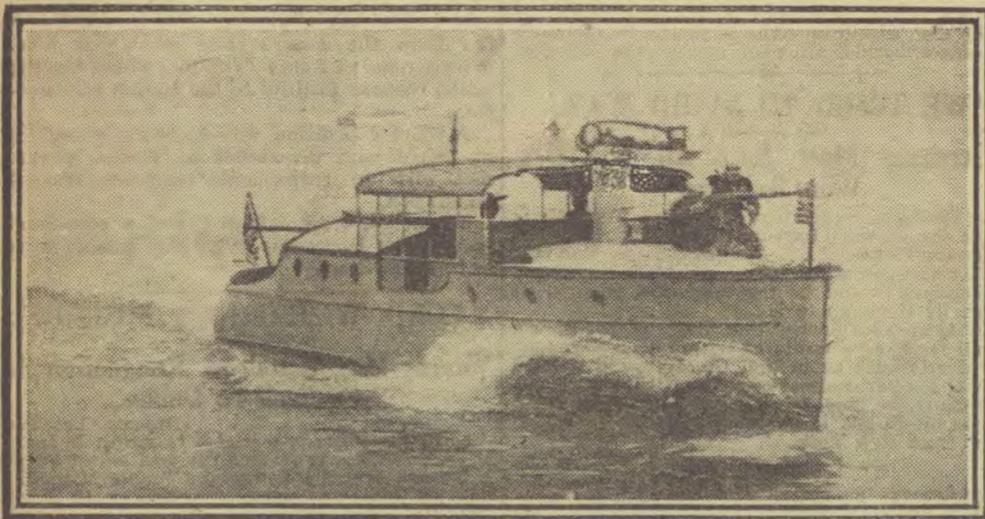


Miss S. Cotterell, daughter of Sir J. Cotterell, Bt., is engaged to Sec.-Lieut. C. D. Leyland, 1st Life Guards. Her mother is a daughter of the Duke of Richmond.—(Walter Barnett.)



Women are taking to wearing buttons on their sleeves. It gives a military touch.—(Jeanne Laurie.)

AMERICA PREPARES FOR WAR.



America is getting ready for war, in case there is a rupture with Germany. She is converting high-speed motor-boats into miniature cruisers. This is one of the "wasps," as they are termed.

TWELVE HOURS ADRIFT.



Capt. H. McKegg and thirty-nine of his crew were adrift in small boats for twelve hours after their vessel was torpedoed by a U-boat. They were picked up by a passing steamer and taken to New York.

TWO PRETTY BRIDES OF ARMY OFFICERS.



Miss Schmitz. Two of yesterday's war brides. Miss Schmitz was married to Captain V. A. P. Stokes, 10th Hussars, at George's, Hanover-square, and Miss Curtis to Captain Cowie at St. Peter's, Eaton-square.



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FAMINE IN GERMANY.

THE reports of the scarcity of food in Germany are highly encouraging, yet it will be most unwise to over-estimate the extent of the famine. Since the Germans themselves confess as much, we may take for granted the facts I shall now proceed to give you.

THE latest Berlin regulation is that each person shall be allowed to have half a pound of meat or the same quantity of fat. On June 1 meat cards will be issued to be affixed to the bread cards. Sausages are no longer mentioned as a substitute for meat, since there are at present no sausages in Berlin. And that means much more than it would in England.

WE hear, too, of a huge army of people besieging the premises of a Berlin firm where a quantity of fat was for sale; while Munich is said to be suffering from such a scarcity of meat that the majority of the butchers' shops are closed.

SO the tale runs! You know that there has been a crisis in the German Cabinet; you know that a food dictator has been appointed.

BUT does that mean that very soon indeed Germany will have nothing to eat? Not a bit of it! Long before there was the least shortage in wheat she issued bread tickets and decreed that potato meal should be mixed with the flour. When a Socialist paper taxes the authorities with a lack of organisation it assumes that the Government should have the whole of the food resources under its thumb. We are not, of course, in a position to judge the truth of the statement that the present shortage is likely to be permanent. But we may be certain that in any case meat tickets would be issued.

THE people in Germany are fighting for fat! you say. Quite so! and nevertheless the authorities may have large stores. The Germans look ahead, instead of living from hand to mouth as we do; and have possibly reckoned that on the present short commons they can last over the winter. Things may be worse than that, but we should be foolish to assume that they are.

WE shall be better advised to start organising our own resources while yet there is time.

I SUGGEST that the Government should take complete control of the meat, bread and dairy trades, so that they can regulate prices and supplies. We cannot dictate to neutral importers the prices they may charge, for the meat and wheat must be had. We can see that no illegitimate profits are made in this country, and that supplies are neither held up without cause nor dumped on the market.

AS long as we possibly can we shall continue to enjoy our full ration, for we know how much good and sufficient food counts with any nation, and above all with the British nation. An army (and, in such a war, a nation) fights on its stomach. The task of the authorities is to calculate supplies so nicely that it can secure for each citizen a decent maximum of provender for the period of the war.

IF, after a careful survey and calculation, it shall be deemed necessary to prevent certain persons from consuming more than their just share, I trust we shall bow to the necessity and refrain from an exaggerated estimate of the position.

BUT we are a long way off from that. Thanks to our Navy we are, as I have said, as much better off than our enemy in the matter of food reserves as we are in the matter of Army reserves. The purpose of this article is to warn you not to think that Germany will sue for peace on Friday next because she has organised her food supply, and not to think that Britain is losing if we should ever be so prudent as to organise ours.

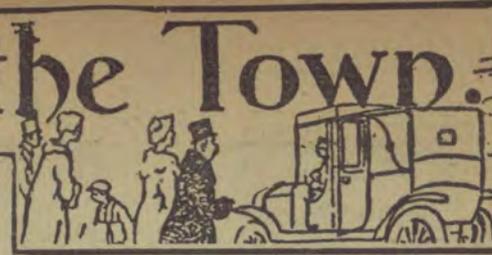
NO, sir! We have not done that yet. We have bought a few bags of sugar, and labelled them ORGANISATION!

THE MAN IN THE STREET.



Echoes of the Town.

Queen At Chelsea Show—Prince Henry, "Wet Bob"—Time To Stop Polar Risks.



Queen Among The Flowers.

THE QUEEN and Princess Mary arrived at the Chelsea Flower Show when the committee was sitting, and they were conducted round by Mr. Frederick Keeble, F.R.S., the director of the Wisley Gardens, and the Rev. W. Wilks, who has been for more than a quarter of a century the secretary of the R.H. Society. Her Majesty, I am told, paid particular attention to the roses, the Hon. John Ward's collection of fruit, and the pink pearl rhododendron, which was one of the gems of the show.

Royal Costumes.

HER MAJESTY was wearing grey, and the Princess a beautiful buff costume, as a noted horticulturist described it, and horticulturists are usually good judges of colour. The Queen of Portugal, who was with Dom Manoel, was in soft grey with a green hat.

Who Were There.

AMONG OTHERS present were the Duchess of Wellington, Adeline Duchess of Bedford, the Duchess of Portland, the Countess Grey, Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Lord and Lady Portsmouth, Lady French, and Lady Northcote. Also the Speaker, wearing his habitual tall grey hat. There were others—to the number of over 30,000—although admission was 10s. each.

Gardeners And The War.

BY THE WAY, Mr. Wright, the show superintendent, who is garden superintendent also at the Wisley Gardens, tells me that 39 out of a staff of 50 men there at the beginning of the war joined the Army and Navy, and now 12 more out of the present staff will join up under the new Service Bill.

Lord Edward Grosvenor.

I CAUGHT SIGHT of young Lord Edward Grosvenor in St. James's-street. Although he is much shorter, his likeness to his uncle, the gallant Duke of Westminster, is very marked. Here is one of those curious cases of an uncle being younger than his nephew. Lord Edward, son of the first Duke, was born in 1892, while the present Duke, the first Duke's grandson, was born in 1879. Lord Edward is a cheery lad, and popular with everyone. He was at one time in the "Blues," but now he has a commission in the R.N.A.S. Doubtless he finds flying more exciting than soldiering. He married a daughter of Lord Kenmare in 1914.



Hon. Geoffrey Mills.

THE SAME day and in the same street I saw the Hon. Geoffrey Mills. There are few better-known men-about-town than Geoffrey Mills. He is amusing, a sportsman, and a member of heaven only knows how many clubs round about St. James's-street and Pall Mall. Nowadays he is to be seen in the uniform of a commander, R.N.V.R.—"brass hat," three wiggly bands round each wrist, and everything. Also the merest suspicion of side-whiskers. At one time he was in the Army.

Few Royal Cricketers.

PRINCE HENRY has discovered that cricket is not his game, and has become a wet bob. It is a curious thing how persistently the great game eludes our Royalties. The only one who has had any pretensions to be called a cricketer was Prince Christian Victor, who, to be sure, was nearly first class. Perhaps one of the younger Princes will develop a style.

The Lord Lieutenant.

LORD WIMBORNE seems to have killed the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. After his exposure of the pitiful condition of the man who is nominally in supreme authority in Dublin no other peer will accept the place on the old terms. John Russell tried to get rid of it many, many years ago; Ivor Guest has done the trick.

Lord Hardinge's Heir Comes Home.

NOW that Lord Hardinge of Penshurst has returned from India—to find plenty of work awaiting him—his only son, the Hon. A. H. L. Hardinge, has been transferred from the Indian Army Reserve to the Grenadier Guards Special Reserve. Second-Lieutenant Hardinge lost his elder brother, who was in the 15th Hussars, early in the war, and his cousin, the eldest son of Viscount Hardinge, a subaltern in the Rifle Brigade, gave his life shortly afterwards. The new Guards subaltern acted as aide-de-camp to his father in India.

Modern Methods.

WITHOUT any suggestions to the detriment of Sir James A. Ewing, I think his appointment as Principal of Edinburgh University most undesirable. Academic circles generally will be of the same opinion. Sir James, whom you see here, is, personally, *sans peur et sans reproche*. I haven't the least doubt. Also he is an excellent man at his job. His job happens to be engineering, explosives, and all that sort of thing, and such knowledge had better be kept, particularly in war time, in the departments where it can be of practical use. But why make him principal of a university?



—(Lafayette.)

The Tag For The Germans.

EVEN IN a world war let there be an oasis or two of real culture. *Scilicet ingenuus didicisse fideliter artes Emollit mores, nec sinit esse feros.* Thus wrote a fellow called Propertius. Sorry, I won't do this sort of thing again until the war's over.

Veteran New M.P.

MR. BEACH, the veteran M.P. for Tewkesbury, received a most cordial and sympathetic cheer as he took his seat in the House of Commons yesterday. The sad occasion of his entry into Parliament at an age when most men are laying aside their public duties, and the memory of his famous brother, "Black Michael," stirred the House perceptibly. He looked wonderfully young and vigorous.

Good-Humoured Chaff.

ANOTHER newly-elect in the person of Colonel Hall Walker, who had to seek re-election because the Government acquired his racing stud, had a reception in which good-humoured chaff predominated. He was genially adjured to give a "winner" as he walked up the floor of the House, while the Puritan representatives sat in grim and severe silence.

The Busy Bank.

ONE OF THE busiest places just now is the Bank of England. The 4½ per cent. dividend warrants, due June 1, are now being prepared. What this means can be gauged by the size of the loan—over six hundred million pounds sterling. The Chancellor will rub his hands. He will receive a quarter of the £13,500,000 dividend as income tax, which will be deducted before the War Loan warrants are dispatched.

Why "Please"?

WHY DO military authorities tack on that absurd "please" at the end of official memoranda? Here is one that I have just seen. "Your communication has been forwarded to the officer commanding the battalion please"—which is not merely ungrammatical, but silly. Even adjutants whom I have asked for an explanation have for once been at a loss.

"Some" Pond.

THE PLATOON was on night manoeuvres—and on a very dark night too. They crept along the lane stealthily. Suddenly the sergeant in front collided with something; his hand plunged into cold water; a low whisper sent a chill down the spines of the platoon. "Halt! We're in a blank pond." For a few moments the platoon groped. Then smiled. The sergeant had run into a horse-trough!

Young Ysaye.

ALL THE world knows Ysaye, the great violinist. He has been playing at Albert Hall concerts quite recently. But few people know that he has three sons serving in the Belgian Army, two of them very musical indeed. This is a photograph of the youngest, Antoin Ysaye, and a gallant young soldier he makes. After serving some time in the ranks he was given a commission, and is now a lieutenant.



—(Claude Harris.)

Naturally his father is anxious about him, but there are millions of fathers in Europe suffering from the same complaint, and they will continue to suffer until this Hell is over.

No More Polar Trips.

IT IS QUITE RIGHT and proper that we should send an expedition to rescue Shackleton—in fact, it is a matter of national honour, but when it has been done won't it be time to consider whether this had better not be the last of these adventures? The Pole has been reached, and it is difficult to see in the later expeditions anything, scientific or otherwise, to make up for the danger and expense. For a good many years now there will be no Englishmen to spare for such risks.

The Belle Of The 'Buses.

IT SEEMS only a week or two ago that we first saw conductresses and lady railway clerks at work, and yet when I asked a man who knows these things how many women were employed on our 'buses and trams to-day he said the figure was well over two thousand. He also said that the belle of all conductresses works on a No. 70 'bus and is Scotch.

Richard III.

MARTIN HARVEY'S Shakespeare season progresses splendidly, and I hear a considerable amount of money is being made, which is a more unusual feature of Shakespearean production than many of you may imagine. As the Red Cross is to benefit, so much the better. On Monday night I journeyed in what was almost sunshine to His Majesty's to inspect the gory glories of "Richard III." There was real Royalty in a box, as well as the stage variety on the other side of the footlights, and Princess Henry of Battenberg seemed to be most thrilled.

Nancy Price.

THIS IS Nancy Price, who played the Queen of that sloppy monarch Edward IV., returning to the stage after a long absence. She was good, but not so good as Genevieve Ward, the other Queen, the tragic Margaret, who dominated everything and everybody magnificently. What a lesson Genevieve Ward could give the younger generation, who mince and mumble! You may sneer (quite unjustly in most cases) at "the old school" of players, but they knew their business, and could, above all things, *speak*. Rather important, this, when you come to think of it.



—(Miss Compton Collier.)

The Maudes.

NANCY PRICE is, of course, the wife of Charlie Maude, once an actor, now an officer in the Loyal North Lancashires, and doing very well, I believe. He was a great man with the O.U.D.S. in his Brasenose days. Cyril Maude, who has just returned from America for his daughter's wedding, is his cousin.

Charles.

I HAVE just heard that M. Charles (who is there who has ever frequented the Ritz who doesn't know Charles?) will not leave London after all. This prince among restaurateurs has been snapped up by Claridge's. This will be good news for our munition-workers.

The "Weaker" Sex.

GOING OVER a munitions factory the other day a friend tells me he was astonished at the vigorous manual labour many women were performing with perfect ease. They wielded heavy sledge hammers and lifted huge weights with grace and dexterity. Some young men superintendents looked on and didn't offer to assist them. I suppose men are not expected to be chivalrous in business, and, anyway, women are no longer the weaker sex.

Clerical Duties Only.

SOME OF THE men presenting themselves just now are being sent home and told to await a further call, as they are fit for clerical duties only. Why not employ these men in Government departments, and let the able-bodied men now exempted from service join the colours?

More Initials.

WE LIVE in an age of mysterious initials, but what, in heaven's name, is a "Lieut., R.N.U.K."? Thus was described one of the guests on the table-plan at a certain public dinner I recently attended. Perhaps it was a misprint.

"Familiar Air" Raid.

"THE engine seemed to be humming a march"—thus a young English officer in describing an air raid by the Turks. "The Turkish Petrol" of course!

MR. GOSSIP.

**FOUND DIAMONDS
IN THE STREET.**



Miss Dorothy Grubb, a tailor's assistant, who found diamonds worth a £1,000 in Hatton Garden. (Full story on page 2.)

TO MARRY A SOLDIER.



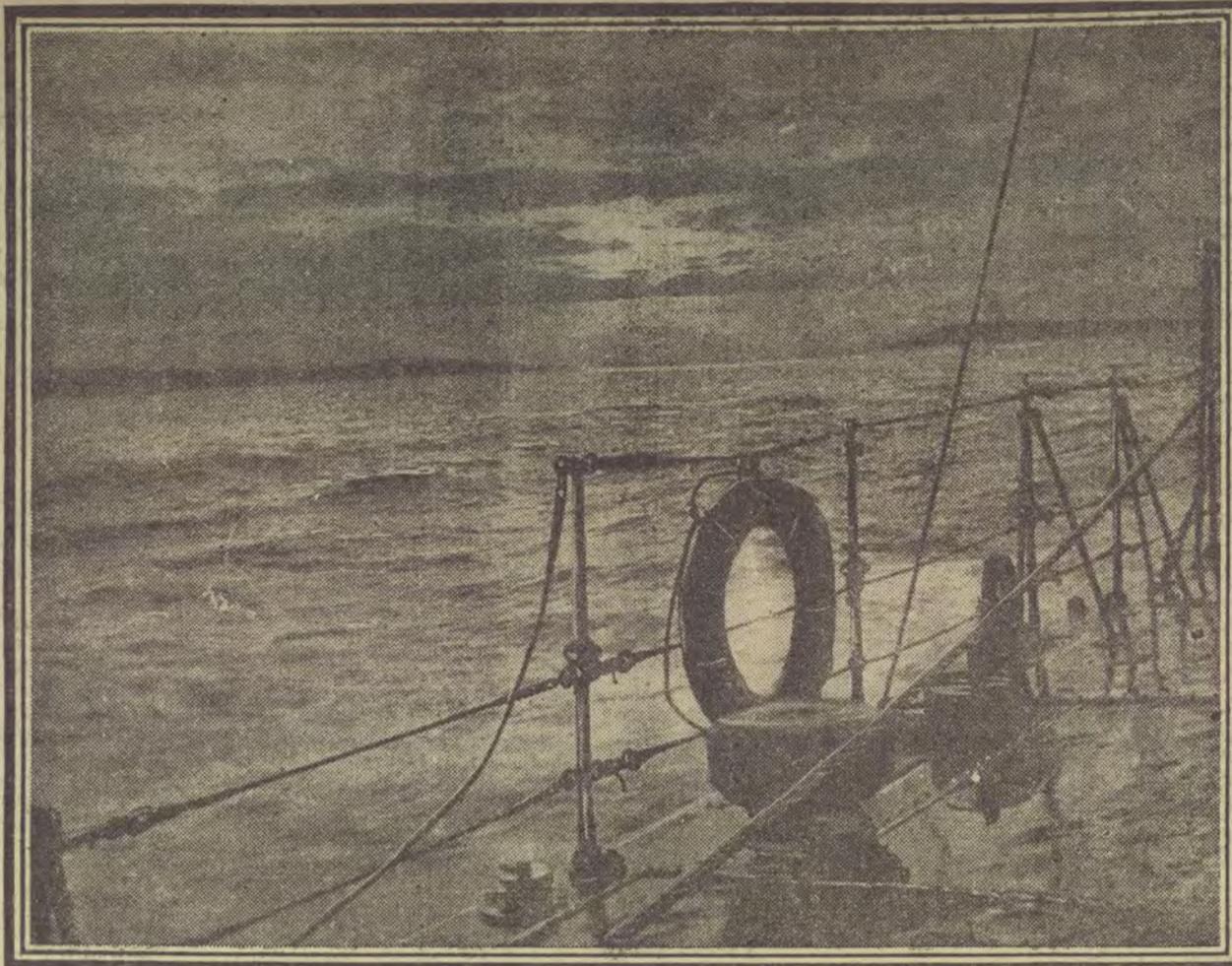
Miss Esme Teversham, daughter of Colonel R. H. Teversham, D.S.O., to marry Lieut. Ballard, R.F.A., at Bournemouth on Saturday.

A JUNE BRIDE.



Miss Pamela Cynthia Maude is marrying Captain W. La Touche Congreve, the son of Lieut.-General Congreve, V.C., on June 1.—(Rita Martin.)

THE UNCHANGING HOUR OF SUMMER-TIME.



A striking photograph of sunrise over the grey waters of the North Sea. Though a familiar scene to Jack, it gills with never-failing splendour the lonely hours of the early watch.

GENERAL FRENCH INSPECTS THE MEN OF KENT.



General French inspected yesterday at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, the Men of Kent and Kentish men. In the top photograph Lady Amherst and her two daughters are seen watching the march-past, and in the lower one General French and General Young inspecting the men.—(Daily Sketch Photographs.)

K.O.K.'s SERVANTS



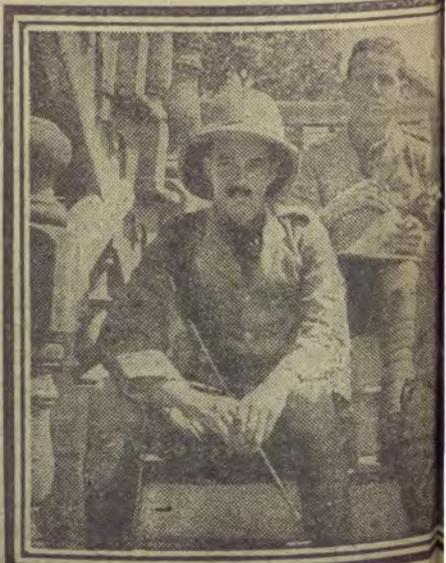
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A snapshot at Waterloo. An attested little child before leaving

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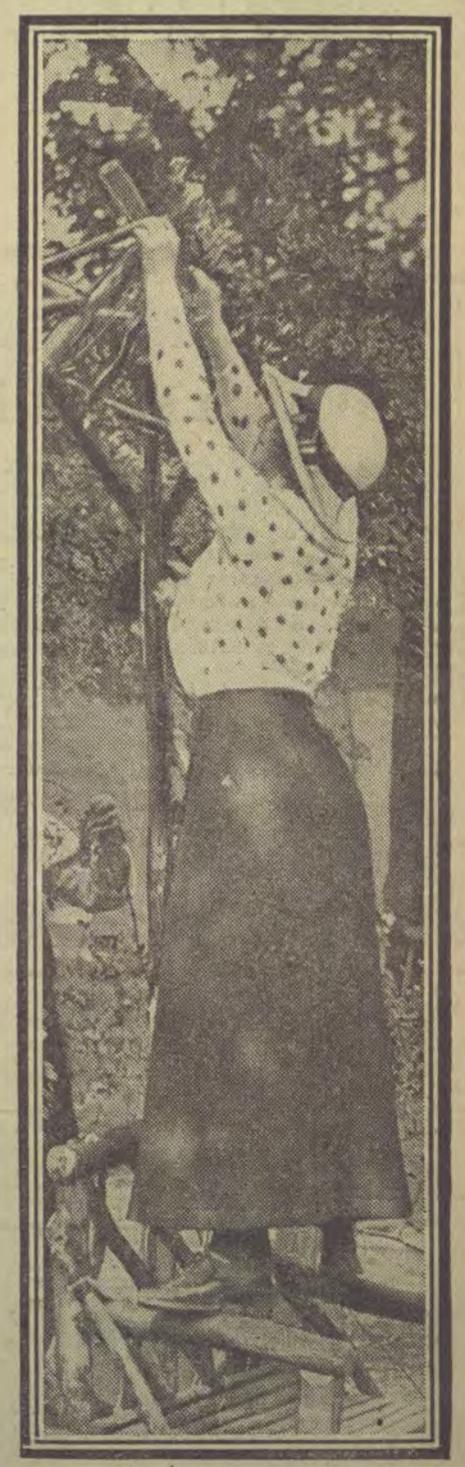


Rube Scanlon in the "Rube Song."



Syd Bennett as the laughter-maker. Nobby Clarke as an amusing dame. Basil Green, of the Magic Circle. These Canadians serving in France have formed themselves into an entertainment corps and give frequent performances to their comrades in arms at the front.

A PRETTY STUDY.



A lady gardener entwining a rambler on a rustic arch at the Chelsea Flower Show. —(Daily Sketch Photograph.)



Lady Dundas with her two daughters, the Hon. Mary Dundas and Lady Churston, at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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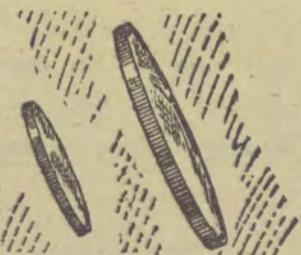
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The Straight-Down Silhouette.

THE bunched-up silhouette of the woman in the very newest clothes is by no means admired by all beholders. Some may admit its smartness and a certain piquant charm which the "up-to-the-minute" fashion, if well carried out, always possesses, but yet be of opinion that in later years, when distance allows us to give fair judgment, it will be condemned as being inartistically contorted and elaborate.

Happily fashion is getting a broader mind, and allows alternatives and modifications, and chief among to-day's alternatives to the full, basqued coat and skirt is the straight-down coat-frock. Its simple lines are an agreeable relief among the many bunched-up figures, and the looseness of its fit gives an attractive suggestion of coolness which the waisted coat and skirt never has.

Coat-Frock Materials

Shepherd's plaid, both in cloth and silk, has been a favourite among coat-frock schemes, but threatens to become over-popular. The new dust-colour will no doubt seem much smarter in a few weeks. Beige, with matching shoes and stockings, and touches of soft blue, is an attractive scheme,



A "straight-down" frock of white cloth laced with black.

and for those who fear not the war-time cleaners' bills there are delightful coat-frocks of white serge and cloth. Alpaca, in the new soft makes and shades, is admirably suited to the requirements of the pleated coat-frock, and is much cooler than fine cloth.

A touch of colour is given to some coat-frocks by buttons and girdle. A girdle for a navy blue serge coat was of scarlet silk woven like a lamp-wick and with long ends hanging from a simple knot.

For The Economical.

To the economising woman who wishes to keep down her wardrobe to the fewest possible items the coat-frock has much to recommend it. It has a way of appearing more suitable for an afternoon occasion than a coat and skirt, but at the same time it is simple enough for early morning, so that an extra summer coat and skirt may not be necessary.

Great care is necessary with the touch of lingerie, which is usually employed to give a softening effect at the throat and wrist. Like the coat-frock itself these should avoid all fussiness, but be as fine and plain and flat as possible.

WEDDING BELLS.



Miss Sybil Norah Armstrong, of Slough, to marry Capt. L. A. Lachlan, 2nd Gloucesters.—(Vandyk.)



Miss Mercia Saunders, of Lancaster Gate, W., just married to Capt. Ralph Holland, West Kents.—(Elliott and Fry.)

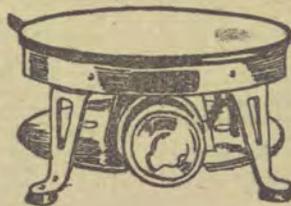
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300 MILLION VOTE FOR THE ARMY.

Britain's Huge Burden For The Allied Cause.

Mr. Asquith gave some striking figures in the House of Commons yesterday in moving a new Vote of Credit of 300 millions to carry on the war.

The total sum granted for the current year (said Mr. Asquith) would, with the present one, amount to 600 millions, and the aggregate of all the votes to 2,382 millions.

The average daily expenditure from April 1 to Saturday last was £4,820,000—the highest yet reached.

In all it amounted to £241,000,000.

Army, Navy and munitions accounted for 149 millions from April 1 to May 20.

Loans to Allies and Dominions. £74,500,000.
Food supplies, railways, and miscellaneous, £17,500,000.

The expenditure on the Army, Navy, and munitions was just under three millions daily.

Without financial assistance to our Allies great combined operations could not be prosecuted with efficiency and success.

It would be unwise to estimate for a lower daily rate of expenditure than £4,750,000.

They could not hope so far as they could foresee for any diminution in the expenditure to loans to our Allies and Dominions. The balance they still held from the last vote would last until June 2, and the present vote of 300 millions, at a daily expenditure of 4½ millions, would last till the middle of the first week in August.

BILLIARDS (Close): Falkiner, 10,979; Newman (in play), 10,119; Stevenson, 10,009; Inman, 9,282.

ABANDONED BY THE TURKS.



Turkish trenches at Es Sinn, the stronghold near Kut, which the enemy has just abandoned. General Townshend, on his march up the Tigris, drove them from this strong position. Our photograph shows how little the country helps an attacking force, there being no cover for the troops.

OFFICERS OF THE LONDON SCOTTISH OFF TO—



Officers of the London Scottish "snapped" at Waterloo Station. They are going to ———. But wherever they go they are bound to maintain the traditions of their regiment. — (Daily Sketch Photograph.)

WILL 'SUMMER TIME' MEAN MORE WRINKLES?

"Those Who Rise With The Sun Grow Old Early."

That very progressive woman, Miss Nina Boyle, head of the political and militant department of the Women's Freedom League, does not see any good in the daylight-saving pretence which most people find beneficial.

"Between two and four in the morning," she says, "is the hour when human vitality is lowest. No jerry-mandering with timepieces will alter this physiological fact."

"That is the time when a careful nurse will give extra attention to an exhausted patient, or to a delicate child. That is the time when exertion should be avoided."

"To set the time of activity farther and farther from this bad hour has been the unconscious but quite wholesome and well-directed determination of all civilised communities. Nothing in the rest of the day can compensate for early morning exertion."

"It is the toilers of the early, not the late, hours who lose their youth and their energy early. There may be exceptions, but the rule holds good in the mass."

"The lower animals, who rise and couch with the sun, are short-lived. Primitive races, who do the same, get revoltingly aged and withered while still quite young in years."

"The tendency of modern years has been to struggle for a later, as well as a shorter, working day—to the immense improvement of the work and the well-being of the worker."

"I venture to prophesy that two or three years of 'daylight saving' will reduce output and bring a heavy increase of ill-health and nervous trouble—a very questionable economy! We can afford the extra gas and coal; we can't afford the loss of human energy."



MISS NINA BOYLE.

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The pain of neuralgia is sharp and shooting, with intervals of freedom.

An attack of neuralgia does not give immunity, and recurrences are the rule. The same nerve is generally affected, which means that this particular nerve has lost its resistance, and that there will be recurring attacks until the strength of the nerve is thoroughly built up.

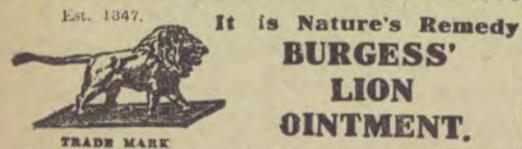
How can the strength of a nerve be restored? The nerves are nourished entirely by the blood, and weak nerves are toned up by supplying to the blood the elements that the nerves lack. As the general health and strength of the patient are built up the nerves resume their normal functions, inflammation caused by lack of nutrition disappears, and the neuralgic attacks cease.

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REAL EMPIRE DAY AT LAST.

Official Recognition By The British Government To-day.

For the first time since its inauguration Empire Day is to be officially acknowledged by the British Government. To-day the Union Jack is to be flown from every Government building throughout the Kingdom.

This is a change of attitude somewhat belated, but nevertheless welcome, and will be received with great pleasure in the Oversea Dominions, where "The Day" has for quite a number of years been celebrated with patriotic fervour.

The schools are participating this year more than ever and big demonstrations are to be held. On Saturday a special Empire Day service is to be held at St. Paul's, at 6 p.m.

At 5.45 the sixty flags of the Empire, with the Union Jack, will be carried in procession to the choir, the Union Jack being in due course received by the officiating Canon and laid upon the altar.

THE DEMOCRATIC MARKET.

Organised by Mrs. A. H. Scott, of 108, Westbourne-terrace, W., and Mr. Gordon Selfridge, with Lady Paget as director, a sale on an extensive scale, to be called the Democratic People's Market, will be held at the Caledonian Market on June 6 and 7 next. The proceeds are to be devoted to the wounded soldiers of the Allied nations.

There will be five miles of stalls, covering an area of 15 acres, the whole being in charge of 6,000 ladies and gentlemen.

Queen Alexandra is expected to be present at the opening ceremony, and Royalty will also be represented by Princess Victoria, the Princess Royal and her daughter, and the Grand Duchess George of Russia. Lord Kitchener's sister (Mrs. Parker) will head a signalling corps.

Contributions can be sent to Messrs. Selfridge and Co., Oxford-street.

STOCK MARKETS BECOME QUIETER.

Gilt-edged securities made a further advance yesterday, but lost their buoyancy before the close, and stock markets generally became quieter after early activity.

Consols marked 58½ at one time, closing at 57 15-16, while War Loan 4½ per cent. stock closed at 95 5-16, and the 3½ per cent. stock at 88 5-16.

Home railway stocks remained quietly firm, and there was a fresh advance in American securities following the movement in Wall-street overnight. Grand Trunk stocks also improved.

In the mining markets Tin shares made a good showing, with Dolcoaths in demand at 11s. 9d. One or two copper shares, including Hampden Cloncurry, were also better, and Kafirs had a good tendency, but the demand was restricted to Modder Leases, Roodepoort United and Van Ryn Deep. "Tanks" were sold to secure profits, and Rhodesian issues receded.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.—American 2 points decline for near months, 7 points decline for distant; Egyptian barely steady, 5 to 6 points advance.

AMERICAN COTTON (close): New York barely steady, 14 to 24 points down. New Orleans steady, 19 to 24 down.

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ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELlicoe sends the following telegram:—

"The Union Jack Club has been of inestimable benefit to the men of the Fleet since its erection and its value has been beyond words. During the war the urgent need for further extension has been demonstrated a thousand times, and I trust that your appeal for funds for this extension will meet with the wonderful success which has so far attended all your kindly efforts on its behalf."

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG sends the following telegram:—

"Please accept my best wishes for the success of your appeal. The Union Jack Club has for the past nine years conferred inestimable benefits on many thousands of our sailors and soldiers. Your proposed extension scheme comes at a most suitable moment and will, I feel sure, be welcomed by all who wish to perpetuate the memory of those gallant men who have fallen in the cause of freedom."

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A Cry Of The Heart.

Hester had told herself again and again that she hated Jim Stratton; that now she knew for certain the kind of man he was she would put him altogether out of her memory.

It was her clear duty to do so. She was Gordon's promised wife; she loved Gordon; she had thought herself the happiest woman in the world when he had asked her to be his wife. She would think only of him—she would think only of him.

When Gordon had called that evening she had gone down from her mother's room determined that there should be nothing in her conduct to suggest that she could ever have been so wicked or so mad as to think of any other man.

The last few days should be as if they had never been. She would take up her relations with Gordon exactly where she had left them on that memorable evening when, in a fit of pique, she had declined to accompany him to the committee meeting, but had gone instead for her fateful ride upon the downs.

It was clearly her duty—and her pleasure. . . . She told herself several times that it was her pleasure to be sweet and loving to Gordon, who had always treated her with such unflinching kindness and courtesy. . . . She was the happiest woman alive. . . . she was the happiest woman alive.

She mentally repeated these convictions to herself, as if she were reciting a creed.

"I love Gordon. . . . He's always been so awfully good to me. . . . No girl could be more fortunate in her lover and her affianced husband. . . . I shall be very, very happy with him. . . . There is no other man in the world for me."

In the glow of this confession of faith, her conduct towards Gordon had been unimpeachable. He had found her sweeter and more alluring than ever before. Every touch, every smile had thrilled him, and even in her tears, when she had blurted out her protest against Jim Stratton's persecution of her, he had found her strangely fascinating.

And then he had gone—and with his departure there had gone also all the pretences with which she had tried to fortify her self-respect. Face downwards upon the couch in the drawing-room she poured out in tears her sense of misery and shame.

She knew then that the man who had just left her was not the man she loved. . . . Before her eyes there floated the vision of another man—a giant in stature, broad-chested, long-limbed and sun-tanned. . . .

Her effort at self-hypnotism had failed. She no longer tried to delude herself, but in the silent room she called out between her sobs—his name.

Hester Faces The Truth.

At first, at the sound of her own voice, she flushed with shame. . . . She ought to hate Jim—this breaker of other women's hearts—this man who looked upon love-making as a sport. . . . But this feeling soon passed.

It was as if for the first time she saw her own heart stark—as if for the first time she dared to know the truth.

She loved Jim Stratton. . . . It might be disgraceful of her—it might be everything that was wrong—still it was the truth; and alone there, in that silent room, she faced the truth.

She would never marry him—that, of course, was out of the question. She had promised to marry Gordon, and she could not break her pledged word without scandal and disgrace. . . . But she knew she must always love Jim Stratton.

Time might blur the memory of that love, but

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always she would know that the great inspired moment of her life was when she had first looked into those steel-blue eyes of his, up there on the sun-kissed downs. . . .

That night she slept little, but when the morning came she did not adopt her usual method of curing the effects of insomnia. Much to Thomas's surprise, she sent Ruby back to the stables. She did not feel inclined to ride, she said, and instead she wandered about the grounds until it was time for breakfast.

Her mother came down for the first time that morning, and talked of going up to London, half-reluctantly, as if she felt she ought to go on account of Hester's trousseau, but feared the fatigue.

"To-morrow will do, mother," Hester exclaimed. "After all, we needn't make such a business of it. I begin to wonder why there is such a fuss about weddings."

Mrs. Gervais shook her head and smiled.

"Ah, my dear, I've heard many girls say that; but they were wrong. It makes it something to look back upon, dear. In after years you will understand what it means to have one day marked out from all the other days of your life by what you call fuss. . . . But I think it would be wise perhaps if I didn't attempt the journey to-day."

All that morning Hester sat with her mother, excusing herself from going into the village on an errand by saying that she had a headache, and after lunch she read the old lady to sleep on the verandah. About four she had to rouse Mrs. Gervais to receive some visitors.

"It's Mrs. Lomas and Effie, mother," she said. "I won't come into the drawing-room if you don't mind. I don't feel as if I were fit to talk to anybody."

Left alone, she sat musing idly with the work she had been doing in her lap, until she was roused by the opening of the French windows behind her. Looking up she saw Effie coming towards her.

"It Isn't Fair."

"I had to come and see you, Hester," Effie said, breathlessly. Mother made me promise that I would leave her alone with Mrs. Gervais. . . . Besides, I want to talk to you."

Hester saw that Effie's face was unusually pale, and that her eyes were feverish. She knew instinctively what Effie wanted to say, and she made a great effort to prevent her from saying it.

"Come down and see the tennis courts, Effie," she said, springing up. "They look awfully well since we've had them relaid."

She led the way down the steps into the garden. For a while she kept the talk flowing in every channel except the one into which she knew her companion wished to direct it.

But she came to an end of her conversational resources at last. Effie had not spoken a word—had not even appeared to be attending to what she was saying.

"Hester," she said presently, after the lapse of some moments of silence, "you've heard about Mr. Stratton?"

"That he's left your house? Yes, I heard that, Effie."

"Do you know why he left?"

Hester pretended not to hear her question.

"You must feel quite lonely without him, Effie," she said, turning away her head.

She hastened her steps, anxious to get back to the house, but Effie, putting a hand upon her arm, stopped her.

"Hester," she said in a broken voice. "You know quite well why he left us. It isn't fair, Hester. You're going to be married. . . . and I—I loved him—you knew I loved him."

Hester could find no words to say to her. Effie had been her lifelong friend. They had played together as children—they had been brought up together in Heaton Chevriil. She had feared this. She had even told Stratton himself that she would not be guilty of stealing from her friend the man she loved.

Effie's Misery.

"Mother has come to see Mrs. Gervais about it this afternoon. That's why she wanted to be left alone. . . . Oh, Hester, I don't think it was fair."

Effie's little mouth was twitching, and the tears had gathered in her violet eyes.

"Effie," Hester gasped, "I didn't mean anything. I knew you cared for him, and I wanted you to keep him. I told him so. I told him that

I wouldn't see him again, because I knew you cared for him."

"What did he say?" the other girl asked after a pause.

Hester coloured with confusion. Effie was like a child, always demanding answers to questions to which it was difficult to reply. How could she tell her that Stratton had said he had never thought of her as someone to love?

"I'm afraid that's why he left your house, Effie. . . . But it wasn't my fault."

"Why did you meet him out on the downs then? Why couldn't you leave him alone?"

"I met him there twice by accident—I only went once to the Downs to meet him on purpose—and that was to tell him that I didn't want to see him ever again."

Effie started in blank misery at the daisies at her feet.

"You know he says he is going to make you his wife. . . . he told father so. If you hadn't given him any encouragement, Hester. . . . Of course I believe what you say—but it's rather hard to understand."

The colour flamed up into Hester's cheeks. She felt an uncontrollable desire to set herself right with her friend—even at the expense of a little truth.

"Don't think of him any more, Effie. He isn't worth it, dear—really he isn't. I'll tell you what happened yesterday."

She related the story of her mysterious visitor—the scene in the drawing-room—and of Jim Stratton's attempts at denial.

"Of course it must be true, because how otherwise could this woman have thought of coming to me? She doesn't belong to Heaton Chevriil, and she can't have known me unless she had seen me up on the Downs with Mr. Stratton, as she said she did. . . . If you ask me, Effie, I think you've had a very lucky escape."

Effie slowly raised her head, and turned her glistening eyes to Hester's face.

"You don't mean that, Hester," she said.

The Question.

"Of course, I mean it," Hester replied stoutly. Effie sighed.

"It wouldn't have made any difference to me," she said miserably. "Not if a hundred women came to me and said that he had broken their hearts. I only know I love him."

Hester put an arm round her friend's waist. The other's honesty and simplicity appealed to her strongly. Effie was speaking the truth—the truth that Hester had tried to blind herself to. . . . That woman's story hadn't made any difference to her own feelings towards Jim Stratton. She had only seized upon that story as an excuse for keeping herself true to her compact with Gordon Kemp.

"Effie, dear—you will find somebody else—somebody whom you will love—somebody to love you. I would have given a lot for this never to have happened. I didn't want to come between you and Mr. Stratton. . . . Oh, you must believe that, Effie."

The girl looked up at her, her lips still quivering. "But you love him, Hester—you can't deny that?"

Hester started.

"Effie!" she exclaimed. "What are you talking about? Why you know I'm going to be married to Gordon on the twelfth—and you're going to be my bridesmaid. . . . Whatever could make you think such a dreadful thing?"

Effie shook her head.

"People pretend," she said miserably. "You get engaged because it's the proper thing to get engaged, or because there happens to be somebody suitable who asks you—and then you pretend to yourself that you couldn't possibly fall in love with anybody else."

Suddenly she stopped and put both her hands on Hester's shoulders. Her eyes fixed themselves for a moment searchingly upon her friend's face.

"Hester, you ought to tell me, after what's happened—you do love Mr. Stratton, don't you?"

For a while the two girls looked down into one another's eyes without speaking; then suddenly Hester snatched herself free from Effie's hold, and with something that sounded very like a sob, turned and ran towards the house.

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TOMMY'S OWN POTATO PATCH.



Estelle Dudley, the nine-year-old dancer, who will appear to-morrow at a West End matinee in aid of the St. Dunstan's Hostel for blinded soldiers.



Intent on war-time economy, these Gordon Highlanders, now in training somewhere in England, have, at the suggestion of Lieut.-Colonel Forbes, turned the spare ground between the lines of their camp huts into a vegetable garden. Here they are seen at work on the potato-patch, under the supervision of Major Martin



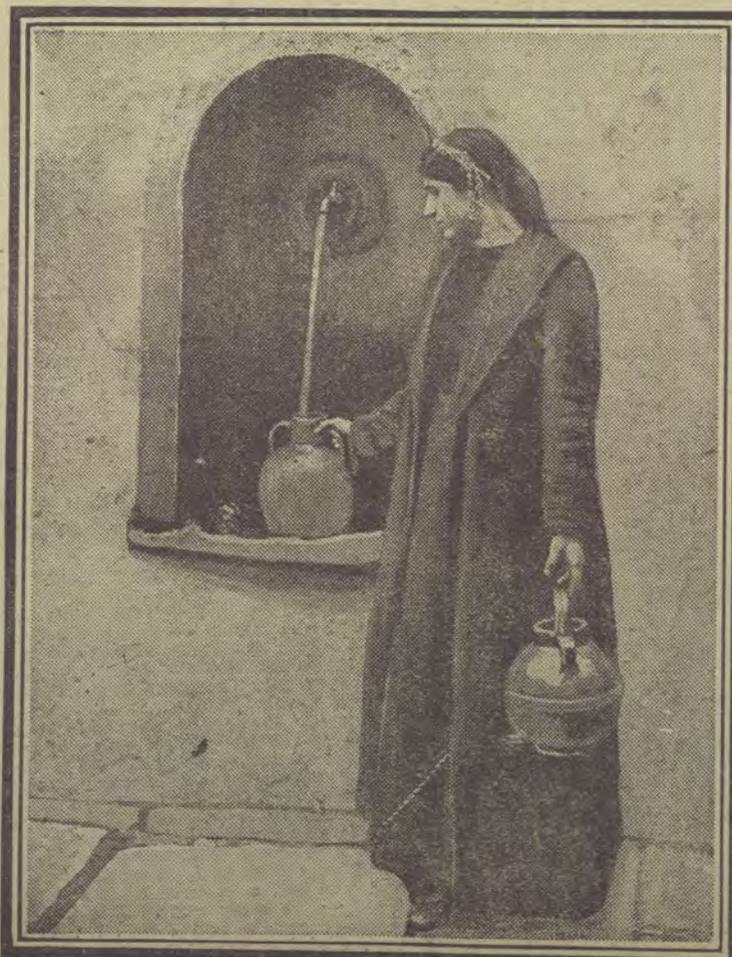
Little Gwennie Henry, aged 7, a clever juvenile singer, who will also appear at the matinee in aid of the St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Heroes.—(Sarony.)

TOMMY WEARS BORROWED PLUMES.



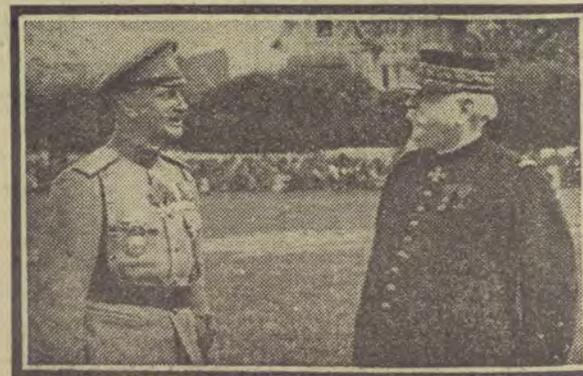
Convalescent Tommies, wanting a dip but having no bathing costumes, borrowed girls' garments for the occasion.

—REBECCA IN EXILE.—



A pathetic embodiment of Rebecca in exile, this Serbian refugee in a strange land goes daily to the well for water.

JOFFRE AND HIS RUSSIAN ALLY.



General Joffre chats with General Lochevitsky, the commander of the Russian troops now in France.

LORD HARDINGE'S SON. A.S.C. BOXING CHAMPION.



The Hon. A. H. Hardinge, Lord Hardinge's heir, gazetted to a lieutenancy in the Grenadier Guards. Sgt. C. H. Sanders, A.S.C., won the amateur middle-weight championship at an Army contest in France.

BARRISTER KILLED.



Sec.-Lieut. R. C. Green, Bedfordshire Regt., killed in action, was a barrister.—(Lafayette.)

KILLED IN ACTION



Capt. G. B. Rathbone, Gloucester Regt., killed in action, was an old Bensonian.—(Bassano.)