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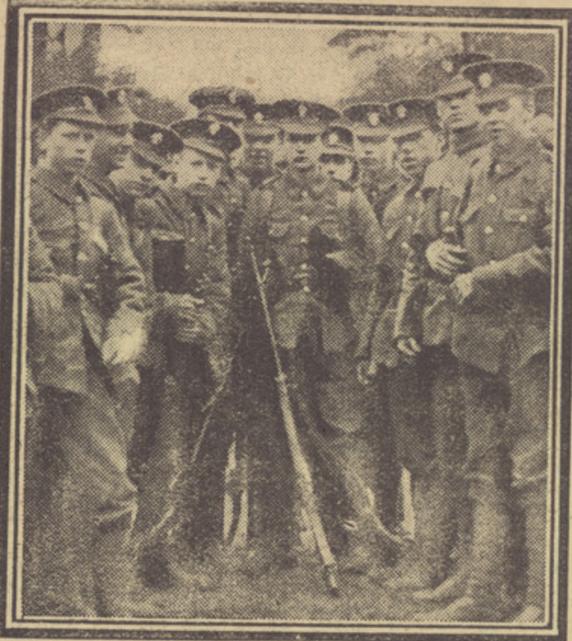
LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1916.

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ONE HALFPENNY.

The Ground We Won And The Lads Who Won It.

After exploding mines, the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers assaulted the German salient at St. Eloi, successfully taking the front and second line trenches on a front of some 600 yards.—*British Official.*



A group of gallant lads who are fighting in the ranks of the famous Royal Fusiliers.



"We have extended our line."—A French War Office photograph showing British soldiers off in motor lorries to the firing lines to take over the French trenches.



Men of the Northumberland Fusiliers have added St. Eloi to the honours of the "Fighting Fifth."



One of the deadly alley-ways at St. Eloi, where the trench runs under ruined houses.



A British trench and dug-out amid the battered ruins of St. Eloi.



Northumberland Fusiliers on the march when being inspected at home before leaving for the front. Their charge at St. Eloi is worthy of the traditions of a splendid regiment.

WORST STORM FOR THIRTY YEARS.

Many Main Line Expresses Hours Late: Others Cancelled.

LONDON CUT OFF FROM THE NORTH.

Sudden Blizzard Brings Traffic To A Standstill.

SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED.

Main line expresses were six hours late in reaching Euston, King's Cross, and St. Pancras yesterday. The delay was due chiefly to the track being strewn with fallen wires. Many trains from London to the north and west had to be cancelled because of the traffic block.

The worst storm for 30 years raged over the Midlands and the North and West of England during Monday night and yesterday.

Carlisle was completely cut off from London by railway during the afternoon. A service of trains was being maintained only between Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester (via Carlisle) and Scotland.

UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION.

Railway officials at Carlisle held out no hope last evening that any train from London on either the West Coast or Midland route would be able to get through to Carlisle last night. Such a railway block in the Midlands, cutting London off from the North, has never before been known.

One train arrived at Crewe with miles of telegraph wire dragging behind it, and the Irish mail train was delayed 10 hours by the blizzard.

A Midland express took over 14 hours to get from London to Manchester, and the service from Manchester to London was suspended until late in the afternoon.

The High Peak railway again had to be closed to traffic.

At Colbren, on the Neath and Brecon line, a train was snowed up, and near Port Talbot a big signal box was blown in.

Some of the worst train delays were:—

TRAIN FROM.	DUE.	ARRIVED.
Sheffield	6.35 a.m.	1.32 p.m.
Aberdeen	7.58 a.m.	4.15 p.m.
Aberdeen	8.5 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
Holyhead	6.0 a.m.	2.0 p.m.
Perth	7.55 a.m.	3.12 p.m.

FOUR DEATHS IN THE BLIZZARD.

The blizzard was responsible for four deaths in South Wales.

Charles Caswell and his son, aged 16, died in the snow on a mountain while returning from work at Neath.

Claus Thygesen, a seaman, was at Port Talbot blown against a building, and died later from a fractured skull.

Thomas Smith (60) fell dead after reaching work at Newport, apparently as the result of over-exertion in the gale.

Telephonic communication all over the country was in a state of chaos. The West of England and the Midlands suffered particularly, and but for the fact that a week or so ago the underground cables to Liverpool and Birmingham were completed those places would have found themselves cut off.

Telephone and telegraph poles were uprooted in the Fens and splintered to matchwood. No traffic was possible on the London and North-Western Railway near Peterborough.

BIRMINGHAM SNOWED UP.

On the Birmingham tram routes snowploughs were out all night, but it was only possible to run an irregular service, and only a few trams were running.

On the Erdington route a motor-bus was wedged in a drift. A fire engine summoned to the suburbs was held up, and a second engine stuck fast in a drift on the return journey and had to be pulled out by a motor lorry.

Snowdrifts 20 feet deep are reported from South Wales. Many of the Cardiff trams were unable to get back to the depots and had to stay in the streets all night until snowploughs could get to them and release them. Newport cars which went out early yesterday were also snowed up, but were freed by a rapid thaw.

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL POSTPONED.

A funeral party waited all day at Carlisle station to receive the body of a Carlisle soldier who had died at Brighton, and although a special train was made up at Crewe to take the coffin to Carlisle the funeral had to be postponed for a day.

Heavy seas washed away the greater part of the landing-stage at the head of the Palace Pier, Brighton, the debris being washed ashore close to that portion of the beach whence jutted the old chain pier, destroyed by a storm some years ago.

The public were admitted only half-way up the long pier.

FAMOUS ORCHID GROWER RETIRING.

A big gap will be caused in the horticultural world on Friday, when the well-known firm of William Bull and Sons, of King's-road, Chelsea, will cease to exist.

Mr. Edward Bull is retiring, and the closing of the business is the firm's reason for not disposing of the goodwill.

Many of Mr. Bull's famous collectors risked their lives in scouring tropical forests to discover new species, and it is owing to his enterprise that thousands of beautiful plants now adorn the mansion and the cottage. Mr. Bull's retirement, it may be noted, follows close upon the cessation of another famous firm—Veitch's.

RECRUITING AND MARRIED MEN'S POSITION.

Lord Derby Asks For A Statement In Parliament.

MR. LONG TO SPEAK TO-DAY.

To-day Mr. Walter Long will make "a full statement" in the House of Commons on the recruiting problem and the position of married men.

This is at the request of Lord Derby, who asked that a day should be set apart for a full discussion of the situation.

When Mr. Asquith returned, said Mr. Long, the question of a day for discussion would be considered.

Lord Derby has agreed to receive another deputation from provincial branches of the National Union of Attested Married Men on Monday.

"As Rapidly As Possible."

At a meeting of the Unionist War Committee to consider the recruiting question yesterday Sir Edward Carson, the chairman, read a letter from Mr. Bonar Law stating that the Cabinet were examining all figures now available in regard to the supply of men for the Army. They were proceeding as rapidly as possible with this investigation, and he would communicate again with the committee as soon as possible.

Sir Edward said in the event of the position taken up by the Government being considered unsatisfactory by the committee he would give notice of a motion on the subject in the House of Commons, and ask the Government to give a day for its discussion.

A resolution was carried recommending that grave and immediate consideration be given by the Government to the provision in respect of the difficulties of married men in regard to the obligations to which they are subject.

Not His Fault He's English!

Forty-two conscientious objectors appeared before Shoreditch tribunal yesterday. Most of them were recommended for service with the Non-Combatant Corps. One, a Borough Councillor, asked if he was anti-English, replied, "Not necessarily." He did not consider he had a country; he was English, but that was not his fault. It would make no difference to the worker if Germany won the war.

When another name was called the clerk read this letter from the appellant:—"Dear Sirs,—Since making my appeal I have altered my opinions, and am no longer a conscientious objector. I am now only waiting for my group to be called up." (Cheers.)

A committee has been appointed by the Government to which a tribunal may refer for advice as to what service a conscientious objector should undertake, and for other advice. Its members are:—

Mr. T. H. W. Pelham (chairman). Mr. T. E. Harvey, M.P. Mr. Graham S. Spicer. Mr. C. Fenwick, M.P. Mr. H. G. Pritchard (sec.).

The committee will work in close touch with the Board of Trade and its representatives, and will settle with the concurrence of the Board a list of occupations which are to be regarded as of national importance. The question of exemption will continue to rest with the tribunals.

The Mayor of Hammersmith suggested that the local tribunal adjourn the applications of married men for a month to see what the Government propose to do as regards financial obligations.

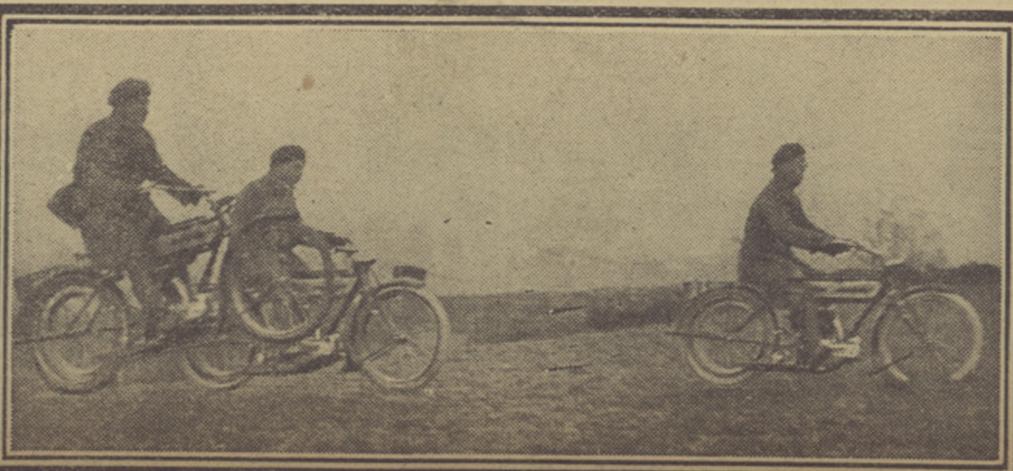
THE ALCANTARA ORCHID.

A new orchid, named after H.M.S. Alcantara, gained the award of merit at the show of the Royal Horticultural Society yesterday. A rosy purple, approaching petunia in shade, it marks a new colour for its species.

NINE MONTHS' FOR GERMAN OFFICER

Sentence of nine months' imprisonment has been passed by the military court at Holyport on Lieut. Fruhr von Grote, of the German Navy, who was caught trying to effect the escape of himself and others by tunnelling under a sleeping apartment at the German officers' prison camp, Holyport, Maidenhead.

THE MODERN GALLOPING MAJOR.



The Army man who used to ride hard to hounds now goes galloping on motors at the front. These motor dispatch-riders are having a trial run.

"TREASON" ON THE CLYDE.

Six Strike Agitators "Deported" To Another Place.

MEN WHO HELD UP MUNITIONS WANTED AT THE FRONT.

Dr. Addison, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd George, yesterday made known in the House of Commons the grave condition of things that has been created among munition workers by a body calling itself the Clyde Workers' Committee.

This body, said Dr. Addison, was a self-constituted one, and had

Embarked upon a policy to hold up the production of munitions by the withdrawal of men from essential work.

Strikes had been ordered, but, said Dr. Addison, these were the result of no industrial grievance. Their objects were:—

The Repeal of the Military Service and Munitions Acts. The removal of all restrictions to strike for higher wages.

What They Held Up.

How serious the situation was was shown by the fact that this self-constituted body of men actually intended

to hold up certain kinds of munitions of which the Army in the field stood in the utmost need.

Dr. Addison explained that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had repudiated the body, and so far as it affected their members had forbidden the strikes, ordered the men to return to work, and declared that no strike pay should be given.

"The situation, however, was such that on Friday last the Minister of Munitions called upon the military to act under the Defence of the Realm Act, with the result that six of the ringleaders, who were found to be contemplating further strikes, were removed," he added, amid loud cheers.

What Started It.

The series of strikes commenced on March 17, when one of the chief members of this committee insisted that he should be entitled to leave his work at any time and enter any other department for the purpose of investigating what was being done with unskilled labour and interrogating the women as to their pay and conditions of employment.

The management felt it impossible to comply with his demand, and offered to place the matter before the Clyde Commissioners.

The man declined, and succeeded in bringing out men in these works.

The method adopted had been to bring out on strike the workmen engaged on a heavy gun or gun mountings, which were particularly required at the present time.

The committee, went on Dr. Addison, visited in succession the works making these guns and though in a number of cases their efforts failed, they succeeded in bringing out men engaged in five different works.

Assisting Our Enemies.

Dr. Addison concluded, amid renewed loud cheers, with an expression of belief that the action which had been taken would be fully endorsed both by the great body of workers and by the country at large.

Sir E. Carson asked whether it had been considered that these men had been guilty of assisting the King's enemies, and therefore guilty of high treason.

Dr. Addison: That has been considered. Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. Outhwaite asked for an assurance that the men would be brought to trial, and Dr. Addison stated that they had meanwhile been "deported" to another place because the matter was urgent.

MINISTER'S LETTER COSTS HIM £10

The Rev. James Stephens, of the United Methodist Church, was at Hull yesterday fined £10 for the alleged spreading of false reports. Proceedings were taken under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. Evidence was given that in a letter written by the Rev. Stephens to a personal friend at Ilkeston he made the statements complained of. At his request the letter was shown to two other friends. In expressing regret, he said he simply repeated rumours prevalent at the time.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO "P.B.'s" MURDER CHARGES.

"I Have Sent My Eldest Son To The Flying Corps," Says Mr. Tennant.

MR. BILLING'S "PROOFS."

Mr. Tennant in the House of Commons last night promised that he would urge upon Mr. Asquith the need for an inquiry—a judicial one if possible—into Mr. Pemberton Billing's charges.

Replying to the allegation that our men were being murdered by being sent up in "dud" machines, Mr. Tennant said he had sent his eldest son into the Royal Flying Corps, and so had the Director of the Royal Flying Corps. (Cheers.)

There was no intrigue among the higher officials at the War Office, as Mr. Billing had alleged.

At the moment the majority of the German aeroplanes at the front were probably faster than ours, but that was rapidly being altered. (Cheers.)

Everything that human ingenuity could devise was being done to bring the air service up to the demands of the public and the war staff.

"We Are Doing Our Best."

The men referred to by Mr. Billing had flown hundreds and thousands of miles without accident, and most of the flights in which the casualties took place were over the German lines.

Officers were not commanded to go out at night and attack Zeppelins; it was a matter for their own discretion.

The Government had not given up hope of dealing with Zeppelin raids. On the contrary, their hope was higher than before. He did not wish to boast, but the Government were doing their best.

No pilots were sent up in machines that were inefficient, dangerous, or unfit for the service they were sent to accomplish.

The air service was in charge of a number of not stupid people, who were giving it their serious attention. (Cheers.)

"Sent Up To Make 'Fokker Fodder'."

Mr. Tennant's reply followed the production by Mr. Pemberton Billing of his "proofs" that air men had been "murdered" by being sent up in unsafe machines.

Mr. Billing read extracts from letters which he offered to lay on the table of the House. In one a pilot (who had since been killed) complained of the character of the machines supplied; and in another this pilot's father said his son had repeatedly complained of the "dud" machines air men were called upon to fly.

A series of casualties, comprising 150 deaths, 160 wounded and 105 men missing, Mr. Billing declared to be the result of sending men up to make "Fokker fodder." These men had been hopelessly outclassed by the immensely superior machines the Germans were bringing against us.

The question of engines was a matter of life and death to our pilots, and yet though 20 miles from the House of Commons far superior engines to the German could be obtained, the policy of those responsible had been to order the "dud" engines to which all the casualties mentioned could be traced.

The system of dual control had not been adopted by the foolishly incompetent men responsible for their air policy, with the result that men had been literally slaughtered through being sent up on "groggy" old-fashioned machines.

"Driven Up To Be Slain."

Our aeroplanes were sent over to France as aeroplanes; then they were transformed into fighting machines—a gun stuck on here and a bomb there—and as a result the machines lost 10 to 20 per cent. of their efficiency. Their speed was reduced from about 80 miles an hour to 68, and they had to meet Fokkers which did 120 miles an hour.

Pilots had been sent up after Zeppelins in machines from which they could neither see nor shoot, and without proper arms. They were sent up simply in answer to public clamour or to save the face of officials.

British pilots, the bravest airmen in the world, were like helpless duds in certain machines; they were driven into the air to be slain.

THE EXAGGERATED FOKKER.

Mr. Eric S. Bruce, addressing the Royal Colonial Institute yesterday, observed that much had been said about the Fokkers, but their power had been greatly exaggerated. They could travel at high speed, but their range of action was not large.

BURN LESS COAL.—OFFICIAL.

We have been told to eat less meat and less sugar and do without all kinds of luxuries. Now the Board of Trade draws public attention to the special need for the greatest economy in the use of fuel.

A reduction of 10 per cent. in household consumption, it is stated, would enable us to export some three million tons more in the year. To effect this reduction would entail a considerably larger proportionate reduction in the case of well-to-do households whose consumption is relatively large.

NEW EAR FOR A SOLDIER.

When the King and Queen visited the Metropolitan Hospital in Kingsland-road yesterday they were much interested in a soldier who has been fitted out with a new ear by the use of a silver frame and skin grafted from his leg.

Cardiff Corporation has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Lord Rhondda.

Prof. Sir James Dewar's second bubble, blown three weeks ago at the Royal Institution, shows no signs of bursting.

BRITISH RETAIN FIRM GRIP ON GROUND WON AT ST. ELOI.

BRITISH GAINS HELD FIRMLY AT ST. ELOI.

Heavy Artillery Bombardment Fails To Move Our Infantry.

200 PRISONERS NOW.

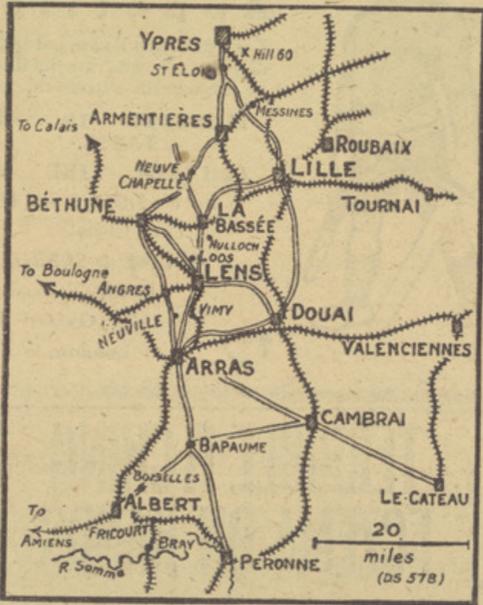
Enemy's Admissions Of Important Actions Round Ypres.

"AT CLOSE QUARTERS."

Important events appear to be developing on the British front.

The first hint of something unusual was contained in the German official news of Monday afternoon, showing that the British had broken through their trenches at St. Eloi, on the main road from Ypres to the south.

This was borne out by the curt but very encouraging message from Sir Douglas Haig, showing that the Northumberland Fusiliers and Royal Fusiliers had taken a German salient along a front of 600 yards. Last night's report from General Headquarters shows that despite a vigorous



artillery fire from the enemy the Northumberland and Royal Fusiliers have held fast to the ground won.

It appears from the German message that the British are developing new attacks of the same kind in other parts of their line—which now extends from near Ypres to the Somme.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE.

British Batteries' Brisk Reply To Enemy's Bombardment.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE,

Tuesday, 9.25 p.m.

In spite of very heavy artillery fire during last night and at intervals to-day our infantry have successfully held the ground gained by them yesterday at St. Eloi.

Our artillery fire was very effective in replying to the enemy's fire.

Total prisoners taken now amount to five officers and 195 other ranks.

Hostile artillery and trench mortar activity against our positions between Loos and Hulluch and in front of Aix Noulettes to-day.

We retaliated by shelling enemy positions.

"THE ACTION EXTENDED."

German Official News.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Lively fighting at close quarters has developed south of St. Eloi [three miles south of Ypres] around mine craters formed by the English mine explosions.

The action, too, has extended to the adjacent lines.

After this month there will be no official guide at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

RENEWED GERMAN ATTACKS WEST OF THE MEUSE.

Waves Of Assault Repulsed With Heavy Losses.

CRUSHING FRENCH FIRE.

French Official News.

PARIS, Tuesday, 11 p.m.

In the Argonne our artillery continued to display activity on the enemy organisations to the north of La Houyette in the Fontaine au Charnes sector and on the Haute Chevauchée, as well as in the Eastern Argonne.

Fire directed against an enemy battery in the Bois de Montfaucou caused a violent explosion.

West of the Meuse (Paris side) the bombardment was violently resumed in the course of the day on our positions from Avocourt to Bethincourt.

About three o'clock in the afternoon the Germans launched a strong attack on our Haucourt-Malancourt front.

Successive waves of assault were all repulsed with heavy losses by our curtain and infantry fire.

There was a bombardment of our second line to the east of the Meuse.

In the Woevre our artillery carried out concentration fire on the sensitive points of the enemy's front.

In the Vosges there was a fairly lively artillery struggle in the districts of Stosswehr, Muhlback and the Hartmannsweilerkopf.—Reuter.

EIGHT POWERS IN CONCORD.

Understanding Reached For Conduct Of Joint Operations By The Allies.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The conference of the Allies has unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

1.—The representatives of the Allied Governments, assembled in Paris on March 27 and 28, 1916, affirm the entire community of views and solidarity of the Allies. They confirm all the measures taken to realise unity of action and unity of front. By this they mean at once military unity of action as assured by the agreement concluded between the General Staffs, economic unity of action the organisation of which has been settled by the present conference, and diplomatic unity of action which is guaranteed by their unshakable determination to pursue the struggle to the victory of their common cause.



Generals Castlenau, Cadorna (centre), and Joffre, delegates at the Paris conference.

- 2.—The Allied Governments decide to put into practice in the economic domain their solidarity of views and interests. They charge the economic conference which will be shortly held in Paris to propose to them measures adapted to realise this solidarity.
 - 3.—With a view to strengthening, co-ordinating, and unifying the economic action to be exercised in order to prevent supplies from reaching the enemy, the conference decides to establish in Paris a permanent committee upon which all the Allies will be represented.
 - 4.—The conference decides:—
 - (A) To continue the organisation begun in London of a Central Bureau of Freights.
 - (B) To take common action with the shortest possible delay with a view to discovering the practical methods to be employed for equitably distributing between the Allied nations the burdens resulting from maritime transport and for putting a stop to the rise in freights.—Reuter.
- Reuter is informed that a telegram has been received from Paris fixing the date of the assembly of the International Parliamentary Conference for April 27.

BRITISH AIR RAID FROM THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

Daring 200-Mile Flight And A Safe Return.

40 BOMBS ON RESERVOIR.

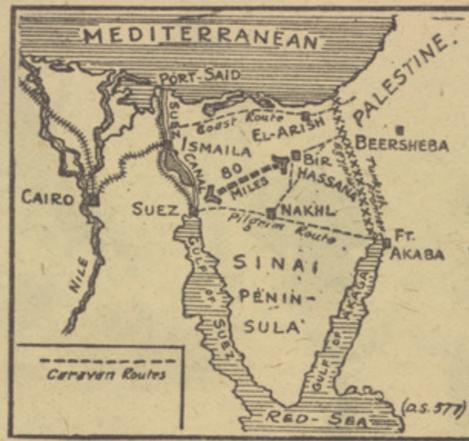
From W. T. Massey.

SUEZ, Monday.

As the result of an Allied air raid from the Suez Canal zone into the Desert of Sinai upon the Turkish advanced base of El Hassana an important reservoir has been destroyed and a military disaster occasioned to the enemy.

In the waterless region beyond the Suez Canal, famous in Old Testament narrative for the wanderings of the Children of Israel, the position of the well is of the first importance to any military operations.

The Turks had established a reservoir at El Hassana, or Bir Hassana, about 90 miles in a direct line from Suez midway between the two practicable caravan routes from Beersheba, the Turkish base in Southern Palestine.



The raid took place on Sunday, and the resource and high military training of the Flying Corps were never shown to better advantage.

It was arranged that the attack should be made from two points.

Four machines were to proceed from one point, two from another, the latter being timed to follow the former flight and to complete the destruction which the four machines began.

The whole scheme was carried out as arranged, and the enemy found a work which had taken months to prepare destroyed in half an hour. Our airmen dropped 40 bombs on the reservoir, buildings and trenches, with great effect.

"Volcano In Eruption."

The description which is given by the observers is that the camp presented the appearance of a volcano in eruption.

When the work of the airmen appeared to be finished a pilot noticed some infantry firing on the aeroplanes.

He swooped down upon them from behind, and, greatly daring, descended to within 200 feet (the height of a tall building), and opened machine-gun fire, scattering the infantry across the desert.

Officers in a marquee were sent helter-skelter. All the airmen returned safely after a flight of 200 miles.

HARD FIGHTING IN RUSSIA.

Furious German Counter-Attacks To Impede Russian Advance.

Russian Official News.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday.

North-west of Postavy the enemy is offering a desperate resistance, making furious counter-attacks at some points.

West of Lake Narocz (south of Dvinsk) the enemy occupied a wood south of the village of Mokritza, but by a counter-attack we dislodged the Germans from the northern part of the wood, capturing two machine-guns, and taking prisoners belonging to four different regiments.

In Galicia, north of Boyans, we exploded simultaneously 13 mines, and our infantry immediately afterwards rushed across two lines of enemy trenches, killing the surviving defenders of the works with hand grenades and in hand-to-hand fighting.—Reuter.

IRISH M.P. DEAD.

Mr. William Delaney, Nationalist M.P. for the Ossory Division of Queen's County, died yesterday morning, aged 61. He had been ill for the past fortnight. Mr. Delaney, who represented Ossory since 1900, was a farmer, and had been actively identified with the agrarian agitations of the "eighties" and "nineties" of the last century. Two years ago he had a serious attack of pneumonia.



(Lafayette.)

5 a.m. Edition.

H.M.S. CLEOPATRA RAMS GERMAN DESTROYER.

Enemy Vessel Sunk With All Hands In Coastal Raid.

LIVELY NAVAL ACTION.

Skilful Rescue Of The Crew Of The Lost Medusa.

From The Admiralty.

Tuesday Night.

In continuation of the statement issued on Sunday, March 26, all ships employed in the operations on the German coast have now returned to their ports except H.M.S. Medusa, which ship, as was feared, sank after all her crew had been taken off her in very bad weather by H.M.S. torpedo-boat destroyer Lassoo (Lieut.-Commander V. S. Butler) without any casualty—a fine feat of seamanship.

ATTACKED FROM ABOVE.

Our destroyers, while dealing with the enemy patrol vessels, were themselves attacked by enemy aircraft, but received no damage of any kind.

The following prisoners were rescued from the enemy patrol trawlers, which were previously reported sunk by our ships, namely:

- 4 from trawler Otto Rudolf,
- 16 from trawler Braunschweig [Brunswick].

CRUISERS V. DESTROYERS.

On Saturday night (25th) a division of German destroyers was encountered by our light cruisers.

One of these destroyers was rammed and sunk by H.M.S. Cleopatra, none of her crew being saved.

MORE "ACTIVITY AT SEA."

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Steamers arriving at Bergen to-day from England report great naval activity in the North Sea.

The captain of the steamer Jupiter, from Newcastle, says he observed a couple of Zeppelins near Hanstholm lighthouse, on the Danish west coast.—Central News.

"GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT."

GENEVA, Tuesday.

German naval officers holding temporary commands in the land forces are stated to have been recalled to their ships.

It is inferred that a great naval battle is imminent.—Central News.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

Pirate Submarine Flees At Sight Of Torpedoed Steamer's Rescuers.

Vessels reported sunk yesterday were:—

EAGLE POINT (5,222 tons, Norfolk and North American S.S. Co., Liverpool).—Crew of 42 saved.

HARRIET (1,372 tons, Copenhagen).—Crew saved.

EMPRESS OF MIDLAND (2,224 tons, owned at Newcastle).—Crew of 23 saved.

The Manchester Engineer, the loss of which was reported in the Daily Sketch yesterday, was torpedoed by a German submarine at 7 o'clock in the morning.

The disabled steamer remained afloat for nine hours and then, despite the brave efforts of the captain, officers and crew, she went down head first.

When friendly steamers were seen steaming to the assistance of the crew of the Manchester Engineer the submarine was frightened, and took her departure.

Amongst the crew of 33 are two Americans, Tom Fifer (Delaware) and Arthur McKenzie (Savannah), who state definitely that their ship was torpedoed without notice. The American Consul took their depositions.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.

The German Chancellor has convoked a secret meeting of the party leaders in the Reichstag to discuss the submarine question.—Exchange.

It is officially announced that persons who desire to send remittances to British prisoners of war in Turkey should now send them by international money order through the Post Office.

The Sussex Death Roll



FALLEN INVENTOR OF FRIGHTFULNESS: "Ah, my little grandchild, you have yet to learn how full this world is of wicked men—my successor will take all the credit for this!"—(Copyright by Will Dyson.)

HOW I DARKENED MY GREY HAIR.

Lady Gives Simple Home Recipe that She Used to Darken Her Grey Hair.

For years I tried to restore my grey hair to its natural colour with the prepared dyes and stains, but none of them gave satisfaction, and they were all expensive. I finally came across a simple recipe which I mixed at home that gives wonderful results. I gave the recipe, which is as follows, to a number of my friends, and they are all delighted with it. To 7 ozs. of water add a small box of Orlex Compound, 1 oz. of bay rum and ¼ oz. of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any chemist's at very little cost. Use every other day until the hair becomes the required shade, then every two weeks. It will not only darken the grey hair, but removes dandruff and scalp humours, and acts as a tonic to the hair. It is not sticky or greasy, does not rub off and does not colour the scalp.—Adv't.

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"I tried all remedies, but none did any good till I got a free sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I quickly got relief so I bought more and they have healed me completely."

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HAPPY YOUNG MOTHER.



Mrs. O Malley, daughter of the late George Edwardes, has just presented her husband, Capt. O'Malley, R.F.C., with a daughter.

ACTOR JOINS RED CROSS.



Granville Barker, the well-known actor, just home from America, has joined the British Red Cross in France.

HELPING THE WAR FUNDS.



Miss Sibell Chaplin, of Tetbury, organises sales in Gloucestershire districts in aid of the Red Cross funds.—(Val L'Estrange.)

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GENUINE must bear signature

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TORPEDOING THE CONFERENCE.

THE Germans are nothing if not tactful. At the precise moment when the Allies are in conference assembled at Paris the submarine campaign bursts into renewed fury, as a sort of gentle reminder of the manners of the Hun and the need to suppress him.

MORE indiscriminate than ever in their piracy, the Germans torpedo neutral and Allied ships with equal delight. Britons they no longer expect to frighten, but if neutrals can be shown that trading with these islands is not worth the candle much will have been gained. But the neutrals, unreasonable mortals, seem more angry than afraid.

YOU will estimate the value of the new attack more truly if you link it up with the attack on Verdun, as I did in yesterday's article. The enemy is at his wits' end and his resources' end. His blows have all the madness and strength of desperation.

BUT, strong as they are at Verdun, the French have countered them, and at sea our Admiralty, which swept the sea clear of submarine the first, will know how to deal with submarine the second.

I THINK the conference will be in the nature of a surprise. Each Ally has been told in turn by interested parties that the other Allies were weakening. Each delegate comes empowered to say: "We at least will never lay down our arms until . . ." And he will find that what was meant as a protest will be a chorus. France, flattered so fulsomely by the enemy, is implacable; Britain, assaulted by talk of how we shall block the trade of the German Empire when, if we have fought well, there will be no German Empire, is implacable; Italy, doubted by friends who should know her better, is implacable; Belgium and Serbia, devastated and overrun, are implacable; Russia, triumphant over all Teutonic intrigue, is implacable. Japan and Portugal, who, as it were, are guests at the feast, will wonder at the resolution of the Allies after those two terrible years of war.

WE have already had for some time a strategic understanding with our Allies; but this personal contact of Ministers, Generals and Plenipotentiaries will do more than all the diplomatic dispatches.

OUR own Ministers will be strengthened in their determination to entrust the conduct of the war altogether to their military advisers; and I think that, in some ways, Joffre will be the president of the assembly. Robertson will come back to England with a new endorsement on his King's commission.

BUT after the immediate military operations have been discussed, after each country has given its tale of men (will Britain be able to include its married dissentients?), after it has been decided when and how the great offensive shall be begun, the question will doubtless be put: "What is the true object of the war? What do we mean by 'crushed'?" And then, I hope, nay, I am sure, that the representatives of the Allies will signify that each and every Government and people is determined the war shall go on until the German Empire as it exists to-day shall cease to be; that they will be content with no terms but the terms of absolute submission; that the giving up of this and that piece of territory will not suffice; but that all the land now or formerly stolen from other States shall be given up; that the Central Powers shall pay for the war; that the German Fleet shall vanish; that the Prussian military power shall be smashed in fact and reputation; and that the Hohenzollerns shall no longer lord it over the German States.

THIS century-old incubus must be excoriated. It is not a nation we are fighting; it is a nightmare.

THEREFORE, I trust and believe there will be no talk of "This we will take and this we will concede." We will take all and give nothing; the German Empire must be destroyed.



Echoes of the Town.

What The King Enjoys—W. O.
Story Of Traps (Mouse) Three—
Gamble Of The Gazette.



The King And Regimental Journals.

I AM TOLD that no one enjoys reading the humorous papers produced at the front by various regiments more than King George. He has all of them sent to him immediately after publication, as well as some of the French ones.

Premier's Trip South.

VERY complimentary and all that to our Italian friends that the Prime Minister should go to Rome, but people are saying that there's a little island called Great Britain which is waiting rather anxiously to hear from him, and it won't be surprising if there's an explosion over this new putting off of a settlement on the subject of recruiting. It looks as if the Cabinet had decided to do nothing as long as the soldiers will stand it. But to return to the trip to Rome. I think you won't be far wrong in seeing the hand of the doctors in it.

Efficiency And Luck.

IT'S AN odd business, that of Sir Ian Hamilton and the officers only just commended, whose names went astray, though considering the conditions in Gallipoli it might have been worse. But the new little list will resolve some curious speculations. One of the Staff officers in the list is a very old friend of mine, and his people, knowing what his generals have said about him, have been wondering why his name appeared in none of the previous dispatches. Which shows you must be lucky as well as efficient to get "gazetted."

Queen Of Sweden's Illness.

QUEEN VICTORIA of Sweden is ill. It is to be hoped that her indisposition is not serious, and it is reassuring to find that she is in a condition to travel, for the Royal medicine men have recommended her to stay in "southern countries," and early next month she will leave Stockholm for Karlsruhe. The Grand Duke of Baden, whose capital is Karlsruhe, is her Majesty's brother. The Swedish Court, by the way, is the simplest and most democratic in Europe. The King has been known to walk through the streets of Stockholm accompanied only by a tennis-racket.



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A General's Wager.

I AM TOLD that one of our generals has made a wager that the fighting will be over by July. Now generals, like lesser humans, are prone to error, so I leave you to place your own valuation on this opinion.

What Did Jellicoe Say?

WHAT WAS the particularly cheering statement made by Sir John Jellicoe when he congratulated the gallant survivors of H.M.S. Alcantara upon the plucky and efficient manner in which they had put "paid" to the Greif? Many people are anxious to know, but true to the traditions of the Navy, the survivors refuse to talk. I am assured, however, that if we were told there would be hats in the air.

A Field-Marshal's Daughter.

BLINDED TOMMIES at St. Dunstan's will tell you of someone whose interest in them is reciprocated, partly because of the name she bears. She is tall and slender, and invariably most tastefully dressed, but she does not like publicity, and comparatively few people are aware of her existence. Her name is the Hon. Essex French.

Master Of Balliol.

THE Master of Balliol is dead—the result of a fall. The late Dr. Strachan-Davidson (pronounced *Strawn*) did not reign long—only nine years. Tall, bearded, and rather short-sighted, he was popular in a quiet way. When I attended his lectures on Polybius he was tutor only, and the reigning monarch was Caird (another Scot), who used to give philosophical breakfasts and talk about "infenity." But Strachan-Davidson was one of Jowett's men, a fine scholar, and altogether a fitting occupant of perhaps the most important academic post in the world.

Bowlers Coming Back.

A WEST END hatter was telling me yesterday that the "bowler" is coming into its own again. There was a time when it looked as if the soft felt hat would entirely supersede it. But before this season is out, he said, he expected "bowler" to be in the market again.

Flying Peer's Promotion.

THE ONLY ex-Cabinet Minister who is in the Royal Flying Corps has just obtained promotion.



This is Lord Lucas, who, when he left the Board of Agriculture, upon the formation of the Coalition, went in for the air service and became a flying officer. He has now been raised to the rank of flight commander. Lord Lucas is in the Hampshire Yeomanry, which is also the "parent" unit of his former Ministerial colleague, General Seely.

A Birdman, Twice.

LORD LUCAS's arrival at his present title was one of the oddities of the peerage. Florence, daughter of the sixth Earl Cowper, married Auberon Herbert, third son of the third Earl of Carnarvon. Their eldest son died when ten years old. When the eighth Earl Cowper died without heirs his earldom lapsed, but there were still the "by writ" baronies of Lucas and Dingwall, which went to the second son of his sister, Lady Florence Herbert, and that son became the present Lord Lucas. He is one of our best ornithologists, which I daresay set his mind on the flying arm.

A Way They Have In The Army.

THIS IS a little tale of red tape—the military variety. And it is perfectly true. A certain quartermaster found that his stores were being strafed by mice. The mice were strafed in turn by this process: Q.-M. reports to Headquarters misdeeds of mice. H.Q. advise him to "indent for traps (mouse) three." They arrive. Nothing doing. Inutility of traps (mouse) three, without bait, reported. Nobody responsible for bait. After three weeks piece of cheese arrives, with printed instructions.

The Solution.

CHAPTER II.—Mice continue to strafe stores. Traps (mouse) three, with official cheese, ignored. Q.-M. proceeds to "indent for cats (one)." Cat arrives. Who is to feed cats (one)? Q.-M. indents for "food for cats (one)." Food arrives; also three kittens. Q.-M. "indents for rations for kittens (three)." Reply from H.Q.: "Dispose of cats (one) and kittens (three). Indent for cats (Tom) one."

Curates-In-Arms.

I SAW a quaint spectacle yesterday. Two armed parsons strolled arm-in-arm along Ludgate Hill, one a burly six-foot giant, the other a frail little chap with a wistful face who peered up at his companion through thick glasses. But the spirit counts for something, and I was more impressed by the little un's pluck than the big fellow's inches.

Cheer Oh!

HERE IS a cheery Easter greeting card from



the prison camp of Doeberitz. The drawing would well illustrate Willie Redmond's "Cheer oh!"

Australian Habit.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN Premier coming to England! Why don't they charter a liner and let 'em all come over at once?

Might Have Been Expressed Better.

"I REGRET to have to inform you that — died of pneumonia last night." Letter from an officer

Jap Tars.

I HAVE JUST emerged from a Tube train, one compartment of which was completely filled with Japanese bluejackets, jolly little chaps, who chattered away and were immensely amused and interested at everything and everybody. Their uniform is almost identical with that of our own sailor boys, and they even wear the black scarf (instituted with us as a sign of mourning for Nelson and never discarded). But the name of their ship is on their caps in, of course, Japanese characters, and two little ribbons hang down their necks, pigtail fashion. But the most striking peculiarity was their gloves. Have you ever seen a British sailor wearing gloves? I don't think I ever have.

Arms Before Taxis.

THIS MOST damnable of all Marches and most unspringlike of all springs fairly surpassed itself on Monday night. Rain, hail and sleet made up their minds about nine o'clock to settle down into snow. Taxis were at a premium, and it was almost impossible to get even a four-wheeler or a hansom. The streets were inches deep in icy grey-brown slush, and one man I noticed, despairing of any conveyance, literally picked up his fair companion after the theatre (she was very fair, and her shoes were thin and dainty) and carried her. These dark nights nothing matters.

The Alternative.

BOTH taxi-drivers and 'bus-drivers' were in great straits. It was almost impossible to see to drive. Apart from the usual gloom, the snow beat in their faces, and settled on the wind screens of such cars as possessed them, making them perfectly opaque. Those people who weren't run over caught double pneumonia.

Lord Chesterfield.

I SAW LORD CHESTERFIELD braving the Arctic blizzard in the afternoon. Last week he sat through three days of the entertainment in the Riding School at Buckingham Palace, and must therefore be hardened to any degree of climatic adversity, for that was the coldest function that ever was. He was there in his capacity of Master of the Horse, but he has always been *persona grata* in Royal circles, and a couple of years ago was given the



—(Swaine.)

coveted K.G. Lord Chesterfield is a Brasenose man, and was at one time in the Army, but retired with the rank of captain in 1887.

No Son To Advise.

HIS SALE recently of Holme Lacy, the magnificent seat of the Chesterfields in Herefordshire, to the late Sir Robert Lucas-Tooth, the Australian millionaire, caused some sensation. His heir is his brother, Captain the Hon. Henry Scudamore-Stanhope, R.N., as he hasn't a son to give advice to, after the fashion of the famous Lord Chesterfield, his eighteenth century ancestor.

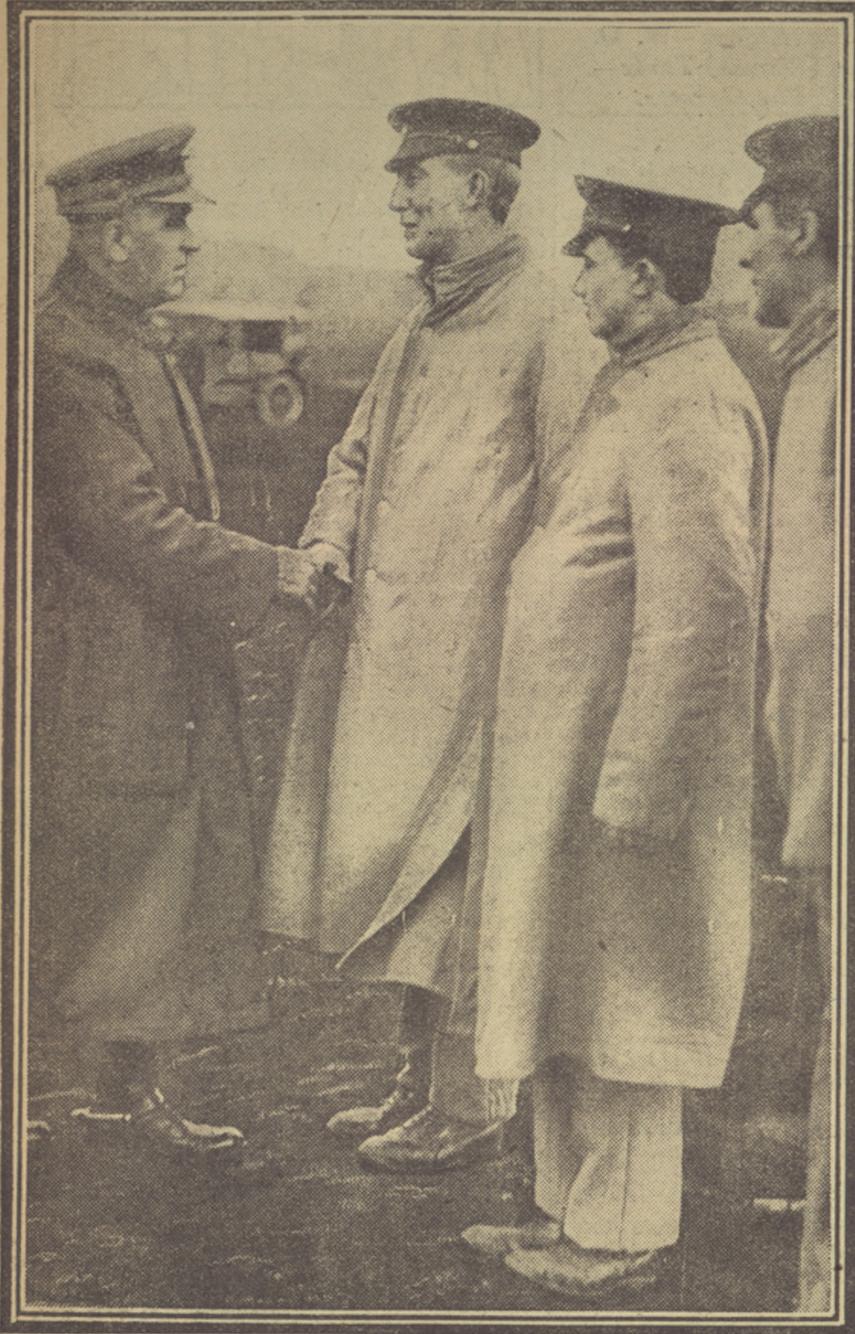
Talk—

THE INCORPORATED STAGE SOCIETY must look to its reputation, for it has produced two dull plays running. "Youth," by Miles Malleon, rather bored the Court Theatre audience on Monday afternoon. Possibly the uninitiated were thrilled by a fairly faithful portrait of life "behind the scenes," and a certain amount of amusement was extracted by the spectacle of a spectacled clergyman tripping over bits of scenery and wandering in chorus-girls' dressing-rooms by mistake. Otherwise the play was all talk, talk, talk, and very little action.

—And Good Actors.

THE HERO WAS, like Mr. Malleon, a playwright, and his play was unsuccessful. The hero fell in love with his leading lady, and though there was no earthly reason why he shouldn't have married her the pair talked themselves out of sanity into a vague "free-love" sort of existence. That brilliant actress, Athene Seyler, had a chance and did wonders with it; she is full of brains. Henry Ainley, Lilian Braithwaite, Nigel Playfair, and other well-known people couldn't help being good. Lady Constance Malleon watched her husband's play from a box, and the younger generation of "souls," Viola Tree, Nancy Cunard, etc., were well to the fore.

ANOTHER GREAT HUGHES.



General Sam Hughes, the Canadian War Minister, shaking hands with some of his wounded countrymen.—(Daily Sketch Photograph.)

HER NEW PART.



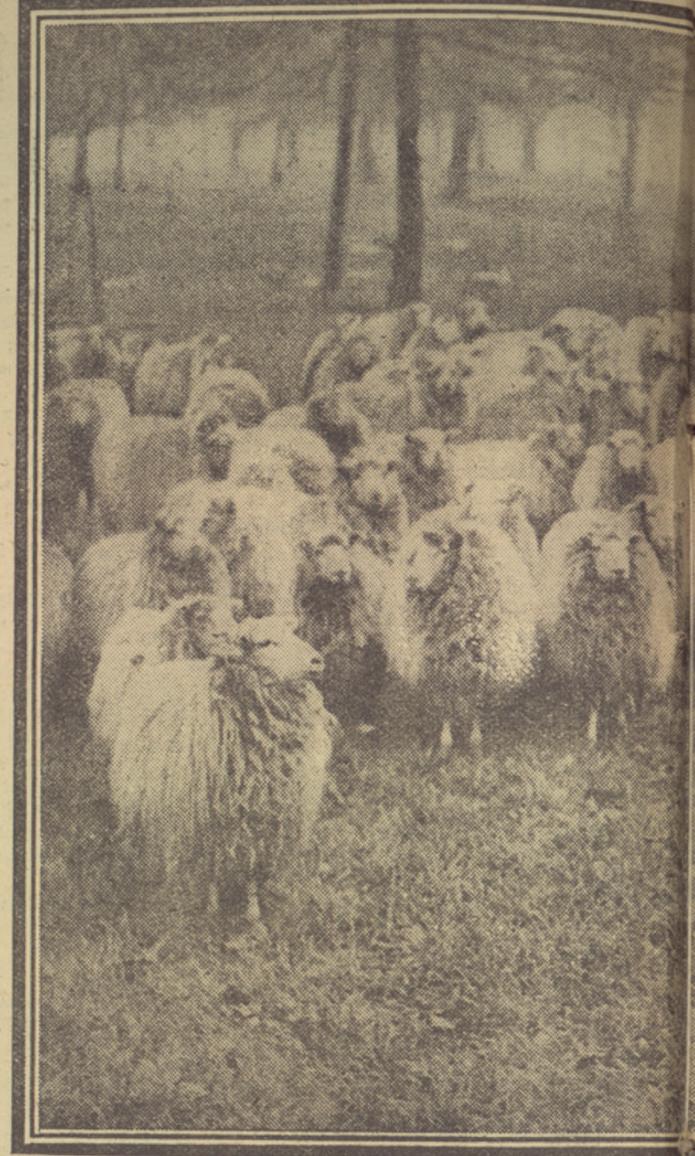
Phyllis Neilson Terry (left) appealing for recruits outside the City Hall, Toronto.

THE D.S.O. FOR A DUKE.



The Duke of Westminster has been awarded the D.S.O. for his part in the rout of the Senussi tribe in N.-W. Egypt.—(Daily Sketch.)

THE GREEN ARMLET OF



The Board of Trade has just issued a green armlet and an official land. This shepherdess was photographed as

TALLEST SAILOR.



Seaman W. Adams, the tallest man in the Grand Fleet. He stands 6ft. 4in. His little four-year-old son admires his daddy.

THERE WAS NO BLARE OF BUGLE AND NO BEAT OF DRUM



The burial of a French soldier in France by the British. There is no note of martial music, only the sound of marching men as they follow their comrade home. A British Army chaplain read the burial service.

AN AIR D.C.M.



Sergt. Nott, D.C.M., of the R.F.C. He brought down a German aeroplane after being wounded previously during the same flight.

TWICE WOUNDED.

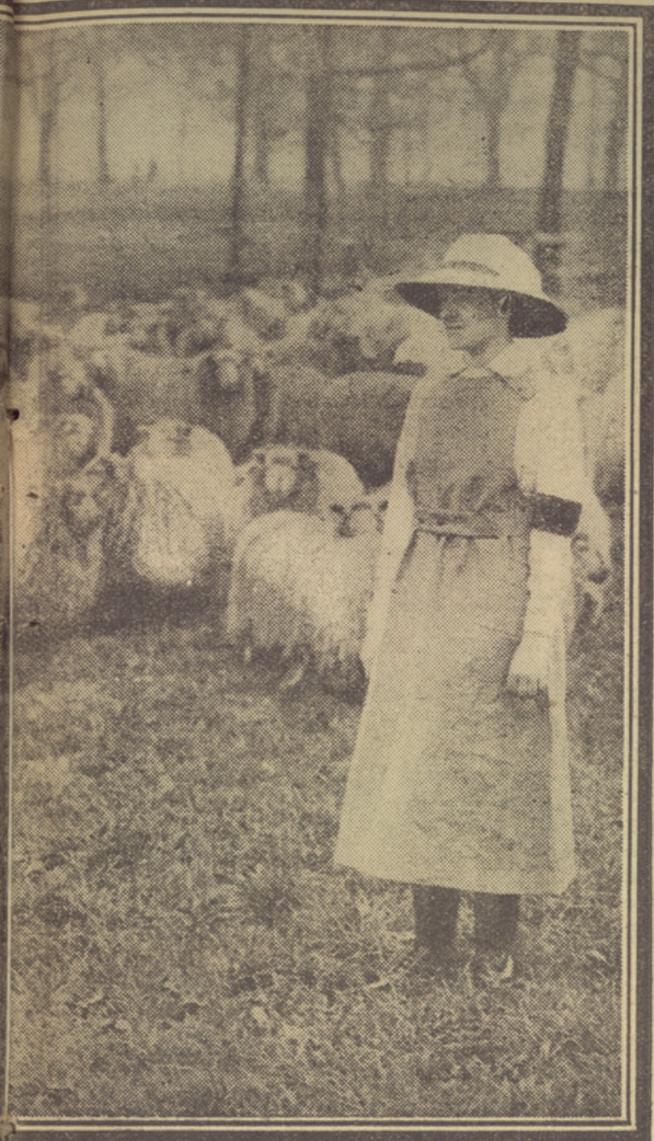


Capt. F. Myles, a well-known golfer, who played for Oxford against Cambridge. He has been wounded twice.



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HUSBAND WOUNDED.



Mrs. F. M. Stoop, whose husband, the famous International Rugby player, now a 2nd Lieut. in the Buffs, has been wounded.

YOUNGEST GENERAL.



Brig.-Gen. Minshall Ford, wounded at Ypres, is the youngest British general. He is 35 years of age.—(Bassano.)

AMERICA HAS A LITTLE WAR OF ITS OWN.



One of the dead Villista raiders and his horse lying where they fell when killed by the U.S. border patrol during the Villa raid in Columbus, New Mexico. President Wilson knows how to deal with Mexican rebels.

FLOOD FASHIONS.



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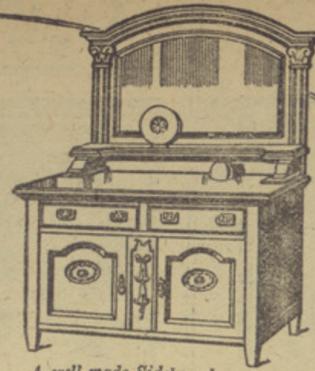
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The Shiny Hats Of Spring.

MILLINERS' show rooms are literally brightened by the new crop of spring hats, for the typical spring hat of 1916 is a shiny one. Nearly always it is of hard, shiny straw, but, if it isn't, it is trimmed with a shining flower or insect, or by tall loops of the glossiest of ribbons.

Ribbons are lavishly used on the picturesque "period" hats, which have curving brims and a soft line, and these are sometimes supplied

velvet or the usual fabrics, but may be of plaid ribbon or of shells, like those in a Victorian mantelshelf bouquet, or even of stiff raffia with hearts of little wooden beads.

For hats which are themselves devoid of any trimming there are spikes of flowers set on hat-pins which may be set in at the angle suggested by the mood of the day. A spike of forget-me-nots, for instance, transforms an untrimmed, dust-coloured straw from a morning hat to wear

A picturesque hat with ribbon ties.



A shiny black straw hat with yellow roses and a white hat with an up-standing green bow.



with "strings" which tie loosely in large bows to one side of the chin; but the large, flat hats, with a rigid outline, are supplied with flat and rigid trimmings to match. Bands of straw, stiff petersham or leather, and cut-out flat flowers of waterproofing are all used on these hats.

Wheat is a favourite trimming for the smaller hats, and when made from fine metallic threads has a good effect. Novel cockades are made by sandwiching flowers between short feathers.

Many women found the close-fitting flatly-trimmed little toque so becoming that they are reluctant to part from it. Paris still produces these little toques, but trims them with something so novel that everybody knows at once that they are of this season.

If flowers are used they are not necessarily of

with a covert coating suit into an affair gay enough for the afternoon frock of ruffled grey taffeta, so here is an excellent opportunity for war economy.

The bringing out of last summer's left-over hats to see how they can be brought up to date is usually a depressing business, but if any of them are of really good straw they are worth altering or re-making. Sometimes a little extra width in the brim, or a lessening of the brim and a heightening of the crown make all the difference between dowdiness and smartness. The possessor of one of the very tiny hats which had a short vogue last summer may give it a new lease of life by means of a rather wide, shiny brim of a contrasting colour, on which the small-brimmed little hat rests. Many of the new hats are made in this way. A pink linen hat may rest on a wide brim of pink straw or a white straw on a brim of blue taffeta.

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SIX ZEPPELINS DRIVEN OFF.

Sunday Night Raid That Failed Because Of "Certain Appropriate Action."

Mr. Tennant told Mr. Bennett Goldney in the House of Commons yesterday that there were three casualties to officers of the Royal Flying Corps during the recent Zeppelin and aeroplane raids. The injuries were not due to the action of the enemy, nor to any cause which was at the time they were incurred preventable.

Mr. Bennett Goldney asked if the six Zeppelins sighted near two East Kent towns and two East Anglian towns on Sunday night, March 19, were driven off by our aeroplanes.

Mr. Tennant: Reports were made on the night in question of the presence of Zeppelins off the coast. Certain appropriate action was taken in consequence, and aeroplanes went up in certain cases. That is all it is desirable to say.

Dr. Macnamara announced last night that so far as the Royal Naval Air Service is concerned only one enemy seaplane was brought down in the recent raid on the Kentish coast. The ultimate fate of the enemy machines was unknown.

He also informed Mr. Hogge that a report by Sir Percy Scott on the gunnery defences of London against air attack had been received, but as it contained a record of the steps taken to improve the defences of London it would not be in the public interest to publish it.

READER'S WONDERFUL WEIGHT REDUCTION.

I have recently seen a number of references to the amazing effectiveness of baths in hot water containing a tablespoonful of common Reudel Bath Saltrates when this method of treatment is used for rheumatism, gout, bad foot troubles, etc. It may be of interest to any over-stout readers to know how I discovered quite by accident that this well-known saltrates compound is also extremely efficient for reducing weight, when one uses at least three tablespoonfuls (instead of only one, which has no reducing effect), so as to very strongly impregnate the water with the chemical constituents. When thus used very strong, this saltrated water extracts oily deposits from the pores and sebaceous glands so rapidly that globules may be seen floating on the water. I lost eight pounds the first two weeks, also vastly improved my health, by using these baths, and certainly advise all over-stout readers to get about half a pound of the bath saltrates at any chemist's (cost is quite low) and try the effects. But when taking the baths for rheumatism and when no weight reduction is desired, NEVER use the water so strong as I did.—C. L. R.

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MEALS FOR MUNITION WORKERS.

Lord Derby Appeals For Help To Organise This National Necessity.

Lord Derby writes to the *Daily Sketch* calling attention to the fact that the Council of the Y.M.C.A. has formed an auxiliary committee for the purpose of providing canteens for munition workers, the intention being to provide hot meals, at suitable hours, close to the works.

The public response to a previous appeal, Lord Derby points out, was generous, but to enable the work to be carried out to the extent of which it is capable, further funds are required.

By the end of February we had—
Commenced work in 53 centres.
More than 500,000 workers are there engaged.
One centre alone supplies 5,000 meals a day.
Over 3,000 ladies are voluntarily assisting in these canteens.

The work, though primarily intended for men and boys, includes women workers, at the request of the employers, and Lord Derby asks that his appeal may meet with such a response as will enable the extension of operations, which are of national importance.

Subscriptions may be sent to him at 23, Bruton-street, London, W., and if desired will be allotted to any named district.

SEVERE STORMS CHECK BUSINESS.

In the Stock Exchange yesterday business was checked by the interruption of communication with the provinces, owing to the severe storms.

Home Railway stocks were subjected to a little profit-taking, and prices were generally easier. American securities also gave way to a small extent, and Canadian Pacific shares fell back to 176½. Consols and War Stock stocks were unchanged.

In the speculative markets there was a continued demand for Tin shares, including Nigerian descriptions, and higher prices were recorded for Anglo-Continental, Ropps, Rayfield, Jos, Bischi and Tin Areas.

West African Gold shares were also in demand, with Gold Coast Amalgamated and Prestea Block "A" prominently firm.

Rubbers were well supported, although not so active as last week. Courtaulds, after falling to 85s., left off at 91s.

OUR CIGARETTE FUND.

5s.—Tommy's Comforts, Wednesbury. 3s.—Mrs. P. Herd and Family, Harrogate. 2s.—Mrs. Golding, West Ham. 1s. 6d.—Sunbeam. 1s. 2d.—A. W. Perry, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

BILLIARDS (close of play): Newman, 10,449; Gray (in play), 8,903. Reece, 3,616; Inman (in play), 2,325. Falkner (to play), 12,656; Stevenson, 11,661.

Jimmy Wilde and Rosner, of America, have adjusted the weight difficulty, and will meet at the Liverpool Stadium on Easter Monday.

HAWTHORN HILL MEETING.

Course Waterlogged And Unfit For Racing This Week.

This week's meeting at Hawthorn Hill cannot take place, one of the stewards and the clerk of the course inspecting the course yesterday and finding it waterlogged and unfit for racing.

They, therefore, decided to make a special application to the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee with a view of obtaining a postponement of the fixture to as late a date as possible.

Friday's and Saturday's programmes were to have been the last of the season under National Hunt Rules.

HOW TO GET CHOICE OF REGIMENT.

Men called up for service, whether single or married, will in future be allowed to enlist direct before the date on which they are summoned to serve. This will afford them an opportunity of selecting a particular regiment.

No general extension of the age limit to 45 has yet been authorised, but the Territorial Garrison Artillery has been given permission to enlist men up to 45.

LETTER-TELEGRAMS TO THE FRONT.

Week-end letter-telegrams of a domestic character from soldiers, sailors and nurses serving with the forces are accepted at all telegraph offices in the United Kingdom, and at army and field post offices in France and Belgium, or in territory in British occupation outside those countries. The charges, usually one-fourth, may be ascertained at post offices.

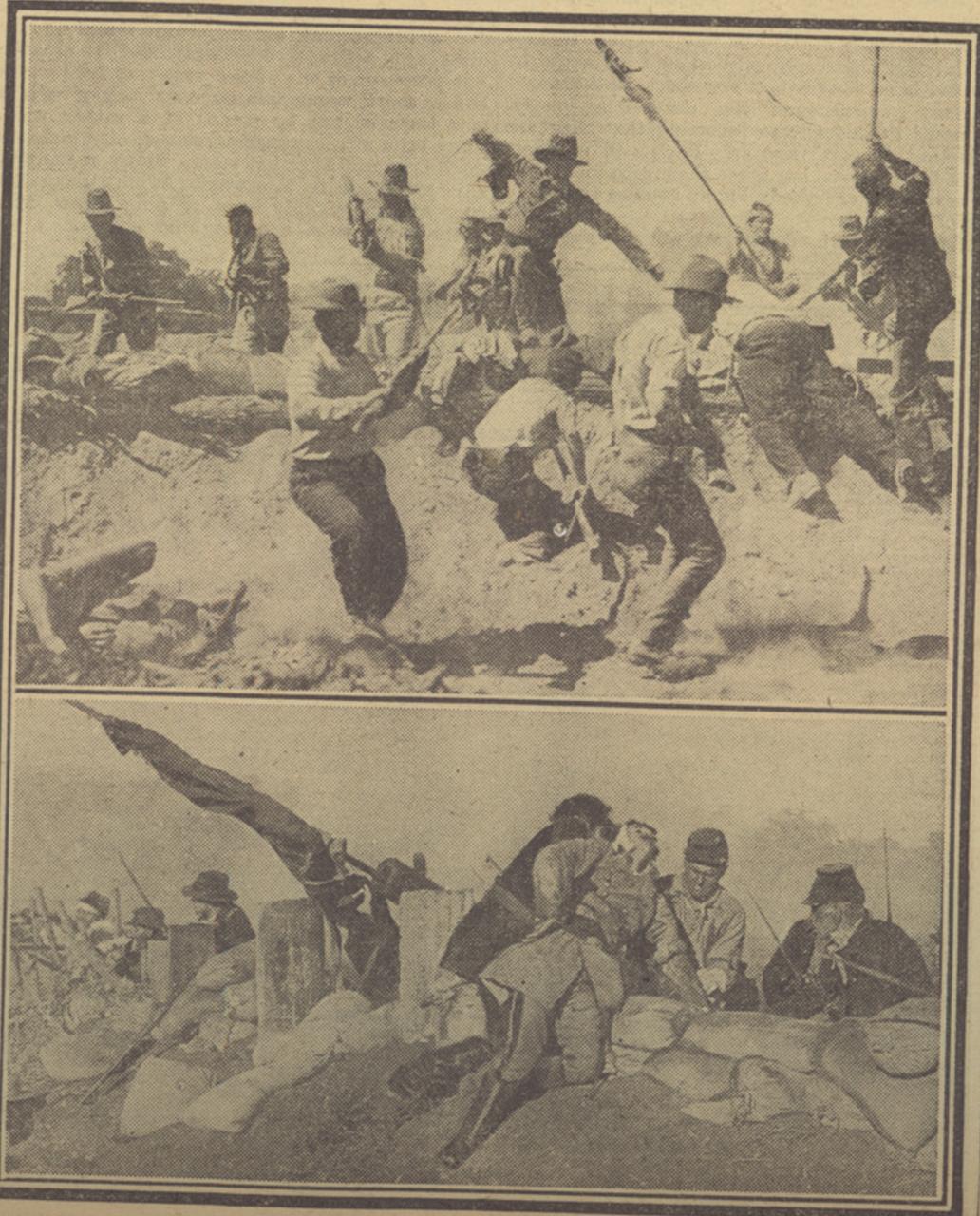
PRIVATE R. N. R. BLAKER.



R. N. R. Blaker, the Cambridge University and Kent cricketer, and Cambridge University and Corinthian footballer, has joined the Royal West Kent Regiment as a private. As a footballer he was in the Varsity attack in 1899-1900-01, captaining the side in 1900-01. He was clever on both fields.

"We are now employing 52 women clerks, and their work has proved most satisfactory," said the chairman of the National Bank of India, Bishops-gate, yesterday.

FIGHTING SCENES IN AMERICA'S GREATEST WAR.



Two striking scenes from the great film spectacle "The Birth of a Nation," now being shown at Drury Lane. They depict the fighting between Federals and Confederates in the Civil War of half a century ago.

Good News for Fat People.

A cure for superfluous flesh is not easy to find. Unless it is something which will attack and destroy the root of the trouble it is practically useless. Temporary results may be obtained, but they disappear rapidly, often far more rapidly than they came, resulting only in disappointment and waste of money.

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Daily Sketch.

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BETTY, Laurette's worldly, unscrupulous sister, the widow of Cecil Chevonne, a spendthrift.
VIVIAN GRANT, an attractive, honest young man, a great friend of Mrs. Drayton.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

Laurette is staying with her employer, Mrs. Drayton, at the Corona Hotel. There she meets Vivian Grant, and soon the young people are head over ears in love.

One day Laurette's sister, Betty, arrives at the hotel. Although her husband, Cecil Chevonne, has left her penniless, Betty is posing as a rich woman, and because Laurette is merely a paid companion, Betty refuses to recognise her.

"If you've any affection for me—as you used to say you had," she tells Laurette afterwards, "you'll let nobody know that you are my sister."

But Betty is quick to claim acquaintanceship with Vivian, who was once infatuated with her, but whom she threw over for a richer man. Now that she is a penniless widow, she resolves to win Vivian back, and when she discovers that he loves Laurette she decides upon a bold stroke. During an interview with Laurette in Betty's room Betty declares that Vivian has asked her to marry him, but that they have had a lovers' quarrel.

"He's m-rely amusing himself with you," she adds, "until we make it up again."

Laurette is fearfully upset after the interview, and when next she meets Vivian she treats him coolly, much to his dismay and bewilderment. He demands an explanation, but this is prevented by the arrival of Betty.

Later, Betty makes Vivian believe that Laurette is a vulgar adventuress who is trying to trap him because of his money. When they are joined by Mrs. Drayton, some time afterwards, Betty announces that she and Vivian are engaged.

Betty has boasted to Vivian of wealthy and distinguished relatives, who exist only in her imagination. One night, as she is on her way to the theatre with Vivian and Laurette, a pick-pocket tries to snatch her purse. Looking down with aathing at the ragged old man Betty recognises her Uncle Tom.

"Betty!" he cries. "And my little Laurette!" And close behind is Vivian.

Among The Shadows.

The man's lips moved in a sneering jibber. "Betty—doesn't know—me." He flung back her purse, crying, "For Laurette's sake! Oh, God! My little Laurette!" He twisted, eel fashion, flinging himself forward into the darkness.

Vivian reached the women, he saw that Laurette was extremely pale and shaking from head to feet; that Betty was agitated. From the heart of the misty lane a low cry was borne to him—"My little Laurette!"

"What's the matter?" Vivian inquired sternly. Betty laughed fiercely. Laurette made triumphant answer:—

"I've found someone who loves me—who belongs to me!"

The widow's malicious eyes swept the girl from head to foot. "Really, Cotwood! How extremely diverting! Heavens, Vivian—a loathsome beast. He caught hold of me and tried to steal my purse!"

"I am sorry such a thing should have occurred when you are under my care," Vivian said. He glared at Laurette. So she possessed some low-born lover who curled in corners to rob defenceless women!

Betty giggled hysterically. "I still have my bag; we'll miss the first act if we don't hurry." To Laurette she added: "Try and behave yourself for the rest of the evening, Cotwood, and don't attract any more rogues."

Laurette was too proud to say a word in self-defence. She pitied Betty for considering it neces-

Why Actresses

Never Grow Old.

Nothing concerning the profession seems more puzzling to the dear old public than the perpetual youth of our feminine members. How often we hear remarks like, "Why, I saw her as Juliet forty years ago, and she doesn't look a year older now!" Of course, allowance is made for make-up; but when they see us off the stage at close range, they need another explanation.

How strange women generally have not learned the secret of keeping the face young! How simple a matter to get some pure mercerized wax at the chemist's, apply it like cold cream, and in the morning wash it off! We know how this gradually, imperceptibly absorbs old cuticle, keeping the complexion new and fresh, free from fine lines, sallowness and over-redness. We know, too, that this mercerized wax is the reason why actresses are not disfigured with moth patches, liver spots, pimples and the like. Why do not our sisters on the other side of the footlights learn the reason, and profit by it?—Adv.

sary to tell so many falsehoods. Surely Vivian's love could not be lessened by an honest recognition of Uncle Tom. She loitered behind Grant and Betty, peering into the darkness, haunted by that lean face and the fierce gleam of hungry eyes.

She would like to have followed her father's brother. Once on a time he had been very kind to her and Betty, and she was always his "little Laurette." As children they had spent some of their holidays in his big country house.

Uncle Tom was rich then and attended by many servants; to-night she had glimpsed him as a beggar, as something worse. He had certainly meant to rob Betty when he had been rendered helpless and ashamed by his recognition of her.

She heard her sister laugh gaily at something Vivian said. That was the best or the worst of Betty; she never suffered chagrin or melancholy for long. Why should she, while she possessed the dearest man in all the world?

Laurette hastened in their wake, she felt meagre and cold like a shadow that is caused by a warm human's body thrown back upon moist stones. She was nearly as lonely and unwanted as poor Uncle Tom.

She walked in a dream to the stairs that led to a box of purple and gold. She occupied the shadows and tried to keep her suffering at bay.

"A Lucky Fellow."

Betty talked; Vivian talked. He seemed to have so much to say to her; once his fingers closed upon her soft, little hand. He looked at her with excitement, there was a quick, uneven beat in his voice. It was only when he turned to Laurette that he seemed to her almost as passionless and cold as the dead. She had lost him for good and all.

Laurette saw that he was dazzled with Betty. Her old regal sway of the theatre days was renewed.

Did it matter so much, after all? In appearance they were well mated. Betty was so splendid in her young, arrogant beauty; Vivian was a type of English manhood that appeals to the feminine heart.

"And I am nobody, and of no consequence," Laurette decided. "Mrs. Drayton's companion, nothing more."

If she could but succeed in emptying her heart of every hope, her mind of every enchanting memory. . . . However dark Betty's treason against cherished sisterhood, Laurette must stand true to her trust and defend Betty with all her might, not only because she was older and steadier than Betty—ah, she felt very old—but because Vivian was fathoms deep in love and it was Betty whom he loved.

She had grasped the truth. Before an hour passed Vivian, once infatuated with Betty, then scorning her, had succumbed to her sweet, poisonous charm, which drugged his senses and made him defiantly strive to forget the white girl in the white gown who shared their box, yet was leagues away from them both.

Laurette had golden hair that was haloed in a bronze-tinted cloud, she had scarlet drooping lips and purple eyes, but with all her child charm she was, Vivian told himself, the most deceitful of her sex. She had tried to snatch at his heart in order to dip her fingers into his pocket.

Vivian was astonished to find how Betty invigorated him. He had been so heart-sore, now he was elated. She had magic in her hands and in her smile.

"I am a jolly lucky fellow!" Vivian asserted.

Betty Works More Mischief.

"Cotwood means mischief," observed Betty. She was drinking tea with Vivian at the Bachelor's, in Pall Mall. She loved clubland because so many distinguished men sauntered near her with flattering heed for her beauty and turquoise gown.

Vivian, who had been laughing heartily at Betty's wit, set down his cup quickly. "How is it that we always seem to be talking of her?" he asked peevishly.

Betty could have skipped round the room with glee at this sign that Vivian's fancy for Laurette—she preferred to call it nothing stronger—was as dead as a door-nail.

"Well, you see, for one thing Mrs. Drayton puts her in such an exalted place." She pushed her radiant face close to his. "Someone else was inclined to do so not very long ago. Therefore this Cotwood treads the moon at certain seasons, and prates of revenge. Oh, I encourage her to talk when she does odd jobs in my room, for therein lies your safety, darling Viv."

"Safety! I don't understand"—but he moved restlessly and looked perturbed.

Betty helped herself to a Russian cigarette from his open case, which lay on the table edge.

"In a nutshell, Cotwood will hold her tongue for a price."

"Great Scott, Betty! What on earth are you aiming at?"

"Your pocket!" gurgled Betty. "Sad but true—Ah, dear boy, this is Cotwood's idea of romance."

"She has no possible claim upon me."

"Has she not?"

"On my oath, no!"

"Yet Mrs. Drayton thinks—"

"Mrs. Drayton has no sense to keep on interfering in my private affairs. Because she was my father's particular friend, she fancies I am a boy to be controlled as she pleases."

"The only thing is to get away from the old busybody as soon as possible, and, oh, Viv., you know I am dying to meet your family. Your Uncle Ben must be a positive dear."

"No, he isn't," Vivian said, and he pictured his old fastidious uncle—who thought little of anyone

unrepresented in Debrett—with some concern. Would Betty succeed in bringing him to her feet as she did everyone else?

Vivian grew reckless. "I'll wire Uncle Ben to-night, asking if I may bring you down some time to-morrow."

"Viv., you're a positive darling. I don't think a girl was ever luckier than I am."

"Sweetheart, you do race on so. You began about Laurette. You can't mean that she actually threatens blackmail?"

"Let's call a spade a spade," said Betty. "Cotwood said to me last night that she had never been so taken in by anyone before; that she wasn't used to it, and wouldn't have it, and that for all those sweet secret kisses there was a price—"

"Kisses!—there weren't any—like her cheek—I mean—I mean—" he brought himself up sharply, astonished at his mode of speech.

"So much the worse," laughed Betty. "A kiss might have taught Laurette to love you, Vivian. Had she loved you she wouldn't be demanding money."

A Sister's Treachery.

"Demanding money!" echoed Vivian. How could he believe this of Laurette? He broke off and looked at Betty, adding, "Surely you don't advise me to—"

Betty blew soft silver smoke-rings from rosy lips. "Give me some more tea, I'm parched. Let me do a think. It's a bit of a problem—let me see. It's a bad policy to buy anyone's silence, but in this case—well, I don't know—if you didn't, Cotwood could make everything so horribly awkward. There's dear old Uncle Ben, of whom you've told me so much that I already love him. He must be kept honey-sweet, or he'll not leave you a farthing." She put her head on one side, watching Vivian with dreamy, melting eyes. "Wouldn't he cut up rough when a cheap tale reached him of a certain lady's maid and his nephew?"

Vivian said nothing. He handed Betty her tea, absently.

"Well?" inquired she.

"The way you put it makes me feel I'm in the dickens of a mess, but it's jolly hard luck a fellow should be brought to book so severely for being polite to a pretty girl."

"Jolly hard luck!" agreed Betty boyishly. "Still, you see, there it is, and things are going to be very awkward for me unless you can give Cotwood £100. Of course, it's infamous, but don't you see how hurt I shall be if tales get round—well, such tales have wings—that—ahem, I am not the first."

"You are, you know you are," Vivian cried

passionately. And in the heat of the moment he actually believed that what he said was true.

Vivian pondered with creased brows.

"I'll pay up," he said presently.

"When?"

"To-night. I must get down to my bankers."

"Viv," she said, "don't pay Cotwood direct. Leave it to me."

Again he was grateful. He told himself he would be glad never to see Laurette again.

"Wouldn't it be horribly awkward for you?" he said.

"Awkward? Not at all."

"Betty, you're a brick! Betty, I'm glad I met you again. I thought at first it was Laurette I wanted. Great Scott, how easily a fellow is deceived! She seemed so sweet," he said, almost sadly. "And then—this—"

"You're sure you love me?"

"Ever, ever so sure."

Fear.

With the twenty five-pound notes in his possession Vivian was roused to a fierce anger against Laurette.

Was it fair that she should receive this money without a word to make plain his scathing condemnation, and why should dear, generous Betty be dragged into the sordid business? She had been jolly decent about it all; another in her place would have raved with jealousy.

"I'll write Laurette a piece of my mind, and she can accept it with the 'dibs' she's so keen on," Vivian resolved. "She can use the letter as she chooses. I don't care a hang. Betty shall not be mixed up in this miserable affair."

That evening Vivian and Betty joined Mrs. Drayton and Laurette in the lounge as usual, although it was becoming more and more difficult for the elderly widow to address Mrs. Chevonne with civility. Yet Betty, being in a happy mood, was superbly patient. She already saw herself possessed of a couple of new frocks which were to be purchased with the money Vivian would place in her hand that evening.

"I am really very, very clever," Betty told herself. One of the Corona pages approached Laurette and handed her a registered letter. She looked at it listlessly, and placed it beside her on the table.

"Open it, dear; we don't mind," Mrs. Drayton said to her.

Betty glanced down at the envelope. Then she went cold and sickly white with a horrid, animal fear that degraded her and wizened her into a premature feeling of imminent old age. Upon one side of the envelope she recognised Vivian's handwriting, on the other, as Laurette turned it slowly in her hand, she saw the stamp of the Bachelor's Club.

She gasped and glared. Was Vivian a traitor? He rose abruptly and left them. He had expected his communication to arrive by the last post.

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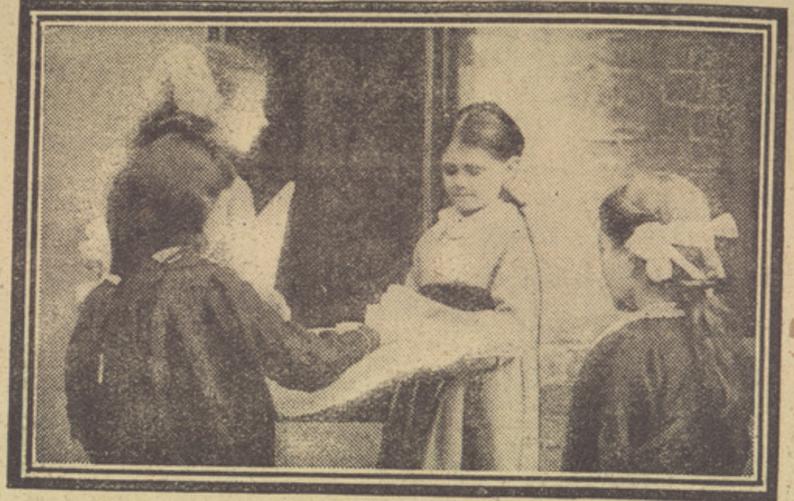
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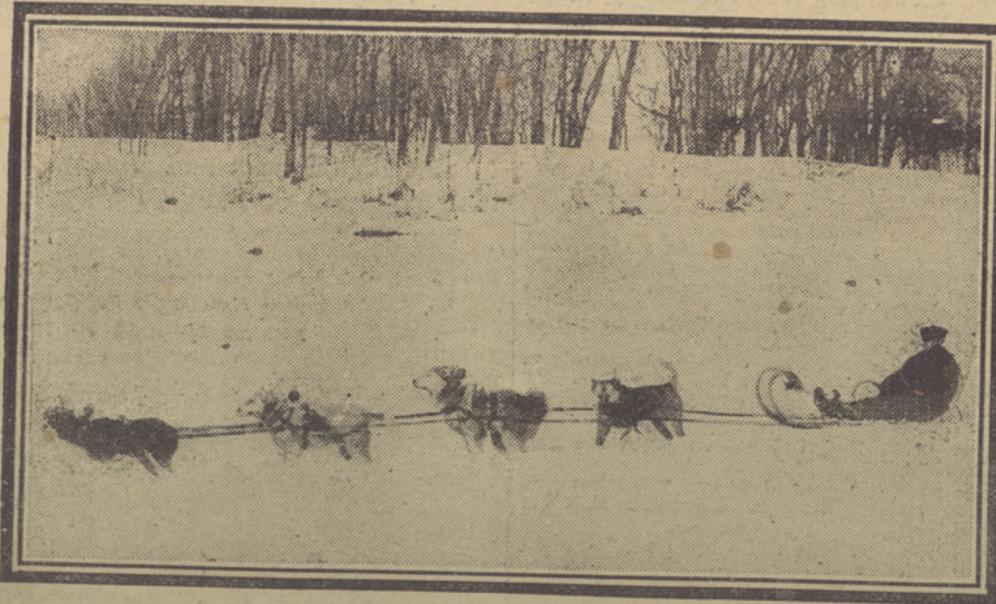
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