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THE WRECKED ZEPPELIN L 15

Wonderful Exclusive Photograph Of The Baby-Killing Machine,
Taken Twenty Minutes Before She Sank In The Thames Estuary.



This historic photograph of the Zeppelin L 15, brought down by our anti-aircraft gunners or the gallant airman Lieut. Brandon, was taken just before she sank in the Thames estuary. Had she remained afloat tens of thousands of people would have hastened to see her. Fortunately, although she now lies beneath the waters, a lasting record of the giant murder craft has been obtained through the enterprise of the Press photographer.

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MR. McKENNA'S BUDGET PROPOSALS IN NUTSHELL FORM.

TAXING THE LUXURIES OF RICH AND POOR.

New Taxes On—

THEATRES
FOOTBALL MATCHES
HORSE RACES
CINEMAS

OTHER AMUSEMENTS
RAILWAY TICKETS
MATCHES
MINERAL WATERS

Taxes Increased On—

INCOME
MOTOR-CARS
MOTOR-CYCLES
EXCESS PROFITS

SUGAR
COCOA
COFFEE & CHICORY

ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

Admission 2d. Tax ½d.
Admission 2d. to 6d. Tax 1d.
Admission 6d. to 2s. 6d. Tax 2d.
Admission 2s. 6d. to 5s. Tax 3d.
Admission 5s. to 7s. 6d. Tax 6d.
Admission 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. Tax 1s.
1s. for every 10s. or part of 10s. over 12s. 6d.
This tax will apply to:—
Theatres. Football matches.
Picture palaces. Horse races.
All similar amusements.
This tax will produce at least 5 millions.

MINERAL WATERS.

TAX ON MINERAL WATERS.
4d. per gallon on those made with sugar and fermented.
8d. per gallon on all others.
This means that soda-water will pay twice the tax of ginger-beer. It will increase the cost about 2d. a siphon for soda-water, and 4d. a siphon for sweetened table waters; and probably a penny a bottle for lemonade or ginger-beer.
These taxes will produce 2 millions.

MOTOR-CARS.

MOTOR-CARS.	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Up to 6½ h.p.	£2 2 0	£4 4 0
6½ to 12 h.p.	3 3 0	6 6 0
16 to 26 h.p.	6 6 0	18 18 0
40 to 60 h.p.	21 0 0	63 0 0
Over 60 h.p.	42 0 0	126 0 0

MOTOR-CYCLES.	Old Rate.	New Rate.
All vehicles	£1 0 0	£2 2 0
Up to 4 h.p.		£2 2 0
Over 4 h.p.		Three-quarters of motor-car duty.

This tax will yield £800,000.

SUGAR, COFFEE, MATCHES.

Cocoa up from 1½d. to 6d. a lb.
Coffee up from 3d. to 6d. a lb.
Chicory up from 3d. to 6d. a lb.
Sugar up from 1d. to 1½d. a lb.
Matches:—
4d. per 1,000 matches.
2d. per 10,000 extra on imported matches.
This will work out at an increase of 3d. a dozen boxes on British-made matches.
These taxes will produce—sugar, 7 millions; cocoa, £1,350,000; coffee and chicory, £300,000; matches, 2 millions.

THE NEW INCOME TAX.

ON EARNED INCOMES.

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
	s. d.	s. d.
Below £500	2 1-1-5	2 3
£500 to £1,000	2 1-1-5	2 6
£1,500 to £2,000	2 9-3-8	3 8
Over £2,500	3 6	5 0

ON UNEARNED INCOMES.

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
	s. d.	s. d.
Under £300	2 9-3-5	3 0
From £300 to £500	3 3-1-5	3 6
£500 to £1,000	3 6	4 0
£1,000 to £2,000	3 6	4 6
Over £2,000	3 6	5 0

These taxes will yield 43 millions.

EXCESS PROFITS.

Old Rate 50 per cent. (half)
New Rate 60 per cent. (three-fifths)
This tax will yield 11 millions.

RAILWAY TICKET TAX.

JOURNEYS IN THE BRITISH ISLES.
Single fares from 9d. to 1s. pay ... 1d.
Single fares over 1s. and return fares over 1s. 6d.—for every additional shilling or part of a shilling pay 1d.
JOURNEYS BEYOND BRITISH ISLES.
Fixed rate for 1st Class 4s.
Fixed rate for 2nd Class 3s.
Fixed rate for 3rd Class 2s.

SEASON TICKETS.
Season tickets are included in the tax, which starts from to-day on all new tickets.
This tax will yield 3 millions.

OPINIONS ON THE BUDGET.

People Will Now Go Into Cheaper Seats To See Charley Chaplin.

MATCHES 6d. OR MORE A DOZEN.

Mr. McKenna's Budget has met with a good reception in Parliamentary circles. Heavy new taxation was anticipated, and there was no particular surprise in the Chancellor's proposals. While the Budget will pass without difficulty, there is a probability of criticism of some of its details.

Among the opinions expressed outside the House last night were these:—

The Income Tax.
"I thought Mr. McKenna would have increased the super-tax in proportion to the increase in the tax on earned increment," said Mr. Montagu, of the Income Tax Adjustment Agency. "I see no reason why he should not have done so."
"At present people earning below £500 a year are paying 1s. 6d. plus 20 per cent., which is 1s. 9-3-5d. in the £. So they, under the new scale, will have to pay 5-2-5d. extra in the £."

Amusements.
"The general public will not object to paying a little more for amusement to help the Government in carrying on the war," said Mr. W. A. Northam, a prominent man in the cinema world. "The tax may affect the receipts of picture theatres, but it will be mainly by sending people from high-priced seats to those of lower price. The houses charging the highest prices will feel the tax most."

Sugar.
"It would not be a bad thing at all if the halfpenny duty on sugar caused a slight reduction in the consumption of sugar," said Mr. Lionel Martin, of the firm of Tate.

"In all probability the price will be raised to the extent of a halfpenny per pound, but we are all under the Royal Commission, and we don't know what prices are fixed at present. The price will go up to-morrow; otherwise there would be a stampede for sugar, and it would be ridiculous."

Mineral Waters.
"I think this is a rather overwhelming tax," said the secretary of R. White and Co. "Not only will there be a tax on mineral waters, but there is now an extra halfpenny on sugar. This extra sugar tax is abominable, as you see we are taxed both ways. The question will have to be studied before we decide on the price."

"It is a frightful blow to us," said the secretary of the Direct Supply Aerated Water Co. "We shall have to put up the price, and then the public will not want mineral waters."

Matches.
This is not the first time a proposal to put a tax on matches has been laid before the House. In 1871 a similar proposal in the Budget of Mr. Robert Lowe (afterwards Viscount Sherbrooke) brought about his first fall in a distinguished Parliamentary career. His proposal was that a halfpenny tax should be placed on each box of lucifer matches.

Frightened by a suggestion which might prove fatal to their trade, the matchmakers of the East End of London organised a procession, chiefly of women-workers, to Westminster Hall. The demonstration was dispersed by the police, but it was of sufficient weight to induce the House of Commons to become unfriendly to the proposition, which was withdrawn.

"The total import value of matches," said a representative of John Masters and Co., match manufacturers, "is less than £1,000,000 a year, and if £2,000,000 is to be collected it will make matches 6d. or even more a dozen."

SHACKLETON'S SHIP IN THE GRIP OF THE ICE.

Graphic Cable From Lieutenant Stenhouse, Of The Aurora.

READY TO ABANDON HER.

Ten Months In Blizzards Among Dangerous Floes.

Lieutenant Stenhouse, commander of the Aurora, the Shackleton Expedition relief ship, in this cable describes how the vessel broke away from her moorings at Cape Evans. The ship was to await the arrival of the explorers at the end of their perilous journey across the South Polar Continent.

From Lieutenant Stenhouse.
On May 6, 1915, in a blizzard of hurricane force, the ice, which was then about four feet thick, parted at a tidal crack on shore, snapped all the moorings, and carried the ship out into the Sound.

Our drift to the north was always a hopeful one, as we were making slow but steady progress, and we had hopes of being able to return to New Zealand, bunker, and again return in the spring of 1916 and land a relief party on the barrier.

As time went on our schemes were put aside. On July 21 the ice broke up and the ship, swinging athwart a lane, was caught stem to stem between floes eight feet thick and crushed severely, the rudder, weighing six tons, of solid oak and iron, crumpling up.

SULPHURIC ACID ON THE ICE.

The endeavour to make ease for the ship by the use of sulphuric acid on the ice was without avail. The ship was released from her dangerous position several days later, and made good progress north. Parties were equipped for the immediate abandonment of the ship. Wireless telegrams were sent to King George asking for relief to be sent to the southern party. No acknowledgment was received.

The position by this time was extremely critical, and our chances of emerging safely seemed small. We were swept round Cape Adair to the north-west, and sighted Sturge Island on September 22, 90 miles to the north. We continued to drift north-west and sighted Oates Land, and further westward we sighted what was presumably new land, of which good fixes and sketches were taken.

The conditions then improved, and we had hopes of returning to New Zealand and still having time to relieve the party. As the summer waned our prospects looked less cheerful, though the lanes became larger and more frequent.

SHIP BUMPING HEAVILY.

On February 12 the ice broke up around the ship, and we endeavoured to work out of the ice under sail. The position became more acute with the ever-increasing bergs. The winds continued from the north-west, blocking all chance of working the ship out under sail, and heavy north-west swells added to our difficulties, the ship suffering severely from heavy bumping with the floes.

On March 1 steam was raised. On March 10, while we were being held up by a consolidated pack in a westerly gale, two large bergs, working into windward, closed in on the head and stern of the ship. When within half a cable's length of the pack, between the bergs, which were closing in, we eventually cleared the ship. A jury rudder was rigged when we approached the more open pack.

OUT OF THE ICE AT LAST.

On March 14 30 bergs were close to the ship, and about 100 in the immediate horizon. On the same day, however, we had the extreme luck to find the only exit from this icy prison. After emerging from two widely separated streams of pack we finally got to light brash and open sea, and proceeded north under sail and steam, with north-west gales and high seas.

As we had no ballast we kept all the ashes in the stokehole for this purpose. We made a fairly good passage, but our chronometers being erratic, our position was not fixed accurately enough for advantageous navigation. The jury rudder worked admirably in the tremendous seas and gales.

Finally we got into communication by wireless 990 miles from the Hobart station.—Reuter's Special Cable, from Dunedin, N.Z.

PRINCE OF WALES, STAFF CAPTAIN.

The Prince of Wales is gazetted to a captaincy in the Grenadier Guards and attached as a staff captain to headquarter units.

MOTHER'S DEATH FOLLOWS SON'S.

Mrs. Rhoda Ann Shepherd, of Reading, after reading a letter notifying the death of her soldier son, was so stricken with grief that yesterday morning she was found dead in bed.

Women to the number of 195,000 are making munitions in this country.

Company Sergt.-Major James L. Dawson, V.C., has been appointed temporary second lieutenant.

THE CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET SMILE.



Mr. McKenna on his way to the House to produce his Budget, accompanied by his wife and little son, and by Mr. Montagu (left).

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER AT DOUAUMONT.

FOURTH "ZEPP." RAID ON ENGLAND.

Hurried Early Morning Visit To The East Anglian Coast.

NO DAMAGE; NO CASUALTIES

Several Explosions Reported, But No Bomb Fragments Found.

From The War Office.

Tuesday Evening.

A Zeppelin is reported to have crossed the East Anglian coast between two and three o'clock this morning.

The airship does not seem to have been long over land, and although several explosions have been reported no fragments of bombs have been discovered up to date.

No damage was caused, and no casualties can be traced.

This was the fourth Zeppelin raid in four nights.

A correspondent on the East Coast says a Zeppelin passed over the town, but no bombs were dropped. All lights were extinguished as a measure of precaution, and trains and tram-cars stopped running for some time, but the raider did not return. No report of any damage has been received.

Shortly before one in the morning (says another report) a noise was heard over some miles inland from the North-East Coast. It was very dark, and the object, which was travelling at a great speed, could not be clearly discerned. Starlights were dropped and were a long time in reaching the ground. No bombs were dropped, and the buzzing gradually died away. It was believed to come from a Zeppelin uncertain as to its whereabouts.

A Zeppelin passed over an East Anglian town during the early hours. One incendiary bomb was dropped in a village near the town. No damage was done.

HUNS' LATEST BOMBAST.

"Docks, Wharves, Furnaces And Factories Bombarded."

German Official News.

VIA AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.

For the third time, on Sunday night a naval air squadron attacked the English East coast—this time the Northern part.

Edinburgh and Leith, with the docks on the Firth of Forth, Newcastle, and important wharves and buildings, blast furnaces, and factories on the Tyne were bombarded with numerous explosives and incendiary bombs, with very good results.

Heavy explosions with extensive collapses were observed.

A battery near Newcastle was silenced. In spite of heavy bombardment all the airships safely returned and landed.—Reuter.

[The *Daily Sketch* is officially informed that the above statement is of the usual inaccurate and bombastic type with which Germany hopes to delude neutrals and her own public.]

DEFENCES "VERY SUCCESSFUL."

Raiders Driven Off Without Knowledge Of London's Inhabitants.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Tennant said it was not possible to say to whom the credit was due for bringing down L 15, as several hits were believed to have been made and those by different batteries.

The new arrangements for the defence of London and the munition factories in and around London had proved very successful. More than one attack had been driven off the Metropolis without the inhabitants becoming aware of them. (Cheers.)

ANOTHER DEATH ON N.E. COAST.

Another death—that of a woman—has occurred in a North-East Coast town in connection with the air raid on Saturday night.

J.P.M.'s £15,000,000 CHEQUE.

New York, Tuesday.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has drawn a cheque for 75 million dollars (£15,000,000) in payment of his recent purchase of Canadian War Loan 5 per cent. notes redeemable in 5, 10, and 15 years. This constitutes a payment by cheque of the largest sum in history.—Exchange.

GERMAN COLUMNS MOWN DOWN AT DOUAUMONT.

Enemy Driven Back In Disorder By Fierce French Fire.

VIOLENT ATTACK COLLAPSES AND RESULTS IN HEAVY LOSSES.

French Official News.

PARIS, Tuesday, Midnight.

To the north of the Aisne and in the Argonne our batteries have fired effectively on the enemy organisations.

To the west of the Meuse a hostile attack, about two o'clock, against the village of Haucourt completely failed.

To the east of the Meuse the bombardment was resumed during the day with great violence on our front between Douaumont and Vaux.

Towards three o'clock the Germans delivered a very strong attack on our first lines situated about 300 yards to the south of the village of Douaumont.

GERMAN RETREAT: FRENCH ADVANCE.

The successive waves of assault, which were followed by small attacking columns, were mown down by our curtain fire, the fire of our machine-guns and infantry, and had to retreat in disorder towards the Bois du Chauffour, on which our artillery concentrated its fire, inflicting considerable losses on the enemy.

To the north of the Bois de la Caillette our troops have continued to progress during the day.

In the Woevre there was an artillery duel in the sectors around the foot of the Meuse heights.

In the Vosges, after a lively bombardment of our positions south-west of Seppois le Haut, the Germans attempted to approach our trenches, but were thrown back to their lines by our curtain fire.

FRENCH AIRSHIP'S NIGHT OUT.

Last night one of our dirigibles dropped 34 bombs on the railway station of Audun le Roman.—Reuter.

GERMAN AEROPLANE SHOT DOWN BY BRITISH AIRMAN.

Pilot And Observer On Enemy Machine Killed.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.

Tuesday, 9.45 p.m.

Yesterday a German machine was shot down by one of our aviators behind our lines south of Souchez. The pilot and observer were both killed.

To-day the artillery on both sides has been active about Souchez, Angres, St. Eloi and Ypres.

There was some mining activity about Neuville, St. Vaast, Hulluch and the Hohenzollern Redoubt.

THE RECAPTURED CRATER.

German Official News.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

After powerful artillery preparations the English have taken possession of the crater to the south of St. Eloi, which we took from them on March 28.—Wireless Press.

MEN WHO MUST WIN.

General Cadorna, who visited the British front in France, in a farewell message to Sir Douglas Haig says:—"The splendid troops that you have shown me—vigorous, magnificent men, imbued with proud military spirit—have made a profound impression on me. To such troops victory is certain."

THE MEN WHO HIT L15.

Lord French Compliments Gunners Somewhere In England.

Field-Marshal Lord French yesterday made a tour of several of the towns visited by Zeppelins last Friday night and inspected the anti-aircraft batteries which took a prominent part in the bombardment of the raiders.

At one of the towns Lord French had before him the report that here one of the Zeppelins had been put into difficulties and had sustained a heavy list to starboard, after which she veered round completely and turned her back on London.

The men of the battery are confident that it was here that the Zeppelin which later sank off the Thames received her mortal wound.

Lord French complimented the gunners on their excellent practice and expressed the pride he felt at their efficiency.

MARRIED MEN TO HELP TRACE SINGLE SLACKERS.

Lord Derby Adopts Suggestion For Local Recruiting Committees.

INTERVIEW WITH THE KING.

Important progress was made yesterday in an interview between Lord Derby and a deputation of attested married men towards the placing of the recruiting question on a more equitable footing.

Impracticable proposals for releasing attested men from their obligations have been tacitly abandoned, as they have no support from the general body of married recruits.

Lord Derby had an audience of the King yesterday at Buckingham Palace.

"ALL AVAILABLE MEN."

Lord Derby's Promise To Get The Cabinet To Business.

From The War Office.

Tuesday.

Lord Derby received a deputation yesterday afternoon from the National Union of Attested Married Men, who laid their views on the present recruiting situation before him.

There was a full discussion on the best methods of securing the services of all available single men.

Lord Derby informed the deputation of what was being done administratively, and what could only be done by legislation.

The deputation placed before him certain additional suggestions, which he promised to put forward. They further suggested organising themselves in the country into committees with a view to assisting the local military representatives and recruiting officers in tracing single men, and helping to secure their services.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION.

Lord Derby thoroughly approved of the suggestion.

The deputation further urged on Lord Derby the desirability of pressing upon the Prime Minister the question of Universal Service as being not only necessary, but just.

Lord Derby reiterated to the deputation the statement made by him in his letter sent to the Albert Hall meeting respecting his own position in the matter, and he promised to lay the views of the deputation before the Prime Minister if the deputation should be unable to secure an interview on the matter with some member of the Cabinet.

Lord Derby also heard the views of the deputation on the question of relief of financial liabilities of men serving.

LORD DERBY'S POSITION.

Resignation From Chairmanship Of Air Committee Expected Shortly.

The Air Committee recently appointed by the Government is likely to undergo shortly some radical changes both in personnel and scope, says the London correspondent of the *Daily Dispatch*.

The committee as at present constituted is solely concerned with material required by the air services. There is a growing feeling that the limitations imposed by the Government upon the committee seriously hamper its usefulness, and that it should be given greater powers, including the co-ordination of the needs, as regards aerial craft of the Army, Navy, and home defence.

It is said that Lord Derby agrees that the present powers of the committee are far too limited, and that if it is to be given its proper functions its duties will be so exacting as to make it impossible for him to retain the chairmanship while at the same time serving as Director-General of Recruiting.

Lord Derby's resignation from the former position may therefore be expected in the near future.

It is evident, says the correspondent, the attested married men are being exploited by those who wish to use Lord Derby as a pawn in the game to discredit the Government. Such tactics are grossly unfair to Lord Derby. . . . Though Lord Derby strongly believes in compulsory military service for all married men, he will not use the weapon of his threatened resignation from the position of Director-General of Recruiting to induce the Government to adopt that policy.

GENERAL IVANOFF'S SUCCESSOR.

General Brussiloff, commanding the eighth army, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armies on the south-western (Galician) front in place of General Ivanoff.

The Queen of Sweden left Copenhagen yesterday for Karlsruhe in order to recuperate.—Exchange.

5 a.m. Edition.

POWDER FACTORY DISASTER.

Series Of Explosions Due To A Serious Fire.

"PURELY ACCIDENTAL."

200 Dead And Injured In Kent Mmunition Works.

From The Ministry Of Munitions.

The Ministry of Munitions reports with great regret that during the week-end a serious fire broke out in a powder factory in Kent, which led to a series of explosions in the works.

The fire, which was purely accidental, was discovered at midday, and the last of the explosions took place shortly after 2 in the afternoon.

Approximate number of casualties, 200.

REPORTED NAVAL ACTION OFF THE CATTEGAT.

Crippled German Destroyer Seen In Tow.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.

Ekstrabladet publishes a telegram from Stockholm that a naval engagement took place yesterday off the Cattogat.

It is reported from Kullen that about noon a terrific cannonade was heard from the sea, and a couple of hours later a badly damaged German torpedo-boat (destroyer) was towed past Helsingborg.

Further details are lacking.—Reuter.

[The Cattogat, north-east of Denmark and west of Sweden, lies between the North Sea and the Baltic. Helsingborg is on the Swedish coast on the Sound which connects the Cattogat with the Baltic.]

SIR JOHN GORST DEAD.

Was A Privy Councillor And Held Several Ministerial Appointments.

Sir John Eldon Gorst, K.C. and Privy Councillor, died in London yesterday.

Born in 1835, the son of Mr. Edward Chaddock Gorst, of Preston, who in 1853 assumed the surname of Lowndes, Sir John sat as M.P. for Cambridge 1866-1868, for Chatham 1875-1892, and for Cambridge University 1892-1906.

He also unsuccessfully contested Hastings in 1865, Cambridge in 1868, and Preston, as a Liberal, in 1910.

He was Solicitor-General from 1885 to 1886, Under-Secretary for India from 1886 to 1891, and Financial Secretary to the Treasury from November, 1891, to August, 1892.

Sir John was associated with the Fourth Party, a name facetiously given to Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, and other Conservative members who were active opponents of the Government. They were also termed free lances.

TAX ON "DEAD HEADS" ?

How Will Theatrical Managers Deal With Free Tickets ?

How will the theatrical manager deal with the "dead head" under the tax on entertainments (see page 2) which forms part of Mr. McKenna's Budget proposals?

This question was addressed to several London managers by the *Daily Sketch* last night.

They all agreed that the "dead head" should pay the tax upon his free ticket, but no decision upon the point will be reached until they have considered the tax in all its bearings.

A meeting will, it is understood, be held in a few days.

Among the opinions on the entertainment tax expressed by actors and managers last night were these:—

Mr. H. B. IRVING: The tax appears to be reasonable. I had anticipated that the duty might perhaps have been higher.

Mr. EDWARD COMPTON: The tax will probably deal a death-blow to a large number of small managers. If called upon to pay higher prices for seats, people are not likely to attend as often or in anything like the numbers they do at present.

Mr. ALFRED BUTT: Any further direct taxation on places of amusement will have the effect of crippling by no means a small number of houses.

Mr. GEORGE GROSSMITH: The action of the Government is undoubtedly the proper thing. I do not think either the theatres or the public will suffer.

Mr. OSWALD STOLL: If the public will pay the tax, well and good, but competition has already reduced prices to their present amount as the most the public will pay. A large number of places will be closed.

Those English Vandals



COMMANDER OF THE WRECKED ZEPPELIN: "Ruined!—and merely to save a few miserable English babies—the barbarians!"—(Copyright by Will Dyson.)

DELYSIA CHALLENGES TOMMY TO A SHOOTING MATCH.



Convalescent soldiers signing their acceptance of Delysia's challenge to an Entente Cordiale shooting match. The actress's visitors readily entered the novel competition.

OUR SERBIAN VISITOR.



This is the latest photograph of the Crown Prince of Serbia, taken in London during the week-end. (Vandyk.)

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WEAK BOYS AND GIRLS.

This is the time of year when school children grow pale and weak. Confined indoors for many hours a day, studying at night perhaps, deprived of much out-door exercise, their blood grows thin. Compare your child's complexion with what it was last summer. Probably you have not realised how thin the blood was getting because the change was so gradual.

When a child, formerly bright and active, loses colour, finds play an effort, and prefers to sit still and read, there is every reason to suspect that the blood is getting thin, that the child is anæmic. Sometimes there is headache and nose bleeding. These confirm the suspicion. It is a condition that is full of danger, for thin blood is an open door to many diseases, especially during changeable weather. But it is a condition that is easily remedied if taken in time. Give the child a course of Dr. Williams' pink pills, which can be obtained of any dealer; one box contains about two weeks' treatment, and these pills are a great blood-builder and invigorator. They are just the sort of tonic that many children need.

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THE NEW TAXES.

THE new taxation is, on the whole, startling in its moderation. Mr. McKenna says he does not wish to push the spirit of public sacrifice too far—though he would be disappointed if serious economies were not effected in the course of the coming year—he did not say by whom.

SO there is no increase in the super-tax, and war-profiteers will have to evade no more than a tax of 60 per cent.—an increase of 10 per cent. The maximum income tax (payable on earned incomes of £2,500 and over, or unearned incomes of £2,000 and over) is increased from 3s. 6d. to 5s. The super-tax will vary as before from 10d. in the pound on incomes of £3,000 to 3s. 6d.

THIS is merciful legislation. No rich man who is patriotic would or could object to having a larger proportion of any income over, say, £5,000 taken by the State.

IT may be urged that the spending of big incomes means employment for many people. But you cannot spend more than £5,000 a year on necessities—the rest must be either saved or spent on luxuries. Much of it is actually spent on luxuries, and to employ people now on the maintenance of luxury is a crime. As for the money which is saved, some of it no doubt goes into War Loan, but much of it does not. The just and business-like thing is to make sure of the surplus. So much for the super-tax!

AS for the profiteer, I trust that the House will insist on a still higher taxable percentage; and will further insist that this percentage shall actually be taken. It should also see that the term "war profits" is widened in its scope, and that all firms who are waxing rich out of the war shall be made to pay up.

WHAT about the other end of the scale? The tax on small incomes is raised on earned incomes up to £500 from 2s. 11-5d. to 2s. 3d., on earned incomes from £500 to £1,000 it is raised from 2s. 11-5d. to 2s. 6d. Moreover, there is an additional halfpenny on sugar, a huge extra duty on cocoa, a higher duty on coffee and chicory, a tax on matches, railway tickets and amusements. Against this as a set-off we have an extra licence duty on motor-cars and motor-cycles.

THE taxes on amusements and railway tickets are excellent, but there should be no tax on tickets of admission to entertainments where the charge is less than 1s.

NOR can we be content with a tax of 1s. on the higher priced seats. When Mr. McKenna is proposing to take one quarter of the price of cheap tickets it is grotesquely unjust that he should take such a small proportion of the dearest tickets. A person who pays 2d. for admission can afford to pay nothing. A person who pays a guinea for admission can well afford to pay more than two shillings.

IN the tax on railway tickets, too, there should be greater differentiation. All first-class tickets should be taxed more heavily than third.

THE new licence duty on motors is well advised, though business cars should be exempt, and the duty on other cars should be intended rather to stop their use for private purposes than to produce revenue.

BROADLY, we may say that Mr. McKenna has not risen to his responsibilities. We could surely stop slipping so swiftly behind our commitments, we could surely make luxury pay more towards the cost of the war, we could surely collar the profiteer. Something more definite should have been said on the subject of pensions for the disabled, and I rather hoped that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be allowing for a much greater expenditure on relief to married recruits. What is the Government doing for the soldier's home?

THE MAN IN THE STREET.



Echoes of the Town.

Celebrities At Red Cross Sale—
Cavalry Commissions In War Time
—Buoyant Mr. McKenna.



McKenna, Budgeteer.

YESTERDAY was Budget Day, and the most important person for the nonce was the once despised Reginald McKenna. He might have gone down to posterity as a conspicuous failure had not the outbreak of war chucked him, after his previous experience of "general post" into what was for him a very "special" post, the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. His success as a financier on a Gargantuan scale has never been disputed



(although, by the way, he didn't do so badly at the Admiralty as some people consider). This picture by Tom Titt is not George Graves.

Buoyant Speech.

THE speech, I gather, impressed most of those who heard it by its buoyant note. Everyone agreed that if the speech could be read by the people of Germany it would have tremendous effect. The Chancellor maintained the lucidity which characterised his previous Budget, and which was such a contrast to the rather involved method of his predecessor. Evidently finance is Reginald's forte. Lord Reading, who is an expert in these matters, was an interested onlooker, as usual.

Reparter.

THE TAXES—all more or less expected—were taken in good part. The only grumble I heard of was on the part of some of the Scotsmen at the railway ticket tax. But an unkind Sassenach suggested that they might get a rebate on single tickets to Scotland.

One Bored Spectator.

PROBABLY the most bored spectator was the Chancellor's little son, who, with Mrs. McKenna, watched the scene from the Speaker's Gallery. It would be refreshing to learn what Master McKenna thought of his father's display, brilliant as it was from the Parliamentary point of view. Possibly he sighed for the repose of the nursery and his old and trusted friend, the rocking-horse.

Fine-Weather People.

WHERE do all the people come from on a fine day? Since the weather changed, the streets between Regent-street and the Park—those narrow streets where all the tradesmen are (at least potentially) millionaires—have been almost impassable, and it has been a risky job to cross the roads. My tailor grumbles because he says no one is ordering civilian clothes, but for all that he confesses to being "busy," and the doors of most of the other kinds of shops seem to be continually on the swing.

—And A Good Judge, Too.

LORD JUSTICE SWINFEN EADY believes in walking after his labours at the Courts. In tall hat and black overcoat he was strolling along the sunny side of Regent-street between five and six on Monday afternoon, looking as wise as a judge should. Sir Charles Swinfen Eady was a most esteemed Chancery judge for many years before being raised to the Appeal Court. He is a fine after-dinner speaker (his portrait in that rôle was in the Academy a few years ago). He sometimes wears a monocle, and he is well blessed with this world's goods, for he recently bought Wood Norton, Evesham, for years the stately home of the Duke of Orleans, and the refuge of King Manoel after the Portuguese revolution.

Why They Declined.

EVIDENTLY there is still room for economy in the Army. I hear that the members of a Junior Officers' Company who have served in the ranks of a mounted unit were recently given the opportunity of taking commissions in a cavalry regiment. On volunteering, however, they were informed that they would have to buy a new kit at their own expense, that their mess bill would be £240 a year, and that other expenses would be proportionately heavy. They declined.

The Epicureans.

WHAT I want to know is: Why should the mess bill of a cavalry officer be three times that of a sub. in the infantry? Has the mounted man a bigger appetite, or are his tastes more epicurean? In any case there is no justification for elaborate luncheons and dinners at a time like this. This is not the way to win the war.

Mystery Man.

A WOMAN travelling in a bus was made very uncomfortable by the fact that a man wearing coloured glasses and dressed as an officer was cross-examining the conductor all the time as to the position of anti-aircraft guns in town, the whereabouts of searchlights, and the movements of the Royal Family. She marked the man down when he got out and went to a police station. Rather to her surprise she was received very gruffly, and it was only in a grudging sort of way that the inspector admitted at last that it might be well to look into the matter.

Women Watchers.

THINGS ARE certainly beginning to move in the Customs. The latest decision, I am told, is the employment of women watchers. They are to wear a distinctive uniform, and they will be paid a guinea a week in London; in other ports, however, the wage will be less. This official is in reality a Customs policeman who keeps a watchful eye in bonded warehouses on workmen who might feel tempted to sample (duty-free) the wine or whisky.

The Other Mrs. Drummond.

MRS. DRUMMOND was dining at the Savoy on Monday night. I don't mean the stalwart lady who used to head suffragette processions in the dear old days, when women, not Zepps, broke the towns up. I refer to Pauline Chase—very fair, fluffy and pretty. And now for a bit of dress description. Her frock was of shimmering pink silk, and over it was thrown (careless-like) a nopera cloak of pale blue velvet lined with white fur.

The King's Tapestries.

A LINE of motor-cars down King-street and Christie's as full as it could possibly be. That was the effect of the second Red Cross sale. I looked in to see the exhibits yesterday morning to while away ten minutes before the—before twelve o'clock. Although the present show is the second crop of treasures, the cream having been skimmed off (metaphors mixed—never mind), it is well up to the first in point of value and interest. There were the magnificent Chinese tapestries given by the King, who should go down to history as King George the Generous, and some old silver and Sheffield plate which made me forget the tenth commandment for ten minutes without stopping.

Lord Clanricarde There.

THE MARVELLOUS COLLECTION of antiquities included ivory fans, jewelled watches, and snuff-boxes, and seventeenth century violins. Lord Clanricarde was also there. His lordship was as smart, as dapper, and as well groomed as ever, and was keenly interested in the display of lovely things. His own collection is a particularly fine one, though I should think that those who have inspected it could be numbered on the fingers of one hand. He has it stowed away in his flat in the West End, and doesn't entertain. This is "Spy's" idea of the popular Irish peer. H. B. Irving was inspecting some engravings, and staff officers, in all the latest shades, mingled with the crowd.



Exquisite China.

THE BOOKS, first editions, rarities, and so on, look most enticing, and among the autographs are Tennyson, Browning, David Garrick, Francis Thomson, and Matthew Arnold. The china, particularly the dinner and dessert services, is exquisite. It is pleasant to think that, except for such as will go to America, via the dealers, all these treasures are being preserved to us. They are just exchanging one home for another.

£2,000 Scraps Of Paper.

REALLY it is remarkable where all the money comes from. Dion Clayton Calthrop and I were discussing the point as we walked across St. James's-square after leaving that Aladdin's cave. He told me that a relative of his had just sold a few autographs—interesting things, of course, but just scraps of paper—for over £2,000.

The "Head" Resigns.

DR. LYTTLETON has resigned, and soon Eton will know him no more. Elaborate comment is needless. But it is no use pretending that his eleven years' reign was a success, or that he was any more popular at Eton than he was at his former job at Haileybury. Lyttelton is an odd person with odd, uncomfortable ideas in which he is, to give him his due, perfectly sincere. But he doesn't understand the management of the human boy, and no headmaster has ever got himself into more scrapes. The Beagles, the famous expulsion case, food fads, and, finally, the let's-love-the-Kaiser attitude were a series of deadly nails in the Lytteltonian coffin.



(Swaine.)

Who Will Succeed Him?

I EXPECT THE Provost and Fellows have made up their minds already as to who will fill the vacancy. But the task of selection is allowed by tradition to be no light one. When Dr. Hawtrey succeeded the Rev. Francis Hodgson as Provost the Lord Aberdeen of the day wrote to Queen Victoria that the selection of a new "head" was of the utmost importance, not only to the school, but to the nation at large. And it is in this fashion that the choice is very properly regarded to-day.

Wanted, A Paragon.

USUALLY IT is the Provost who (being usually of considerable age) resigns, and his office has generally been given to the Headmaster. But Dr. Warre is still Provost of Eton, and bars the way for Dr. Lyttelton, even if the custom would be followed in the latter's case. Meanwhile the new "Head," whoever he turns out to be, must, in addition to a sufficient degree, possess extraordinary virtues, with theological opinions the most orthodox.

What Was He?

EVER SINCE I saw him the other day, I have been wondering what branch of the service he could belong to. He wore a naval cap and badge, a khaki tunic with two stars on the cuff, greyish cord riding breeches, brown leather top-boots, and spurs. Not a revival of the fabulous Horse Marines, I suppose?

Two Duvals.

WE are to have two Duvals simultaneously in London, provided that Arthur Bourchier's production lasts until April 19, when a musical comedy which has been threatening on the provincial horizon for some weeks becomes a *fait accompli*. Mabel Russell will play Duval. But this time it will be a Miss Duval.

As Desired.

I HAVE just seen a little incident which was very gratifying. A youth, sixteen or thereabouts, a silly, goose-jawed, noisy, dirty, and altogether offensive and unworthy specimen of the British male, was trying to be funny (save the word!) with a 'bus-conductress. He held out a penny, snatched it away, hee-hawed loudly, and so on. An elderly man just behind him (they were "on deck") took the lad by a collar that a few weeks before had been white, shook him violently, and said: "D'yer want me to drop yer off?" Shriill expostulations. Again the elderly man (crescendo): "D'yer want me to drop yer off?" Effect as desired.

That Was All.

IT was at a court-martial in one of the Northern Commands, on a Tommy who was a hopeless case—absolutely unamenable to discipline. Before passing sentence, the presiding colonel asked if he had anything to say in his defence. "Only this," was the reply, "that I'm damned sick of the whole lot of you."

That Circular Action.

"Fix!" yelled the platoon sergeant, "bay-nits"! And then, as an afterthought, he added, "Not (adjective) corkscrews."

Bandage Badges.

YESTERDAY WAS "Bandage Day." I didn't buy a bandage, and wasn't even asked to buy one. But badge things were for sale in most parts of the West End, including the restaurants, and I caught visions of white-uniformed nurses fitting about in decorated motor-cars.

MR. COSSIP.

TOMMY, WHAT OF IT?



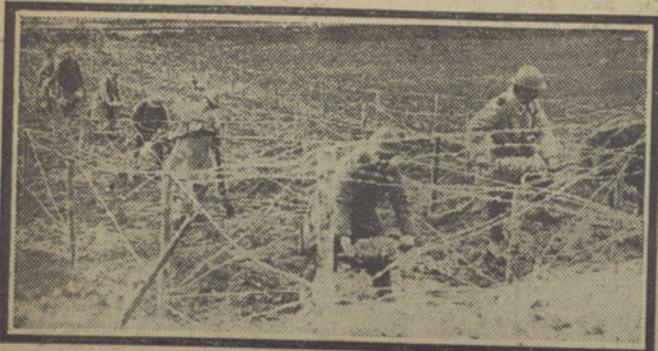
This is Adrian Allinson, a conscientious objector, now in the N.C.C. He objects to wearing gloves because animals have to be killed.—(Hoppé.)

A GENERAL'S GRANDDAUGHTER.



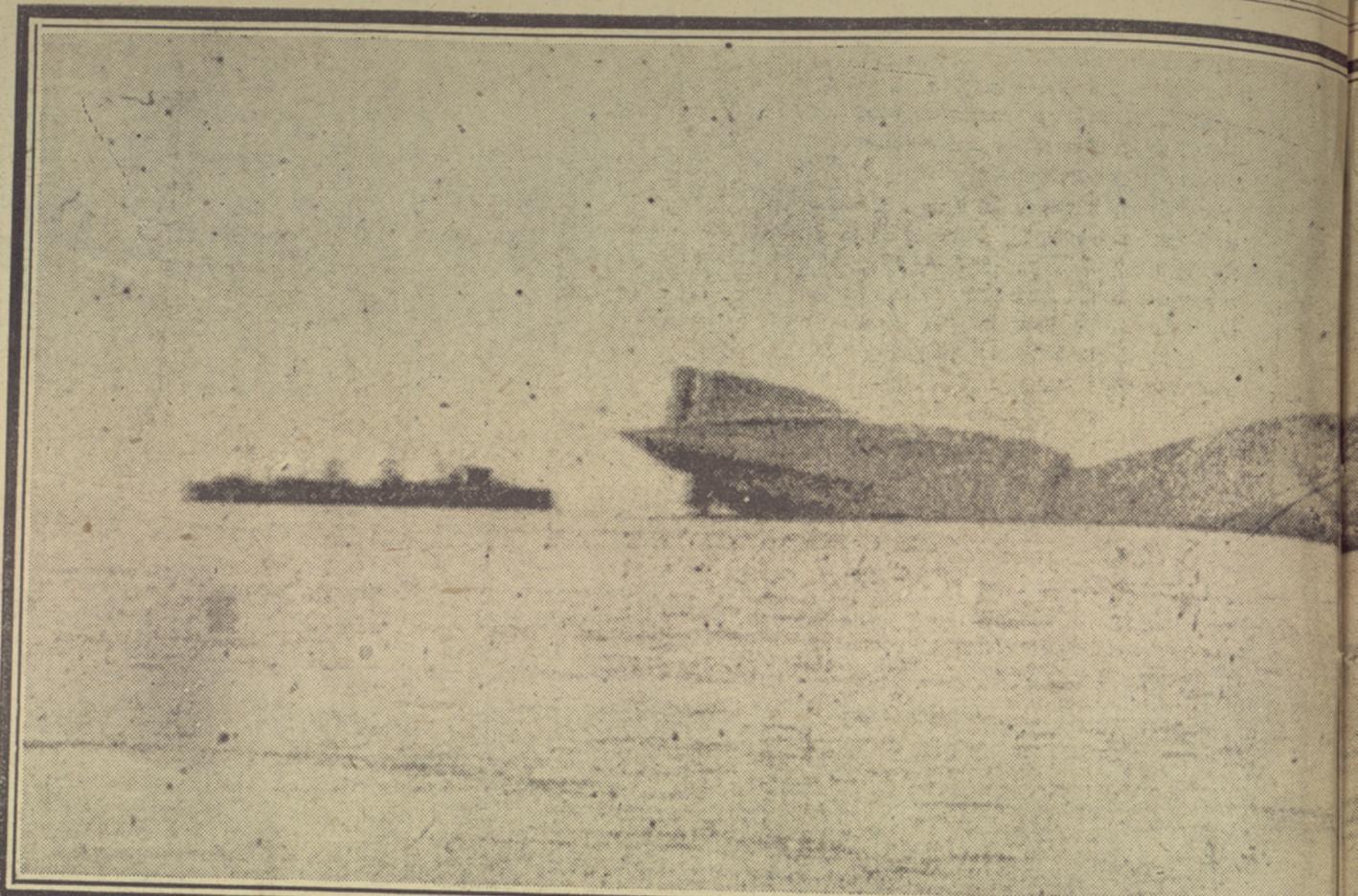
Little Peggy Jackson, granddaughter of General Lord Chylesmore, chats to a wounded soldier in the Park.

A JOB THAT CALLS FOR NERVE.



Erecting barbed wire entanglements is only a little less trying than the task of cutting one's way through them.

THE L15 AS SHE LAY ON THE WATER AFTER



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A Real Man.



A wounded soldier gives his little bit to Queen Mary's "Bandage Day Fund." He knows the value of the bandage because he has worn one—over there.

ANXIOUS FIANCEE.



Miss Enid F. Flannery, daughter of Sir Fortescue Flannery, engaged to Lieut. Lindsay, Black Watch. Her fiancé has been wounded.

VEIL, CURL AND CRINOLINE CHANGE.



Mlle. Gabrielle Dorziat, as Mrs. Noel Travers in "Disraeli" at the Royalty Theatre. She cannot veil her beauty.

In these photographs we see that fashion is ever woman's slave, though beauty may bow to the can look charming in all the phases of ever-changing fashions.

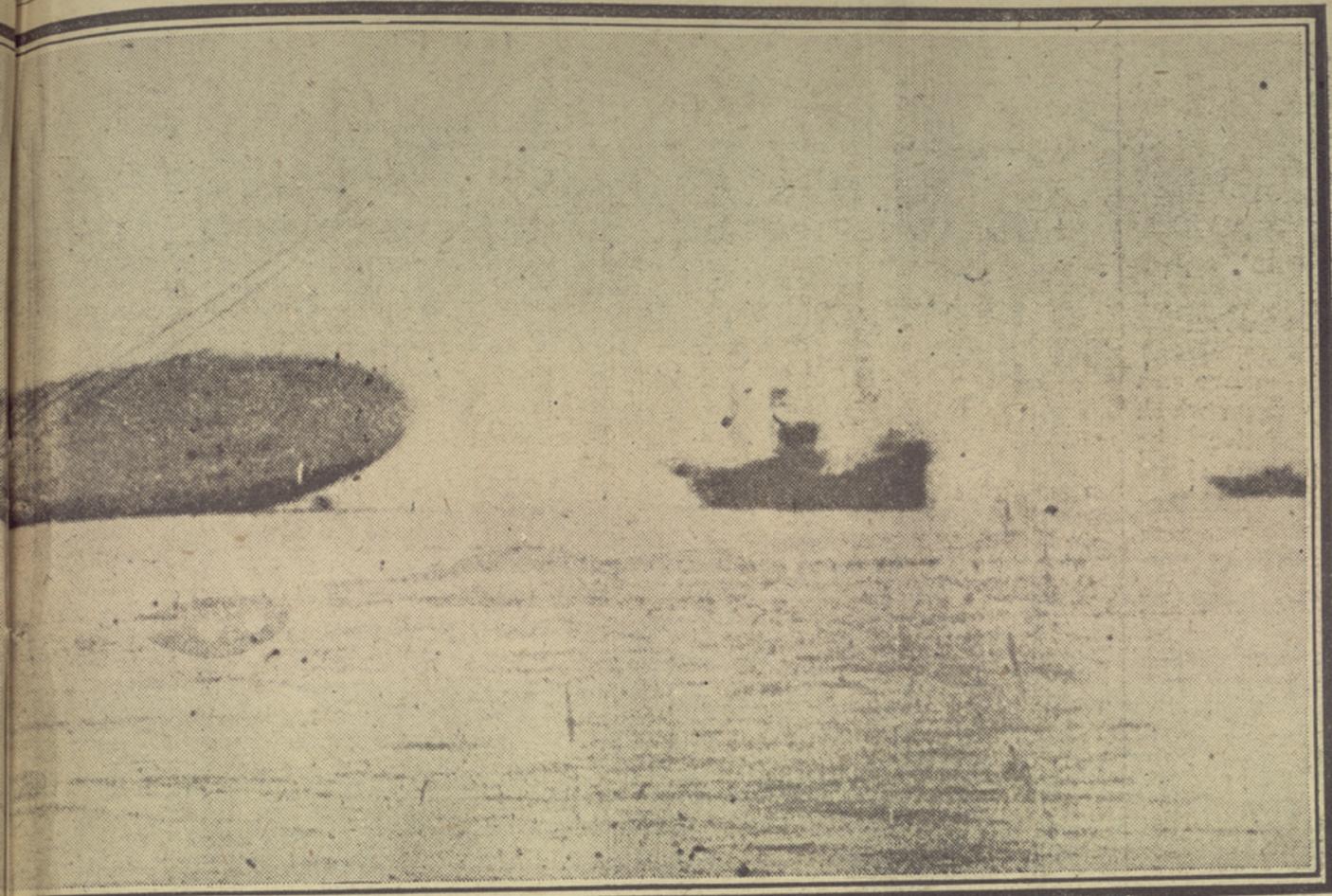


Curls of 1860 seen in



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ER MURDER RAID ON PEACEFUL CIVILIANS.



uplifted well out of the water, the raider looked no more a formidable engine of war, but a winded, unsightly gas bag.

NGE BUT WOMAN IS FOR EVER.



in "The Birth of a Nation."



Miss Mary Glynnne as Lady Clarissa in "Disraeli." Even the crinoline cannot cloak her charms. mode of the moment. After all it is the woman who counts. Only the fairest of the sex. Perhaps that is why fashions change so frequently.

Highland Belle.



Miss Myrtle Farquharson, daughter and heiress of Mr. Alexander Farquharson, of Invercauld.—(Sarony.)

KILLED IN ACTION.



Capt. R. H. Burrows, Northants Regt., has been killed in action in France.

THE KING AND THE CAMERA



King George photographed at six years old. "The man took a long time" he recorded in a letter now included in a Red Cross sale.—(Russell.)

THE CHARITY QUEEN.



Queen Alexandra arriving at a charity concert which was given in aid of the Social Institutes Union yesterday.

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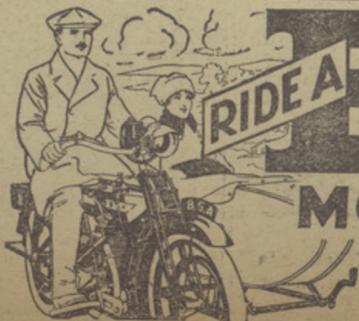
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A Green And White Luncheon Menu.

A girl's birthday luncheon, given recently, was appropriate to the times in being inexpensive and almost frugal, yet it achieved distinction by being all green and white. White narcissi decorated the table spread with a green-bordered white cloth. Green and white striped ices and a white fish with green sauce were especially attractive, but the parsley-sprinkled white soup was the dish which the guests all copied. It was very easily made. Three large freshly-boiled potatoes were rubbed through a sieve. Two tablespoonfuls of butter were slowly melted and blended with two tablespoonfuls of flour, one tablespoonful of chopped onion, generous seasonings of salt and pepper, and a good pinch of celery salt. A quart of milk was gradually added, then the mashed potatoes, and the whole stirred until it thickened.

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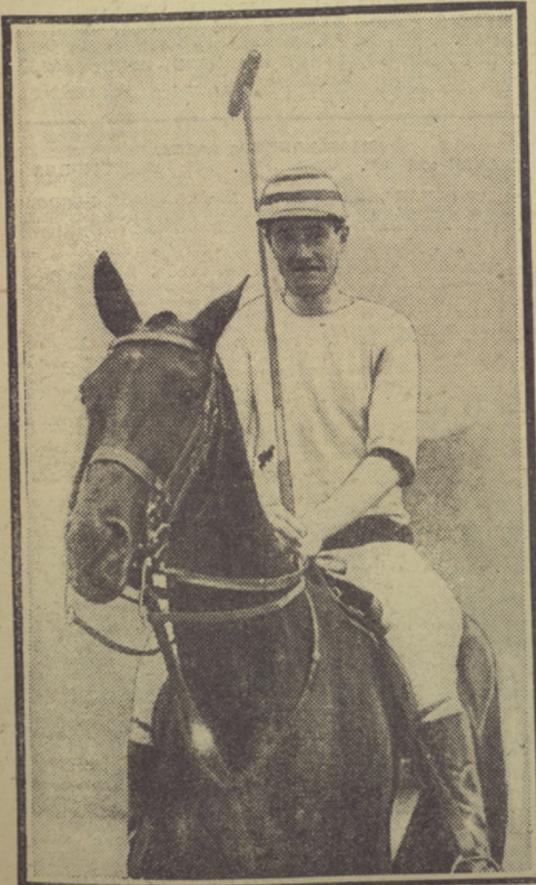
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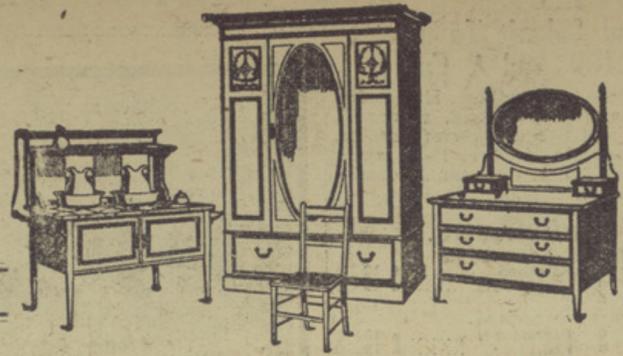
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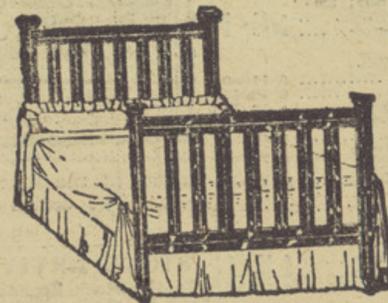
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1.20-A MATCH

1.45-ETON HURDLE of 90 sovs; 2m. Sauterne a 11 7 Doctor Ryan a 11 7 Mint Master a 11 7 Grayling IV. a 11 7 Minstrel Park a 11 7 Tip and Run a 11 7 Gotham a 11 7

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2.15-HOLYPORT STEEPLECHASE (Class 1) of 100 sovs; 3m. Irish Mail a 12 7 Bruce a 11 0 Growler a 11 11

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Ally Sloper a 12 4 Perimac a 11 4 Carrigue a 11 13 Denis Auburn a 11 2 Cooney Hill a 11 13 Minster Vale a 10 13 Jacobus a 11 10 Sunloch a 10 11 Real Grit a 11 10 Sretol a 10 11 Queen Imaal a 11 8 Ballymacad a 10 7 Lamentable a 11 8 Ballymadun a 10 2

2.45-ASCOT HURDLE (Class 2) of 100 sovs; 2m. Mint Master a 12 7 Montmartre a 11 2 Coolgreen a 12 4 Tip and Run a 11 2 Early Berry a 12 4 Sunetol a 11 0 Marie's Pride a 11 2

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ARMY'S TRIBUTE AT A NAVAL FUNERAL.



Scenes at the funeral of five bluejackets lost by a mishap to a liberty cutter during the great gale. The coffins were borne on a gun-carriage and a farm wagon, and the Army shared in the tribute to the Navy's dead.

STOCK REVIVAL EXPECTED NOW.

In the Stock Exchange yesterday business was still kept in check by Budget anticipations, and prices were inclined to ease in every department. There was no great pressure to sell, however, and probably now that the Budget is out of the way and the new taxes proposed are not worse than anticipated we may see a revival in dealings. Consols fell to 57 3-16 and the War Loan stock to 96 11-16.

In the Kafir market Geduld relapsed to 44s. 6d. and Goertz to 15s. 3d., but Welgedacht further improved to 25s.

Rubbers gave way to some extent, but there were exceptions. Damansara shares were a good market on the excellent report of the directors, which makes the shares look cheap anywhere near 24.

AMERICAN COTTON (close): New York, 4 points down to 2 up. New Orleans unchanged to 4 points down. Tone steady.

DISRAELI BETWEEN TWO STOOLS.

Mr. L. N. Parker's Play And Why It Should Be Seen.

Benjamin Disraeli, the greatest of Conservative statesmen, wit, cynic, dandy, and novelist, who never evinced the slightest predilection for primroses, is in a rather unfortunate position as a figure of drama.

This position is not confined to the fact that Mr. Louis Napoleon Parker has written a play round him, produced yesterday afternoon. His reputation would have survived the ordeal.

But as the protagonist of an historical drama he is between two stools. He is neither distant enough in point of time to be a figure of history nor near enough to our own days for the presentation of him on the stage of the Royalty. Theatre to be a matter of absorbing interest to the man in the street.

By these circumstances and by the methods adopted by the author one is compelled to consider "Disraeli," the play, in the narrower light of how far Mr. Dennis Eadie has succeeded in giving a faithful portrait of Disraeli, the man.

Mr. Eadie's portrait has many more points to it than the fallow face, the jet-black, vaselined curls, the elaborate clothes, the genial sarcasm, and the passion for the Hughenden peacocks.

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If Mr. Parker has not given us a very good play, he has, with the help of Mr. Eadie, shown us a very great man.

Those were the days of the giants. Anyone interested in the speculation as to what the giants would have done in these days, when there are things to tackle far more gigantic than the purchase of shares in the Suez Canal and less gigantic people for the job, had better see Mr. Parker's far from perfect play if only to give their imagination a little exercise.

But "Disraeli" gives one to think, and it is most admirably acted.

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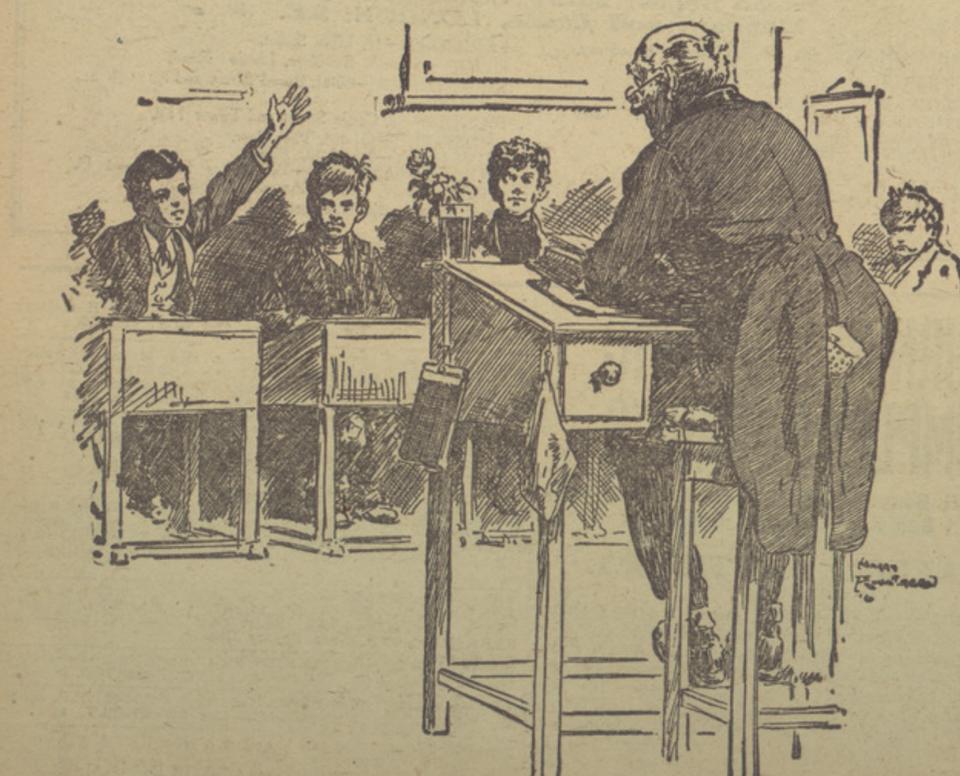
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By YELVA
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CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

LAURETTE COTWOOD, a sweet, good-natured girl, companion to
MRS. DRAYTON, a wealthy old lady.
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 late husband, Cecil Chevonne, has left her almost penniless, Betty is posing as a rich woman and because Laurette is merely a paid companion, Betty refuses to recognise her.

"If you're 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 she resolves to win Vivian back.

By clever but unscrupulous means she makes Vivian believe that Laurette—or Cotwood, as she calls her—is an adventuress who is trying to trap him for his money. Vivian falls again under Betty's spell, and soon afterwards they become engaged.

Betty tells Vivian that her father was a certain Rear-Admiral Starre whom she knows to have disappeared in Egypt many years ago. She explains that she was born after the Admiral's disappearance. Vivian takes Betty to visit his wealthy uncle, and shortly after their arrival Betty is startled by the news that Rear-Admiral Starre is in the house. She is so overcome at their meeting that she faints, and has a short but severe illness. Nevertheless, the Admiral accepts her as his daughter.

In her delirium Betty calls for Laurette, and when she recovers she finds to her dismay that Laurette has been sent for.

When Laurette discovers that Betty is posing as the Rear-Admiral's daughter, she tells Betty that she cannot countenance the imposture, and declares that for Betty's sake she will tell the Rear-Admiral everything.

Betty Plays A Crafty Game.

Betty caught her lip in her teeth; she stood motionless before Laurette and the threatened storm cleared from her eyes.

That innate artistry in her told her that raving would do her cause no good, would leave no big impression upon her sister, because only a few hours ago Laurette had witnessed her fury.

She sank into a chair and lit a cigarette, smoking it in a leisurely fashion, as though nothing annoyed her. This was so unexpected that Laurette was as surprised as Betty had meant her to be. Laurette felt she had been cruel, and a certain pity rushed through her scorn.

"I don't do this willingly, Betty."

Mrs. Chevonne said nothing, and Laurette became more and more perturbed and uncomfortable.

"—nor in any spirit of petty revenge," Laurette stumbled on.

Mrs. Chevonne remained silent.

"—but," said Laurette, wishing that Betty would speak, "from a painful sense of duty."

The widow lifted her cigarette from her lips, and studied it with some interest.

"Betty, I feel this terribly, you must know that."

Not a sound from the other reached her. Betty resumed her smoking, blowing delicate fairy rings from her nostrils.

"Betty won't you speak to me?" Laurette pleaded.

Betty smiled, responding sweetly. "Won't you sit down?"

Laurette slipped into a chair. She was glad to do so, for she felt faint with her struggle between pain and duty.

"What else can I do, Betty, for your own sake?"

"Nothing, Laurette," the widow responded, in a small, subdued voice. "You had better go at once to the squire and tell him that I am a horrid impostor."

"I should not say that, Betty. I should let him think you were ill when you arrived and didn't know what you were saying."

"You're very sweet to suggest that, but it wouldn't work unless you intend to infer that I'm a kind of escaped lunatic. Oh, Laurette, as you worship the truth, let him have it immediately."

Laurette could not make Betty out. She had expected an outburst of tears and entreaties, but here was Betty looking slightly amused, as though what affected her so vitally really affected someone else.

Laurette's Resolve Weakens.

"Betty, don't you see my own position?"

"Certainly I do, Laurette. Feeling as you do, you are bound to disclose my true identity to Uncle Ben."

"What will happen?"

"We shall be able to embrace in public, and you will have a place at dinner," returned Betty with a touch of flippancy.

But Laurette saw a shiver run through her form. She showed anguished eyes.

"What will happen, you ask? Isn't the answer obvious? I shall be badly punished, turned away, prosecuted perhaps, but I don't mean to flinch. I'm sure I deserve all that and more."

Laurette's purpose weakened.

"Oh, why did you do it, Betty dear? It was so unnecessary. Surely the squire would have loved you for yourself alone! He had only to realise your charm and—"

Betty choked. "Don't let's talk of that, it hurts, I can't bear it."

Laurette said: "I'd gladly cut off my right hand if this trouble could be avoided."

"Darling Laurette," Betty whispered and choked again, "I know that very well." She sighed and dropped her head. "The time has come for me to make my exit. To-night I shall run away. I shall never see anybody here again, not even you. Oh, how hard it is when the sunlight fades, but I am too ashamed to stay."

"Betty, Betty, my darling sister—"

But Betty continued in a hollow, colourless voice:—

"From to-night I shall have no money, no friends. All those I made must be sacrificed because I have sinned so deeply against Rear-Admiral Starre and you. I shall begin again in London, shall find work somewhere where nobody knows me. I shall roam the streets like poor Uncle Tom; I shall creep into the back pews of the City churches; I shall wear drab clothes—sackcloth and ashes. It will break my heart, but I shall perform my penance without a murmur. One day I shall die of hunger and cold and desolation. You will be able, then, to pardon poor, erring, little Betty. You will say 'oh, she meant no harm, she was her own worst enemy. It is better she should be in Heaven than soiling herself down here.'"

"If They Only Knew!"

Laurette could bear no more. She dropped down at her sister's knees, looking up at Betty while the tears rained down her cheeks.

Betty's sin had diminished to such small proportions that Laurette was agonised by her own brutality. Hers was the greatest crime. How dared she judge and condemn one for whose welfare she had long held herself entirely responsible? It seemed to her now that they were children again, that she was comforting Betty for some disappointment that had caused her tears to flow. She held herself a prude and a sneak.

Of course, there was no gainsaying the fact that this brilliant sister of hers had done very wrong, but was it her part to interfere and thrust Betty into a place in the dark wherein, sooner or later, being without love and without homage, she must perish?

At that thought Laurette's mouth was dry with fear. Betty, now soft and warm in her clasp, infinitely pitiable, because of her restraint and shame, was going to vanish from her sight and touch. In London she would be trampled down some way or another, and Laurette would be scarred by endless remorse.

Betty began to speak again.

"I didn't know poor old Starre needed a daughter so badly, or I would not have cheated him, Laurette. Oh, believe that at least. It will be a terrible blow for him—it may kill him—but that can't be helped." She smiled sadly. "Don't

be troubled, Laurette, I am as anxious as you are to tell him the truth. Oh, I want to be Betty Cotwood again—the little Betty who said her prayers every night and every morning, and who believed the world was full of sunshine and flowers and love."

"Betty!" sobbed Laurette. "I can't do it after this; no, indeed. Oh, I don't know what will happen, and—and I fear I'm a coward; but I must stand by you whatever you do."

Betty shook her head.

"I was right to call you a martyr; you do the thing that hurts you most. But, Laurette, I've never been very happy—I never deserved to be. It was only when I met dear Vivian that I realised that the joy even of a poor human being may be perfect. Don't cry any more, there's a darling; you mustn't have red eyes."

She seemed to be trying to laugh—a sound of most woeful music.

"Poor me! If they only knew, would they envy me any more? Would they, Laurette? No, no, not even the little scullery-maid would change places with me." She paused, gulping as though fighting down terrible sobs that almost choked her.

A Last Evening.

"When I go, Laurette, you must have all my jewels. My pearls will look lovely on you. I have amethysts, they were Cecil's wedding gift, they will just match your eyes. My dresses, everything I have is yours, for I shall take only a small bag with me of things that are absolutely necessary when I—when I—"

"Betty, I will not let you go. What are your jewels and dresses to me if I cannot see you in them, dear?"

"The pearls would become you better than me. They will match your white shining virtue, Laurette. Now, dearest, I am so weary and have so much to do; leave me a little, please. By and by I shall get Felix to dress me for dinner to-night, and oh, Laurette, I implore you not to tell anyone what you know until I have gone."

"Spare me the poor Rear-Admiral's grief," Betty went on. "He has suffered so much. I couldn't bear to see him suffer much more. Let me be far, far away when Uncle Ben curses my name, and Vivian—"

"What will he do without me, what will he—do? Perhaps he will be kind to you, Laurette, and look after you because you are my sister, and I shall smile down from Heaven and bless you."

"Betty, wait one moment—listen to me."

"Not a word more in discussion, dearest sister, my mind is made up. All I want is your promise that I may have one last happy evening here."

"I promise," said Laurette, resolved not to let Betty go away alone, no matter whether she had to

sit up all night to circumvent her plans. "And, Betty, from me no one shall ever learn—"

"Then I shall leave a letter behind me," Betty answered firmly.

When Laurette had departed noiselessly, as from a sacred place, the mirror showed a Betty entirely other than she who had turned the tables upon a poor, troubled sister.

"What an artist! What superb acting!" sighed Betty in an ecstasy of self-congratulation. "If everyone fails me I'll go back to the stage." She pitched her cigarette-end into the heart of the fire. "Grilled Laurette's goose and no mistake!" she informed herself, and then, with a giggle of intense satisfaction: "Come, Betty, that's sheer vulgarity! Mrs. Chevonne, please be refined!"

But, to put her thoughts in the same homely phrase—Betty was quite well aware that the fat was still perilously near the fire.

"I must arrange things!" thought Betty. "And I haven't much time."

Betty Is Amused.

To and fro she went across the room, from wall to wall, her brows rucked in thought, every few moments her thoughts were diverted. "My pearls on Laurette—all my jewels, all my dresses! Ye gods, and she believed it!"

Suddenly a light flashed over her mobile face. "I must go to my father!" she said aloud. "If he doesn't settle Laurette's conscience trouble and bring me with flying colours out of a decidedly awkward ambush, who will? Life is spiffing, and no mistake. Felix must come and dress me for the part!"

And Laurette, burdened by her sister's sins, weeping like a guilty, broken creature up and up the stairs to her little room under the roof, fancied that Betty was huddled down on her knees praying for strength, or, white-lipped and wild-eyed, gathering her courage for a supreme sacrifice.

Could she but have seen Mrs. Chevonne being laced into a stylish frock of gold and palest blue, with slippers in velvet to match, and soft, silken hose, with a string of pearls for her neck, and one purpose in her heart and eyes, that purpose the utter defeat of Laurette—

The elder sister was spared that sight. She went into her room and closed the door. She looked round miserably, trying to search her own heart and her own motives. She had reason for fear. Betty was her sister, and Betty had shown herself resolved to leave her for ever and plunge head foremost into the black unknown.

"Am I to blame?" Laurette wondered uneasily. "Should I have acted differently?"

Three floors below Betty considered her pleasing reflection.

"Felix, did you ever see anyone more beautiful than I am?"

"Never, madame," quoth Felix. "You're like a queen. You're splendid, wonderful, madame! And after the county ladies—dear Heaven, pardon me, but so dowdy and flat-chested—"

Betty giggled; the dinner gong sounded. Now was the time when she must make her position secure.

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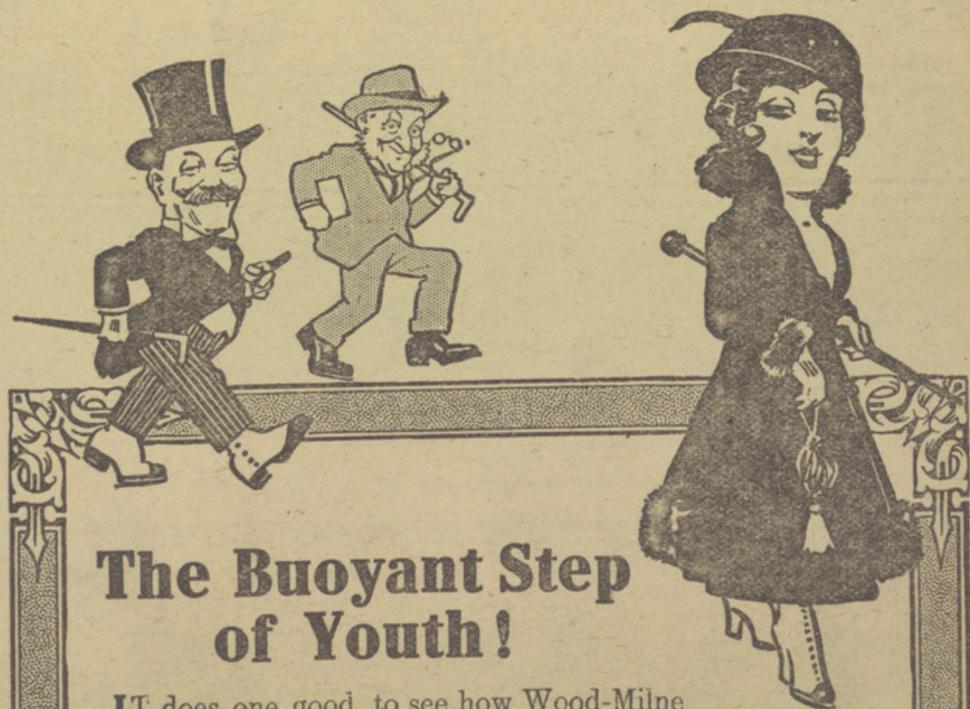


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