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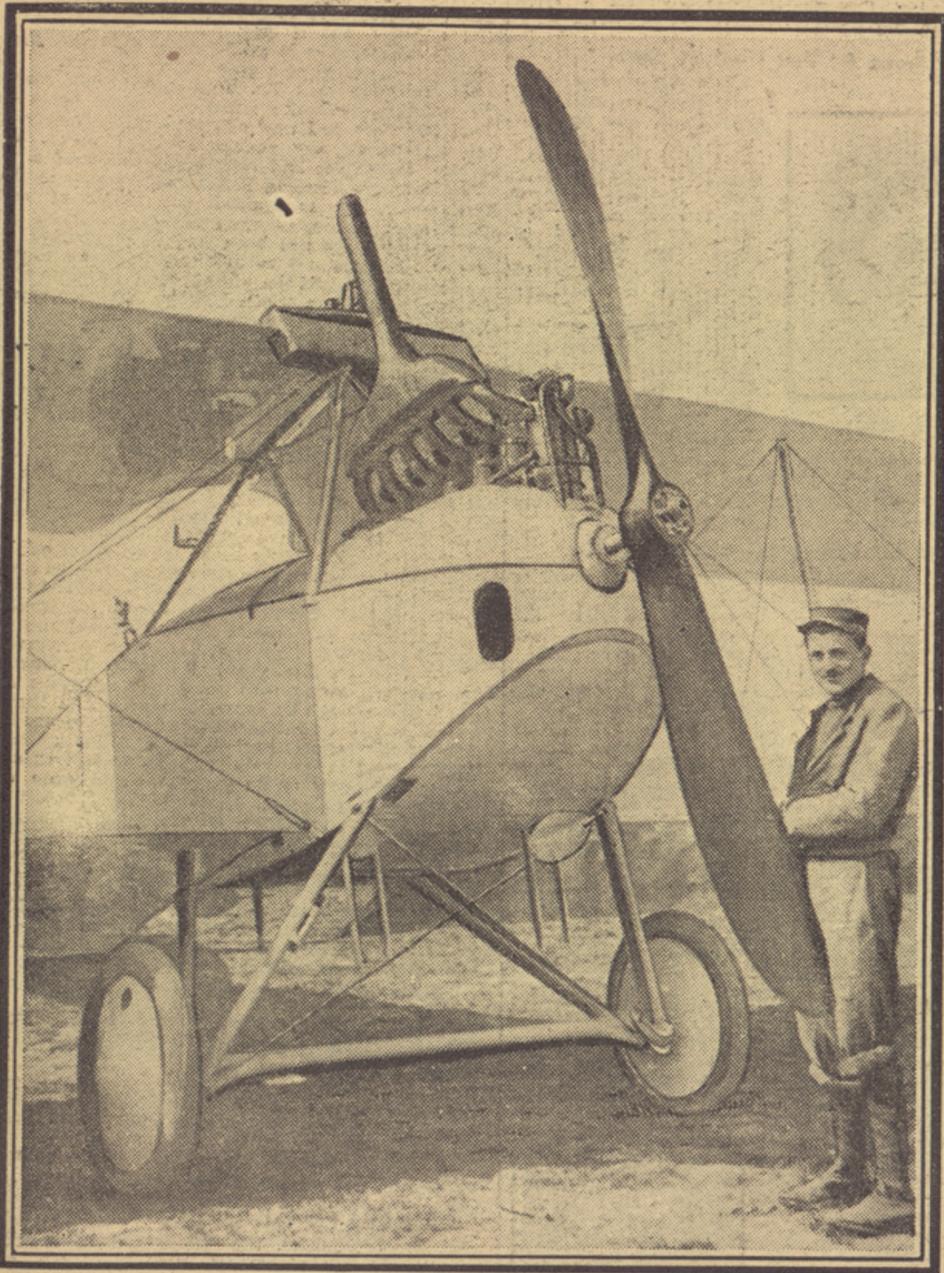
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ONE HALFPENNY.

It Beats The Fokker.

First Photographs of the Wonderful New French Aeroplane.

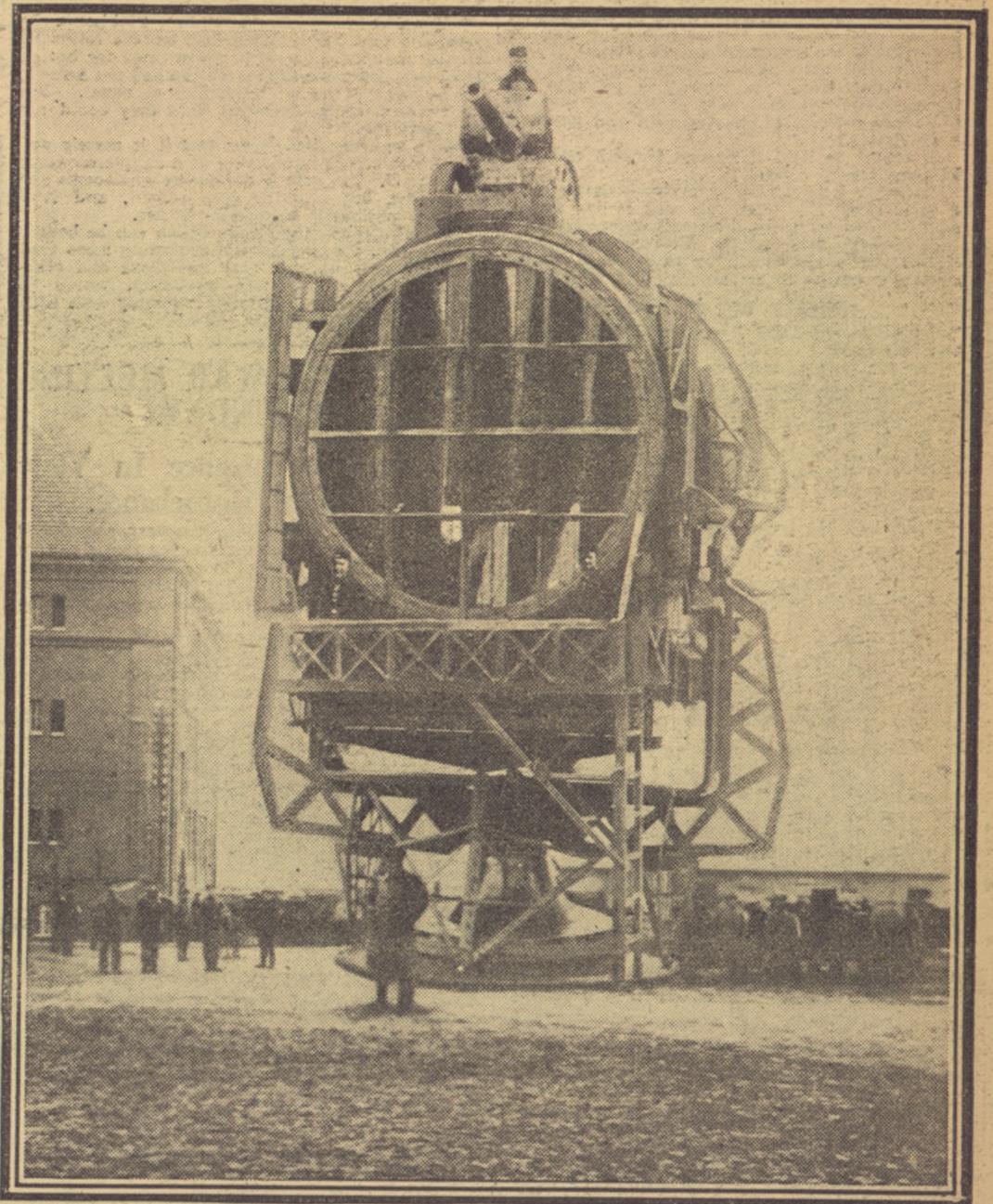


This new French aeroplane, speedier than any yet constructed, can easily beat the Fokker.



The machine has already twice beaten all world records for speed, and it probably helped to bring down three Fokkers in a recent air-duel.—(French Official Photographs.)

The Huns' Channel Searchlight



This photograph of a giant German searchlight is described in the German papers as designed to light up the English coast across the Channel. More probably it is a guide for winged Zeppelins. The picture shows a gun mounted on the top. It may be so, but—(Photograph Exclusive to the *Daily Sketch*.)

MINISTER'S SONS' ANSWER TO CONSCIENCE-COWARDS.



Corpl. Richard Thomas, Pte. B. A. Thomas, O.T.C. Pte. Leslie Thomas, A.S.C. Canadian contingent.

The three soldier-sons of the Rev. B. Thomas, a Pembroke Baptist minister, who deplors that the conscience clause has left a loophole for shirkers. Story on page 2.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ON IMPERIAL DUTY.

"If We Are To Hold This Empire We Must Defend It."

BABBLE ABOUT PEACE.

Opportunities And Chances Must Be Given To Everyone.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Australia's Prime Minister, made his first public appearance yesterday after his recent attack of influenza, when he was presented with the freedom of the City of London—the highest honour at the disposal of the City.

His speech in reply was an inspiring call to arms and action, coupled with a clear-cut realisation of common duty.

Here are some of its most telling sentences:—

The British Empire covers a fifth of the earth. Much of it is a veritable land of promise, an alluring belt to those Powers who know but one law—that to the strong belong all things.

Visionaries may babble about peace, but the stern lesson which the history of all ages has to teach, written in letters of fire, so that all but those wilfully blind may read and mark, is that:—

If we are to hold this great Empire we must be prepared to defend it.

Since the defence of his country is the primary duty of every free man, this task is one which, as a democracy, we ought gladly to undertake.

The responsibility of the world's peace, of true civilisation and the future of democracy, depend upon our ability to do so.

WHERE WE STAND.

"See where we stand," continued Mr. Hughes, "and take heed.

Australia and Canada are both larger than the United States of America. South Africa is larger than France and Germany combined.

The United States has a population of 100,000,000 and is not secure from danger. Yet these three Dominions—to say nothing of the Crown Colonies and other outposts of the Empire—with a combined area nearly three times that of the United States, have a population of only 15,000,000.

Think how the palms of nations inflamed with the lust of conquest, desiring room for expansion, for a place in the sun, itch to gather these vast, rich and fertile lands within their grip, and then you will better understand what the defence of our Empire means.

"Is it not as clear as noonday that immunity is our strength and our safety? How can the scanty population of our Dominions, cast upon their own resources, hope to hold their great heritage? The day may come when the Dominions can do so, but certainly that day is not yet."

VIRILITY ALONE COUNTS.

The other fact that stood out was: That if we are to keep this Empire as a heritage for the British race we must create conditions under which the population of both these islands and the Dominions will rapidly increase and multiply.

Mere numbers availed nothing. So we must create an environment which will breed a virile people, for wealth will not save us if our crop of such men failed.

The defence of our Empire rested ultimately upon the basis of that which will promote the welfare of the great masses of the people and ensure those opportunities of employment, conditions and remuneration of labour, and that standard of comfort, which are the just heritage of a civilised people.

Lacking these, the British race will dwindle and degenerate, and our mighty Empire crumble to decay.

We must see to it, therefore, that from one end of this great Empire to the other the gates of Opportunity shall be slammed in no man's face. There must be a chance for everyone.

He had a profound faith in the destiny of the British race, for we were yet, despite conditions that would long ago have plunged lesser men into the abyss of degeneracy, full of the ancient valour of our race.

OUR GREAT FAITH.

It was a faith prepared to endure all things, to undergo all sacrifices, to subordinate all things in order that decisive victory may be ours.

It is because of this spirit that he believed we shall not only emerge triumphant in this great struggle, but that, purged of dross and purified by the spirit of self-sacrifice, we shall prove ourselves worthy of the great opportunity which now beckons us on.

Mr. Hughes was previously presented with the honorary freedom of the Clothworkers' Company. He was enthusiastically cheered on his way to and from the Guildhall, as well as during his speech.

Mr. Hughes was afterwards entertained to luncheon at the Mansion House, where he again received an enthusiastic greeting and delivered a brief but telling speech.

MESOPOTAMIA M.C. KILLED.

Capt. A. W. White, of the 117th Mahrattas, who has been reported as killed on the Tigris. During the advance towards Bagdad he was mentioned in dispatches for his gallantry in the fighting at Barjisiyah, and was subsequently awarded the Military Cross.



SNOBBISH GUARDIANS.

Lady Byron Says Margarine Is Good Enough For Her.

CHEAP, BUT NOT NASTY.

Lady Byron, having read in the *Daily Sketch* that the *Thetford Guardians* have decided that margarine is not good enough to use in the workhouse, writes to say that she has eaten margarine herself for some months, and that many lady friends of hers have done likewise since the war began.

"I should like to know what reason the *Thetford Guardians* have for saying margarine is not good enough for their paupers," said Lady Byron to the *Daily Sketch* last night. "I have proved that it is an absolutely pure and wholesome food for everybody. For some months now I have eaten margarine instead of butter. It has agreed with me—and I am very particular about food, and cannot eat any kind of food unless it is good.

"The real prejudice against margarine is that it is cheap. People seem to think because a thing is cheap it cannot be good.

"Only a little while ago at another workhouse the guardians told the inmates that on the following Monday margarine would be substituted for butter. When that day came the margarine had not arrived, and butter was put on the tables as usual. But the inmates left it, declaring that they could not eat margarine.

"This amusing fact shows that it is merely prejudice that stands in the way of a simple economy of this kind. Not only is margarine wholesome and nourishing, but it never goes rancid, and it is infinitely preferable to inferior butter.

"By substituting margarine which can be bought for 7d. or 8d. a pound for butter costing more than twice the amount, not only guardians and other officials, but householders generally, would be effecting a sound and sensible economy with little apparent difference to the table."

NO STOP-THE-WAR MEETING ON SUNDAY.

Prohibited In Advance In View Of Possible Disturbance.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, Home Secretary, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the stop-the-war meeting, advertised to be held in Trafalgar-square on Sunday, had been prohibited in advance on the grounds that serious disturbances would be likely to occur.

The statement was made in reply to Mr. Ronald McNeill, and Mr. Samuel said that he had received a report from the Commissioner of Police in the metropolis, who told him if this meeting were held he had reason to apprehend very grave disturbances, which would require a very large force of police to cope with them, and even then he could not guarantee that the persons holding the meeting would receive efficient protection. The purposes of the meeting were profoundly unpatriotic and mischievous. (Cheers.)

In all probability vast crowds would have collected, and, in any event, the meeting would soon have to stop on account of the disorder which would take place. Acting on the advice of the Commissioner he had decided that in the interests of the peace and order of the metropolis the meeting should be prohibited in advance. (Cheers.)

Mr. Samuel added that he was advised that the powers vested in the Executive would be adequate; but to prevent doubt the King would be advised to make a regulation under the Defence of the Realm Act that where there was reason to believe that grave disorder would arise owing to a meeting held in a public place imposing undue demands on the police or the military, the proper authority might prohibit it.

OPEN DOOR FOR SHIRKERS.

Pastor Who Regrets Conscience Clause: His Three Sons Are In Khaki.

The Rev. B. Thomas, who launched a thunderbolt in the midst of the Welsh Nonconformist camp by declaring he regrets that the conscience clause was inserted in the Military Service Act, and that the case of the conscientious objector could have been met without providing an open door for the egress of shirkers, is a Baptist minister at Pembroke, and was at one time a minister at Harlesden. He has three sons in the Army.

One of his sons, Corporal Richard Thomas, Canadian Expeditionary Force, was wounded last year. Another son, Private B. A. Thomas, 4th City of London Fusiliers, has now been transferred to an officers' training corps, and the third son, Private Leslie Thomas, is in the Army Service Corps.



REV. B. THOMAS.

VOLUNTEERS STILL WAITING.

Regulations for Volunteer Training Corps will be issued immediately, said Mr. Tennant in the House of Commons yesterday.

Something very like this was said by Mr. Lloyd George seven weeks ago.

Owing to the shortage of meat and high prices Liverpool butchers will close on Monday and Tuesday next week.

TEA AND TOAST FOR FAMOUS POLITICIANS.

Waitress Retires After 26 Years' Service In House Of Commons.

A ST. STEPHEN'S ROMANCE.

Twenty-six years a waitress in the House of Commons is the record of Miss Katherine Crisp, who is now giving up her post to marry a minor official in the House.

It is a House of Commons romance, and the couple have been heartily congratulated by the members since the forthcoming marriage was first announced. Instantly a "whip" was sent round, for the House likes to do this kind of thing properly, and a presentation is to be made to Miss Crisp to-morrow.

Miss Crisp has served with tea and toast every well-known politician of the past and present decade.

"Mr. Gladstone was always very nice," she told the *Daily Sketch*, "but he never talked much in the tea room."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was a great gentleman, too.

"Same As You Used To Serve."

Miss Crisp has been very popular with the politicians. She has seen them leave the House for the Upper Chamber, and has welcomed them back when they have returned for another cup "the same as you used to serve in the old days."

She knew many of their little predilections with regard to food.

Sir Charles Dilke always had his prepared in a special way. Lady Dilke sent a "cooker" down to the House so that it might be cooked correctly.

Mr. Labouchere had a couple of chops each night, while another member, Lord Balfour, had two cutlets with two poached eggs for his dinner every night.

More Tea Than Ever, But Less Cocoa.

"There has been a great change in the character and atmosphere of the House of Commons," said Miss Crisp. "It has been different since the Liberals came into power in 1906. More tea than ever has been drunk, and cocoa has gone off."

"Formerly the House of Commons was like a church; now it is more homely—that is how I can best describe it. It is more democratic now.

"There is no doubt the coming of the Labour members has changed the character of the House a good deal, though it is hardly noticeable until you compare it with say 20 years ago. I like them; they are homely."

But it was difficult to get Miss Crisp to talk. She had few memories of the great men to whose wants she had ministered. She had done her duty by serving them with tea and toast, and she was satisfied with that.

WEALTHY SOCIALIST DEAD.

Mr. James Allan, Shipowner, Economist And Master Mariner.

Mr. James Allan, who was known as the "Millionaire Socialist," has died at Glasgow.

He was connected with the Allan Line shipping firm, and years ago took a prominent part in the Glasgow Socialist movement, and several times endeavoured to secure election to Glasgow Town Council as a Socialist, but was always unsuccessful.

Mr. Allan, who was 53 years of age, was actively associated with the line for a quarter of a century, and held a master's certificate.

He was also chairman of the Independent Labour Party in Glasgow.



DELICATE TASK FOR A JUDGE.

Asked If Two Blouses Were Cut Too Low, He Refuses To See Them Worn In Court.

At Bloomsbury County Court yesterday Judge Bray was called upon to decide whether two blouses were cut too low in the neck.

One trader, sued by another trader, declared that the blouses were cut so low that they were unwearable.

Asked if it would be decent for any woman to wear them, the designer of the trader who brought the action replied "It depends on the woman."

"I am referring to a decent woman," said the solicitor.

"I know plenty of decent women who wear them as low as that," retorted the designer.

The blouses were produced, but Judge Bray declined the suggestion that he should see them worn in Court.

It being admitted that the sample blouse from which the blouses in dispute had been made had been parted with, the judge gave judgment for the defendant, holding that its production was essential.

Railway signals are not visible to aircraft, says Mr. Tennant.

"PERCY" IN PARLIAMENT.

Kingston's Conscientious Objector Finds A Champion.

"LIVES MADE UNBEARABLE."

Mr. Philip Morrell called attention in the House of Commons yesterday to one or two cases in which he contended that conscientious objectors had been hardly treated on being handed over to the military authorities.

He referred in particular to the case of a man who refused to dress himself in khaki, and was dressed by force. Afterwards the man, according to his own statement, took off his uniform, and was then put in the cells and covered with a blanket. When he was marched to the orderly room the man said he was the object of much scoffing and ridicule, and a Red Cross nurse took his photograph, with great glee. This photograph, said Mr. Morrell, appeared in the *Daily Sketch* last Friday.

Mr. E. Harvey supported the complaint, and said the position of the genuine conscientious objector had been a very difficult one.

No Soft Jobs Provided.

Mr. Tennant said he did not approve persecution and tyranny, but if easy places were found for cases of conscience it would mean that the Army would be deprived of a great many fighters.

Mr. Snowden said Mr. Tennant did not realise the seriousness of the situation. Some conscientious objectors had now accepted military service, not because of any change in their views, but because their lives had been made unbearable.

Mr. Tennant states in Parliamentary papers that Parliament has recognised the claim of conscientious objectors to non-combatant service, and this special corps has been formed to provide the service. It does not by any means follow that it is a safe service. At the present time no more than 400 men have been allotted to the Non-Combatant Corps.

"OUGHT TO BE AN OUTLAW."

Judges Express Their Contempt For Conscientious Objectors.

"The real conscientious objector ought to be an outlaw," said Mr. Justice Darling in the King's Bench Division yesterday, "but so far from being an outlaw he is to have special privileges."

Arguments were being heard on an order calling on the Central Tribunal to show cause why an order it had made on the application of a conscientious objector named Frank Lloyd Parton, a student reading for the Bar, should not be quashed and the tribunal ordered to hear the application personally.

The rules were discharged with costs, Mr. Justice Lawrence remarking that the Military Service Act was "weak enough in heaven's name," and that it seemed almost a contradiction in terms to use the noble word "conscience" in circumstances where a man wanted to take all the advantages of citizenship without any of its duties, and a more unconscientious objection it would be difficult to conceive. His conscience was worthy of the utmost contempt and nothing else.

WHO PAYS THE MONEY?

An East Ham man, who applied to Essex appeal tribunal yesterday for exemption as the sole support of his mother, made some curious admissions under cross-examination:—

The retail agent of a German firm of metal and leather manufacturers, he had received since the outbreak of war £3 a week in Treasury notes from an address which he did not know, though the money came from "London, E.C."

Early in July, 1914, he had a communication from this German firm, stating that hostilities might occur, and asking him to mention a place to which, in case of emergency, his money might be sent.

The tribunal refused exemption, and the military authorities undertook to make inquiries.

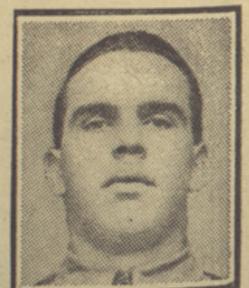
PRIVATE DUCKERS TO-DAY.

Mr. Scott Duckers, the Chancery-lane solicitor and stop-the-war enthusiast, was fined 40s. and handed over to a military escort by the Marlborough-street magistrate yesterday because he had failed to report himself under the Military Service Act.

Cries of "Shame!" were raised outside the Court when the decision was made known, and in a disturbance which followed an arrest was made.

SURREY TERRITORIAL D.C.M.

Private Joseph A. Drowley, D.C.M., one of three sons of Mr. G. F. Drowley, of Woking, is the first member of the 5th (Territorial) Battalion Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment to win a distinction. This he has obtained in Mesopotamia. His platoon was being subjected to an enfilading fire, which he stopped by creeping along a ditch and accounting for four or five of the enemy, from within 50 yards of whose lines he subsequently brought in a wounded comrade.



FRIED FISH SHOPS BADLY HIT.

In many London suburbs yesterday housewives were asked to pay 1d. a pound for potatoes, compared with 1d. a pound the day before and two or three pence a lb. in normal times.

Fried fish shops are badly hit. Many had to close months ago because of the shortage of fish. Now famine prices for the raw material for "chips" have caused many more to put up their prices.

CABINET MUST THINK OF THE NAVY AS WELL AS THE ARMY.

ARMY, NAVY, CABINET, AND COMPULSION.

Dramatic Intervention By The Admiralty.

POINTS THAT DEMAND MOST CAREFUL THOUGHT.

An Easter Monday Sitting May Become Necessary.

COL. CHURCHILL AGAIN.

Sits On Opposition Bench After Visiting Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Asquith's expected statement on the recruiting question has been postponed.

The change of pian was made, the Prime Minister stated, in order to clear up "certain outstanding points."

An element not generally considered by the Government's critics appears to have asserted itself at a dramatic moment.

The Board of Admiralty, as our Parliamentary correspondent says below, reminds us of the existence of the Fleet and of its needs, which are of paramount importance.

Conferences of leading Ministers and members of the War Staff were held yesterday, and further meetings will be held this morning.

It was believed last night that the Cabinet will present a programme backed by the authority of all the leading members of the Coalition.

In this case the Government is sure of a favourable reception of their proposals, whether they comprise a measure of universal compulsion or provide for finding the men by other means.

TO-DAY, TO-MORROW —?

It is probable that the Cabinet's decision may not be made known to-day, for Lord Crewe in the House of Lords said if not to-day, it would be made known to-morrow, and if that were impossible the House would probably meet on Monday.

Indeed, it is not unlikely that an Easter Monday sitting may be necessary.

Colonel Churchill, who appears to be able to take frequent holidays from his military duties, made an unexpected appearance and called on the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George.

Colonel Churchill sat on the Front Opposition Bench when Parliament met.

Mr. Lloyd George's absence from the House gave rise to fresh rumours of his intended resignation; but the *Daily Sketch* learns that these are baseless.

Mr. Lloyd George is taking part in the Cabinet Committee's discussions.

The House of Commons adjourned early, having nothing to do; the most satisfactory event of the day.

WE MUST NOT FORGET THE FLEET.

Delicate Problems The Cabinet Must Consider Carefully.

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

A further investigation of the recruiting problem has been initiated by the Cabinet.

This is entrusted to a sub-committee of Ministers, who include:—

Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Henderson,

and, I believe, Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Kitchener.

This body will examine the programme submitted to the Cabinet by the Army Council in the light of the requirements of the Fleet and the general industrial needs of the nation.

As I said yesterday, there was a clash between the conclusions of the original Cabinet sub-committee and those of the Army Council. As a result, in the first Cabinet Council, Mr. Lloyd George vigorously supported the views of Sir William Robertson and his colleagues, with the

consequence that a difference of opinion arose between Ministers, which gave rise to rumours of resignation and disruption.

THE ADMIRALTY STEPS IN.

I understand that the Board of Admiralty and the Army Council are not in agreement as to the degree to which an extension of compulsion should be taken

Up to now there has been a tendency to consider Army requirements alone.

But the naval advisers of the Cabinet have entered a caveat, pointing out that the needs of the Fleet must be considered first in any modification of any recruiting system.

NEEDS OF THE FLEET.

Naval construction, the maintenance of the efficiency and tonnage of the mercantile marine, the continuance at the highest standard of the prime industries on which the fleet depends, such as coal, iron, and marine engineering, for instance, have been advanced as reasons, I believe, why wholesale conscription for the purposes of the Army should be considered with the greatest care and knowledge.

It may, therefore, be taken for granted that the danger of resignations has been averted till the new sub-committee has reported, and it is also likely that this document cannot be in the hands of the Cabinet till at the earliest the end of the week.

WHOLE CABINET IN EARNEST.

The probability is that in these circumstances no debate can take place on the Government's decision till next week.

Every member of the Government is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the task of finding a solution which will avoid open dissension.

This information was in broad outline available at the meeting of the Unionist War Committee yesterday, and those present, who were about 100 in number, without passing a formal resolution, indicated their desire to abide by any decision to which their leader, Mr. Bonar Law, might be party.

Meanwhile arrangements are being made to hold a sitting of the House on Tuesday next, should it be necessary.

(Peers Compulsion Discussion on page 10.)

BAD WEATHER HINDERS FIGHTING

French Official News.

PARIS, Tuesday, 11 p.m.

In the Argonne our artillery was active in the region of the Four de Paris, and against the communication roads and ways of the enemy.

In the region of Verdun bad weather hampered the operations in the course of the day.

There was an intermittent bombardment to the west of the Meuse in the sector of Hill 304 and to the east of the Meuse in the region to the south of the Haudromont wood and against our positions between Douaumont and Vaux.

There was no infantry action.

To the east of St. Mihiel our batteries shelled enemy gatherings near Woinville.—Reuter.

ATTACK OF "EXTREME VIOLENCE."

Tuesday Afternoon.

It is confirmed that the German attack delivered yesterday upon our positions between the Meuse and the Douaumont region was one of extreme violence.

Fresh information now collected shows that this offensive operation was carried out by troops belonging to five different divisions.

East of the Chaffour salient [east of Douaumont] the enemy had succeeded in penetrating into our first line trench, from which he was partly driven by our counter-attack.

In the Woevre [plain beyond the Meuse Hills] there was an artillery duel in the sector of Moulainville.

South of the Ban de Sapt [Alsace] a German reconnaissance which attempted to reach our trenches in the direction of Hermanpère, north of Saint Dié, was repulsed with grenades.

During Monday night the enemy airmen dropped seven bombs, including one incendiary, upon Belfort [the strong fortress near the Swiss frontier].

Three deaths and six cases of injured are reported. The material damage is of little importance.

MINERS WIN THE D.C.M.



Corporal W. Bellamy. Private R. W. Codling. Bellamy comes from Barnsley and Codling from South Shields. Both were working in the pit before the war. Now they have been awarded the D.C.M.

GENERAL KEARY CHECKED.

Turkish Counter-Attacks Force Back The British Line.

ADVANCE SOUTH OF TIGRIS STOPPED.

From The War Office.

Tuesday Afternoon.

General Lake reports that on Monday night a series of heavy counter-attacks were delivered on the right (south) bank of the Tigris.

Our lines were in places forced back some 500 to 800 yards.

The force operating on the south bank of the Tigris is that of General Keary, whose last report stated that on Saturday he had made "gradual but steady progress," driving in and occupying the Turkish advanced lines.

General Keary, by two successive advances last week, had reached a point about 13 miles from Kut, on the south side of the Sanna-i-Yat position.

General Goringe, whose forward movement began a fortnight ago, had reached and attacked the Sanna-i-Yat position on the north on Monday week (April 10) when his attack on the position failed.

The situation, therefore, is that the advance on both banks is checked on a 13-mile radius, and the Turkish main position at Es-Sinn, seven miles from Kut, has not yet been assaulted.

Turkish news received yesterday said: "There is no alteration on the Irak [Mesopotamia] front."

BRITISH PENETRATE ENEMY LINES TWICE.

Complete Success Of Day And Night Raids On Trenches.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.

Monday, 10.32 p.m.

Twice in the last 30 hours our troops have penetrated at different points into the German trenches—once in daylight yesterday, and once during the night.

On each occasion the enterprise met with complete success.

A machine-gun emplacement was destroyed, and several dug-outs were bombed.

Our casualties were one wounded and one missing.

Two German officers and at least 20 men are reported killed.

During the night two small German efforts against our position at St. Eloi, preceded in the evening by a heavy bombardment, were successfully repulsed.

To-day isolated artillery duels took place at various points.

There has been further mining activity east of Vermelles without altering the general situation there.

"BRITISH ATTACK REPULSED."

German Official News.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

Our artillery freely bombarded the English position in the region of St. Eloi [south of Ypres].

A weak hand grenade attack against one of the craters we have occupied was easily repulsed during the night.

On both sides of the canal of La Bassée and to the north-west of Loos lively hand grenade attacks developed at times.

In the region of Neuville [west of Lens] and near Beauvraignes we exploded several mines with good results.

Belgian Official News.

Tuesday Night.

There were artillery actions of little intensity on the Belgian front, with the exception of the region of Steenstraete, where the bombardment developed great violence in the course of the afternoon.—Wireless Press.

4½D. AN HOUR FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

Two ex-soldiers, wounded and discharged, were fined 20s. each by the Monmouthshire Munitions Court yesterday for leaving a controlled works, where they received 4½d. an hour, in order to obtain better pay.

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FALL OF TREBIZOND.

Great Turkish Black Sea Port Taken By Russians.

ENEMY'S LAST ARMENIAN STRONGHOLD LOST.

Victory That May Affect Position Of General Townshend.

Trebizond has been captured by the Russians.

This splendid news was announced in a three-word Reuter cablegram from Petrograd received last evening. The message simply said:—

TREBIZOND HAS FALLEN.

The capture of Trebizond places the Russians in possession of the Turks' only considerable Black Sea port on the Asiatic coast, and cuts the southern Turkish armies, especially those operating on the Tigris, off from one of their chief bases of supplies.

It also marks the practical clearance of Armenia of the last vestige of the Ottoman



occupation which for centuries has been marked by the most abominable atrocities in the records of the misgovernment of conquered countries.

The report was confirmed later by a statement from the Russian Staff on the Caucasus front, which says:—

Trebizond has been taken.

The energetic military efforts of our troops of the Caucasian Army and our Fleet in the Black Sea have been crowned by the capture of the most important fortified position on the Anatolian (Asia Minor) coast.

The valiant troops of the Caucasian army, after a sanguinary battle on April 14, on the Kara Darassi river, pressed the Turks without respite, overcoming incredible difficulties and everywhere shattering the most obstinate resistance of the enemy.

The successful co-operation of the fleet permitted us to effect the most daring landing operations, to give continual artillery support to the troops which were operating in the coastal region.

Credit for this fresh victory is also partly due to the assistance given to the Caucasian army by the other troops operating in other directions in Asia Minor.

By their desperate fighting and heroic exploits they did all that lay in their power to facilitate the task of the detachment on the coast.

An earlier official report had announced that the Russians, pursuing the Turks, had occupied the village of Drona, 6½ miles east of Trebizond.

At the moment the Russian victory may seem to have little relation to the position on the Tigris, where General Keary has just met with a check, but as Trebizond was an important supply base for the Turkish armies in the south the effect may be felt in time to ease the position of General Townshend at Kut

The Crime Of Skipper Asquith.



"He clings like a limpet."—(Copyright by Will Dyson.)

HOW MUNITION MAKERS CURE BAD FOOT TROUBLES.

FIND NOVEL WAY TO BANISH FOR EVER THE CORNS, CALLOUSES, SORENESS, SWELLING, ACHING, ETC., CAUSED BY UNACCUSTOMED FOOT STRAIN.

Foot misery is often the first difficulty encountered by munition workers who have to remain on their feet all day. I found, however, that all such tortures can be instantly relieved and permanently cured by simply resting the feet a few minutes in a warm foot bath containing a tablespoonful of ordinary Reudal Bath Saltrates. This softens even the hardest corns so they come right out at the touch, root and all. The feet being the farthest points to which the blood must be pumped, foot troubles are usually due to defective circulation and irritation in these extremities. The hot saltrated bath will stimulate the circulation, instantly soothe and relieve any painful congestion due to shoe pressure, reduce swelling and open the clogged pores. This renders the skin active and healthy, prevents offensive perspiration odours, and banishes smarting, burning, itching or other foot afflictions for all time. It is marvellously effective for soldiers' "trench foot," chilblains, bunions and similar troubles, even including rheumatism, gout, etc. Most chemists keep the common refined Reudal Bath Saltrates ready put up in convenient packets, one of which should prove sufficient to permanently end all foot misery at slight cost. Try this refreshing foot-bath after coming in footsore from a long walk or after being on your feet all day. You will soon feel like dancing with joy, and your newest, tightest boots seem like the oldest pair you have.—D. L. C.

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The Hon. Elaine Jenkins, the late Lord Glantawe's younger daughter, who continues her father's business ventures. She is a director of the Swansea and Mumbles railway.—(Elliott and Fry.)



Drummer G. Mason, 2nd East Surreys, trims the hair of a wounded comrade at Alexandria. The nurses at the hospital appreciated his help.



Mrs. J. Astley Corbett. Her husband, Sir F. E. G. Astley-Corbett's heir, is reported as wounded. He is a captain in the Scots Guards.—(Lafayette.)

DOWN WITH THE OUTLAWS!

IF public opinion is only strong enough it will in the end make itself felt. A stop-the-war meeting was to have been held next Sunday in Trafalgar-square, but Mr. Samuel stated in the House last night that it had been prohibited by the police, as there was grave reason to fear a breach of the peace. In other words, this traitorous assembly, which should be forbidden because it is traitorous, will not be held because the people of London have shown they will not stand it. Are we to suppose that if the traitors only take the precaution to preach their treason behind stone walls and a thick guard of stewards the authorities will not say them nay? It will in that case be the business of the public to show that disloyal gatherings cannot take place in this kingdom under any conditions whatsoever.

WE may hope, too, that as the opinion of the public has gained a hearing, so the opinion of the judges on treason in general and the conscientious objector in particular will not be ignored.

IN a case tried yesterday before Justices Darling, Lawrence and Avory a man was appealing against the decision of the Central Tribunal. He was not of the worst type of objector, for he had at one time done some ambulance work in France, though in the end he decided that his conscience would not allow him to give any more help to the military forces—even in the way of helping the wounded. A feature of the case was that he does not object to subsist on an allowance from his father—a maker of munitions. But he may be taken as a not unfavourable example of the man who will not fight, and is anxious to do nothing at all, for his country. Yet very properly the three judges had no mercy on him.

MR. JUSTICE DARLING asked, as we have asked, how such a person can reconcile it with his conscience to take advantage of the laws which protect life and property, which depend entirely on force, and are administered by judges, who depend on the police and in the last resort on the Army. There is no escape from that dilemma; and the judge was right in concluding that the real conscientious objector ought to be an outlaw. Is not that plain common-sense? If a man objects to the use of force, even to protect his country against the violence of brutal savages, what right has he to expect to be protected from any kind of assault?

IT seems, indeed, as Mr. Justice Lawrence put it, almost a contradiction in terms to use the noble word "conscience" in circumstances where a man wanted to take all the advantages of citizenship without any of its duties. It is very just, therefore, that in administering the law, weak as it is, no point should be conceded in favour of the objector. Let the tribunals be as severe as possible, and, reversing our usual procedure, let the benefit of the doubt be given in favour of the country and against the outlaw. The splendid words of the three judges, for Mr. Justice Avory was not behind the other two in his reprobation of the "conscientious" shirkers, should strengthen the hand of the tribunals in dealing with these men.

PERHAPS in the end the authorities may see the wisdom of taking into custody all those ignoble men who go round the country stirring up weak youths to perjury and treason. And if a "conscientious" recruit will not do his duty there should be a short way with him—for minor offences, imprisonment; for more serious offences, death.

THE MAN IN THE STREET.

**Echoes of the Town.**

Royal Prince Rumour—Winston's Dramatic Entry—A Story For A Bishop—Poet In A New Place.

**The Court And Windsor.**

IT IS expected that the Court will spend a good deal of time at Windsor this spring. The King and Queen are always mindful of the importance to Windsor of having the Court at the Castle at least for some weeks in the year, and the younger members of the family prefer it to London, especially Princess Mary, who likes nothing better than a canter in the Park.

Prince Albert's Health.

IT IS WELL that there has been a prompt denial of the rumours as to Prince Albert's health, rumours which ought never to have been put about except on the strongest evidence. Prince Albert has been suffering from a troublesome complaint, which no doubt has pulled him down a good deal, but he is getting well again, and is merely waiting for a final "vetting" from the doctors before getting back to work. He is not so strong constitutionally as his elder brother, though many people have always thought otherwise, but there is no reason to suppose that his Navy career is ended.

Lord Weardale.

I SAW Lord Weardale, looking more like Lord Rosebery than ever, with just a *souçon* of Mr. Asquith, coming down the steps of his club in Pall Mall yesterday. He is a most useful man in an unobtrusive sort of way. One of his latest activities is in connection with the Anglo-Russian Committee, which was founded in 1903. The Russian Company, which was founded a few years previously, namely, in 1853, with Mr. Sebastian Cabot as Governor, has now been merged into the younger institution. Lord Weardale is one of the Freemen of the Company, and with him, among several others, were elected Lord Peel, Lord Amptill, the Hon. Arthur Stanley, and that prominent Anglo-Russian, the Hon. Maurice Baring.



—(Elliott and Fry.)

Lord Rosebery's Sedan Chair.

WHERE, I wonder, did Lord Rosebery pick up the sedan chair which he has presented to the city of Bath? There are not many to be found now, outside the museums. Is this by any chance, I wonder, the same that I have known for many years in Bury St. Edmunds, and which was bought by an Ipswich dealer just before the war?

Going To Church.

THE SEDAN CHAIR I am speaking of was a relic of the days when Bury St. Edmunds had a "season." It had been acquired, together with a bath chair, by a poor couple who lived in a side street off Angel Hill, and until lately they eked out a livelihood by letting out these conveyances. To save labour, the sedan chair had been put on wheels. It was used regularly until three or four years ago to take a certain old lady to church, and I personally have known a younger lady go to the county ball in it.

Lord Donoughmore.

LORD DONOUGHMORE seems to be the Lord Chancellor's understudy, an understudy of some weight, too. On Monday, before leaving London with Lady Donoughmore for Knocklofty, he took his seat on the Woolsack, no doubt with due decorum. Talking of understudies, Lord Donoughmore is no stranger to the theatrical world. I remember him, in the days when he was Lord Suirdale, acting in Shakespeare at Oxford with the O.U.D.S., and very good he was.

A Great Pro-Consul.

LORD CROMER is still at Ardgowan, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart's place at Greenock, but expects to be back in Wimpole-street early next month. Lady Cromer and Lady Shaw-Stewart are sisters. Lord Bath is their brother.

That Chute.

I ASKED a policeman at St. Stephen's the other day whether many Tommies in London for the first time were visiting the Houses of Parliament. The answer was in the affirmative (as they say in that part of the world). "And what most of them want to know," added my informant, "is what that long chute is which runs down outside from the roof of Westminster Hall." For anybody unaware of the fact that repairs are in progress inside the roof this ugly structure must certainly be puzzling, as it is very rarely seen in use.

Premier—Well And Confident.

MR. ASQUITH, I am told, looked well and confident at question time in the House yesterday, and certainly gave no indication that a Cabinet crisis was on. There was a very full attendance of members, as a large number of officers had left their military duties to hear the Premier's statement, which, as it happened, was not delivered. It was a singularly quiet assembly, full of grim, silent earnestness, and I think there will be an outburst if the Government keep the nation longer in suspense on the recruiting question.

Bonar Law's Admiration.

NEITHER L. G. nor A. J. B. was present, but B. L. sat next the Premier. Rumour has it that Bonar Law is a great personal admirer of the Prime Minister, while it is known that on the subject of compulsory service Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lloyd George are by no means in agreement.

Winston Comes In Quietly.

BUT THE MOST dramatic appearance in the House yesterday was that of Winston Churchill, who came in quietly from behind the Speaker's chair, squeezed in somewhere on the Front Opposition Bench, and, clasping his face in his hand, gloomily surveyed his ex-colleagues. Colonel Seely was also at Westminster, but did not come into the Chamber.

Contrast In Clothes.

ONE NOTICEABLE FEATURE of the appearance of the House was that officers home on leave from the front all seemed to wear mufti, while those on staff work at home were prominent in their khaki and red. Why?

Were They Plotting?

THE SIGHT of Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Ellis Griffith walking arm-in-arm is a measure of the camaraderie between the Unionist and Liberal "ginger" groups. Mr. Ellis Griffith is a leading member of the Liberal "ginger" group, and Mr. Lloyd George's staunchest adherent among the Welsh members.

Primrose Day.

SINCE Party politics are supposed to be still dead, in spite of violent efforts in certain quarters to revive them, the most ardent Radical will be able to wear his bunch of primroses to-day with a clear conscience. The Primrose League are arranging the sale of the flowers, but deprecate the selling of them in the streets, because such selling competes unfairly with the professional sellers, as I pointed out yesterday might be the case.

Colonel Duncan Campbell.

CAPTAIN, or, rather, as he is now, Colonel Duncan Campbell, M.P., caused quite a sensation recently by appearing at Westminster without his kilt. That is to say, he had changed the attractive uniform of the Black Watch for the ordinary kit of an infantry officer. You will remember that the gallant gentleman caused a sensation in the House by offering one evening to tie Mr. Outhwaite up by the thumbs. He has now



the command of an English regiment, and so has had to discard the picturesque uniform of the Forty Two.

The Sub., A Sweet Young Thing—

A PIQUANT story of an incident last week at a certain officers' hospital at a seaside town was told me by one of the inmates yesterday. A young subaltern, who was able to spend all his time out of doors, met a charming young lady. That is the end of chapter one.

—And The Major.

A MAJOR convalescing at the same hospital also chanced to meet the same sweet thing one day when the young subaltern was before a "board." The sub. got to hear of this and became very wroth with his superior officer. He bearded the lion in his den and actually challenged him. This encounter was happily prevented, for the sub. was a bit of a bantam, while the major was over six feet. Anyhow, the sub. has got his girl back. They seemed quite pleased with themselves when I saw them together.

Short Sermons And War.

I SEE THAT the good Bishop of Chelmsford, whom, in spite of his extraordinary outpourings in St. Paul's this week, I will not strafe because of his past good work, has been expressing the opinion that one cause of the war is the craze for "short sermons." I wonder whether he has heard the story of the Bishop to whom a parson said: "My sermon is long to-day. Do you think we had better omit the ante-communion?" "Certainly," said the Bishop, "if you are sure you have something better than the Commandments of God, the Epistle and the Gospel."

Poet And Munitions Inspector.

IT IS refreshing to learn that some of our poets are devoting themselves to sterner things than feeble war-verses. At a literary function last night I met Lascelles Abercrombie in the unfamiliar rôle of Inspector of Munitions. By all accounts, his work reflects the old-time vigour of his verse. Among the other guests was a delicate youth—a quondam Café Royalty—wearing khaki and red brassard.

From Bunbury To The Base.

HERE IS a new portrait of General Sir Newton Moore, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for Western Australia. He is now in this country, and is in command of the Australian and New Zealand Base Depot. He was born at Bunbury (W. Australia). He was educated at Bunbury. He was M.P. for Bunbury. He became Mayor of Bunbury. But after a time he emerged from Bunbury politics into a wider sphere of action, becoming Premier of his State in 1906. He commanded the 18th Regiment Australian Light Horse in 1901. Sir Newton is devoted to outdoor sports of all kinds; he hunts, fishes, plays cricket and football, and is partial to a quiet game of bowls. He is reckoned to be one of the finest shots in Australia, which means something.



—(Vandyk.)

Boys At Lloyd's.

I WENT TO MEET a man at Lloyd's yesterday, and quite expected to find the famous "Room" swarming with girl clerks to take the place of the hundreds of men who have joined up. Nothing of the sort. What I did find was that nearly half the occupants chasing round to the underwriters with policies for "war risks" were lads under military age. It was almost like a boys' school.

Bohemia On Lemonade.

NOW FOR SOME dress-describing. At Ciro's the other night were Lee White, in mauve, Lily Elsie and Gladys Cooper, each in hyacinth blue, Billie Carleton, in mauve, Mabel Russell in white, Ruby Miller in green, Iris Hoey in lemon colour, with a green belt, and Godfrey Tearle, in black. Vernon Castle, the aviating tangoist, was also in black—a shade for male evening dress which is particularly popular just now. Ciro's is still the Mecca of more expensive Bohemia, and Bohemia doesn't seem to mind either lemonade or niggers.

Asparagus.

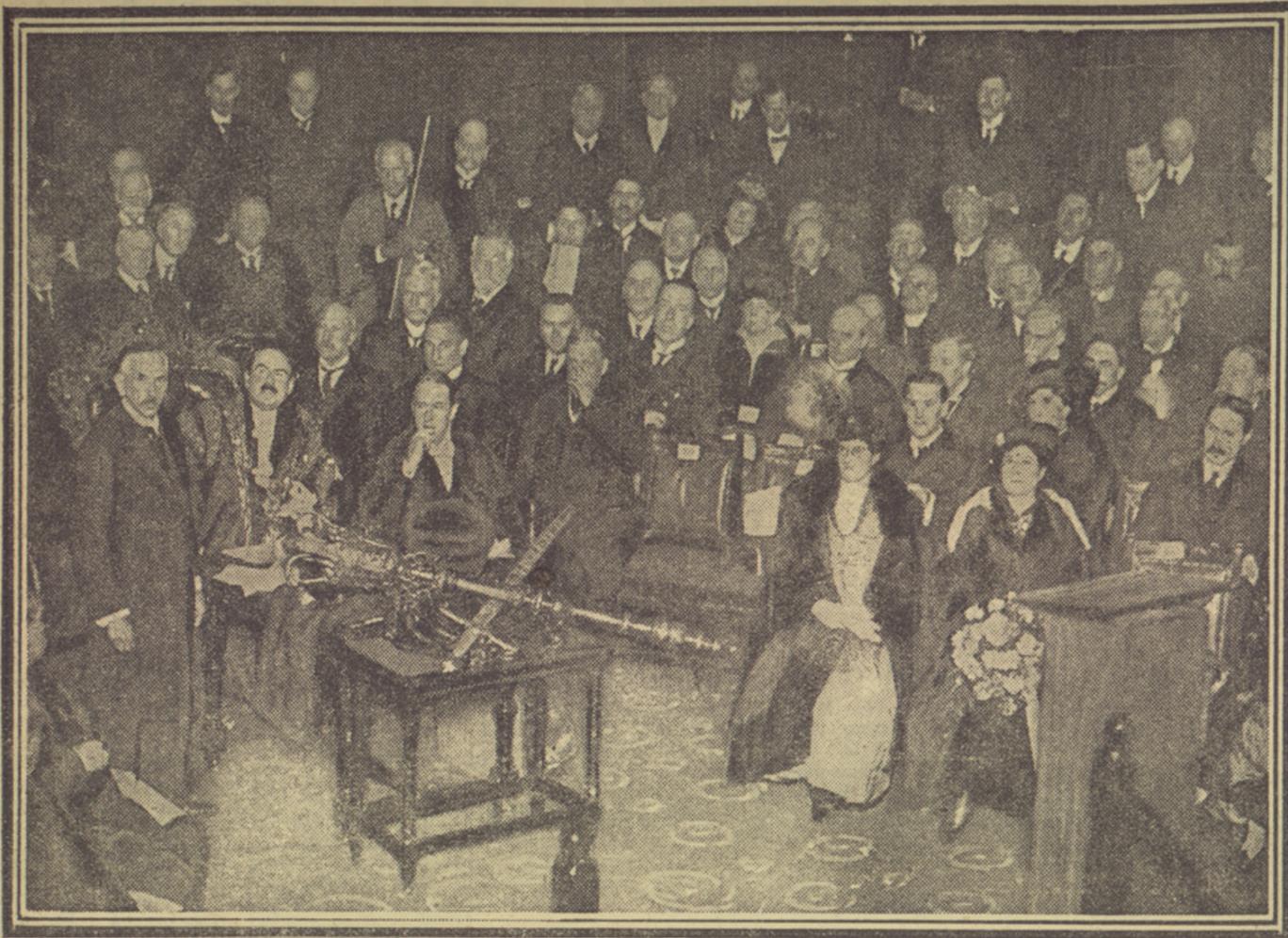
ASPARAGUS, the fresh, not the bottled variety, is coming into season with a rush, which is good news. You can get a fair-sized bundle for 1s. 6d., and you only have to pay about 4s. for a quarter of that bundle at fashionable grill-rooms. But I have just seen in a West End greengrocer's a bunch of giant asparagus priced at a guinea. Where's your war economy now!

Sir Herbert's Chaplin Glide.

A GOOD MANY people at the Coliseum on Monday afternoon sighed a bit when the news was flashed on the screen that Adeline Genée couldn't appear in her new ballet. However, they perked up when Bransby Williams appeared to deputise; his imitation of Sir Herbert Tree doing the Chaplin walk was not unfunny. Martin Harvey gave us his idea of Petruccio, and N. de Silva (what does that N. stand for?) hers of Katherine the Shrew. Some ladies and gentlemen played brass instruments in "School for Scandal" get up, and Florence Smithson sang. The Coliseum orchestra could do with a few rehearsals.

MR. COSSIP.

THE IMPERIAL CALL IN THE HEART OF EMPIRE.



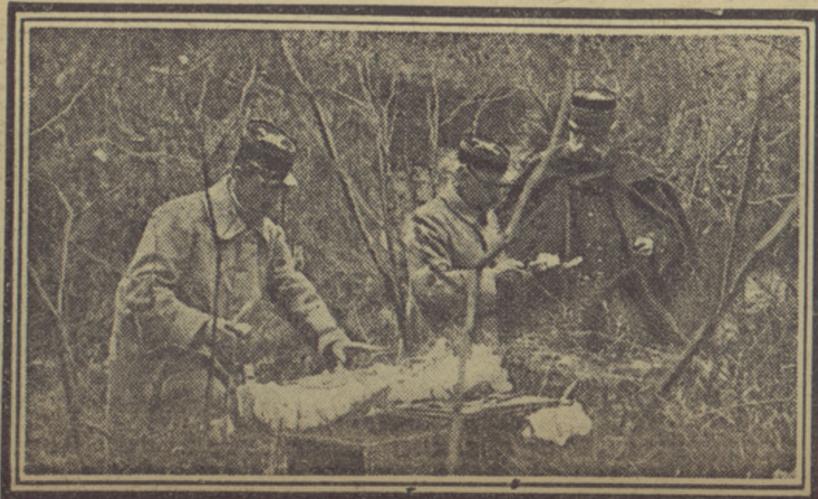
"If we are to hold this great Empire we must be prepared to defend it," declared Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, in an inspiring speech at the Guildhall yesterday when acknowledging the presentation of the Freedom of the City of London. The audience included Mrs. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law (right).

ITALIANS READY FOR HUN AIRMEN.



A column of Italian infantry on the march. The men shoulder their anti-aircraft guns as easily as rifles.—(L.M.A. Italian Service.)

GENERAL JOFFRE'S OPEN-AIR BREAKFAST.



General Joffre is ready to share all the hardships of his men. Here he is seen taking breakfast in a wood behind the lines.

DEFYING HUN FASHIONS.



German women, less docile than their men-folk, refuse obedience to Hun decrees against short skirts and costly fashions.

CAME HOME TO DIE.



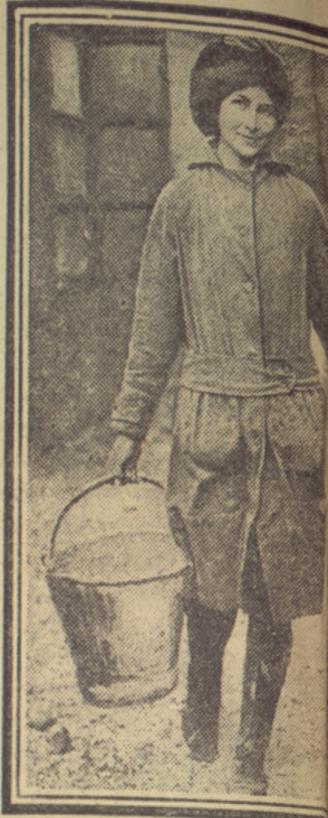
Brig.-Gen. Wight-Boycott, D.S.O., has died in London from the effects of an illness contracted in Gallipoli.

LED HIS MEN.



Capt. S. J. Alous, Sherwood Foresters, was killed while leading an attack

WOMEN'S



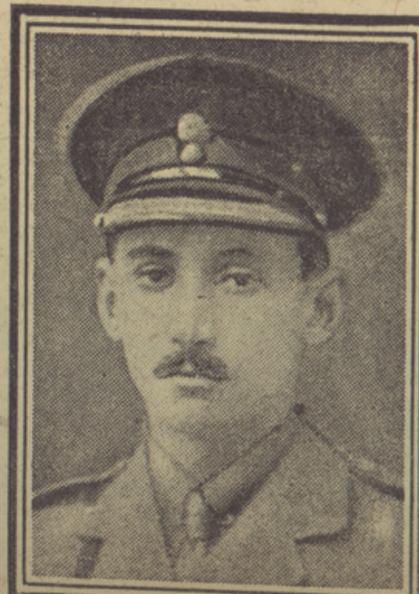
Girl students of the Cambridge during the vacation at



Miss Winifred C. R. Gordon, daughter of the late Major J. W. Gordon, is marrying Mr. F. J. Francillon, Royal Fusiliers. —(Bassano.)



Packing new



Sec.-Lieut. H. V. Cholmeley, Grenadier Guards—killed—had a brother seriously wounded at Neuve Chapelle. A third is at the front.—(Downey.)



A woman worker started at Chalfont the day

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AIRMAN DIES FOR EMPIRE.



Sec.-Lieut. W. N. Thomas,
R.F.C., whose death is
reported.—(Birkett.)

RISKED DEATH.



Driver J. Godfrey, a Mid-
lands Territorial, won the
D.C.M. by repairing tele-
phone wires under fire.

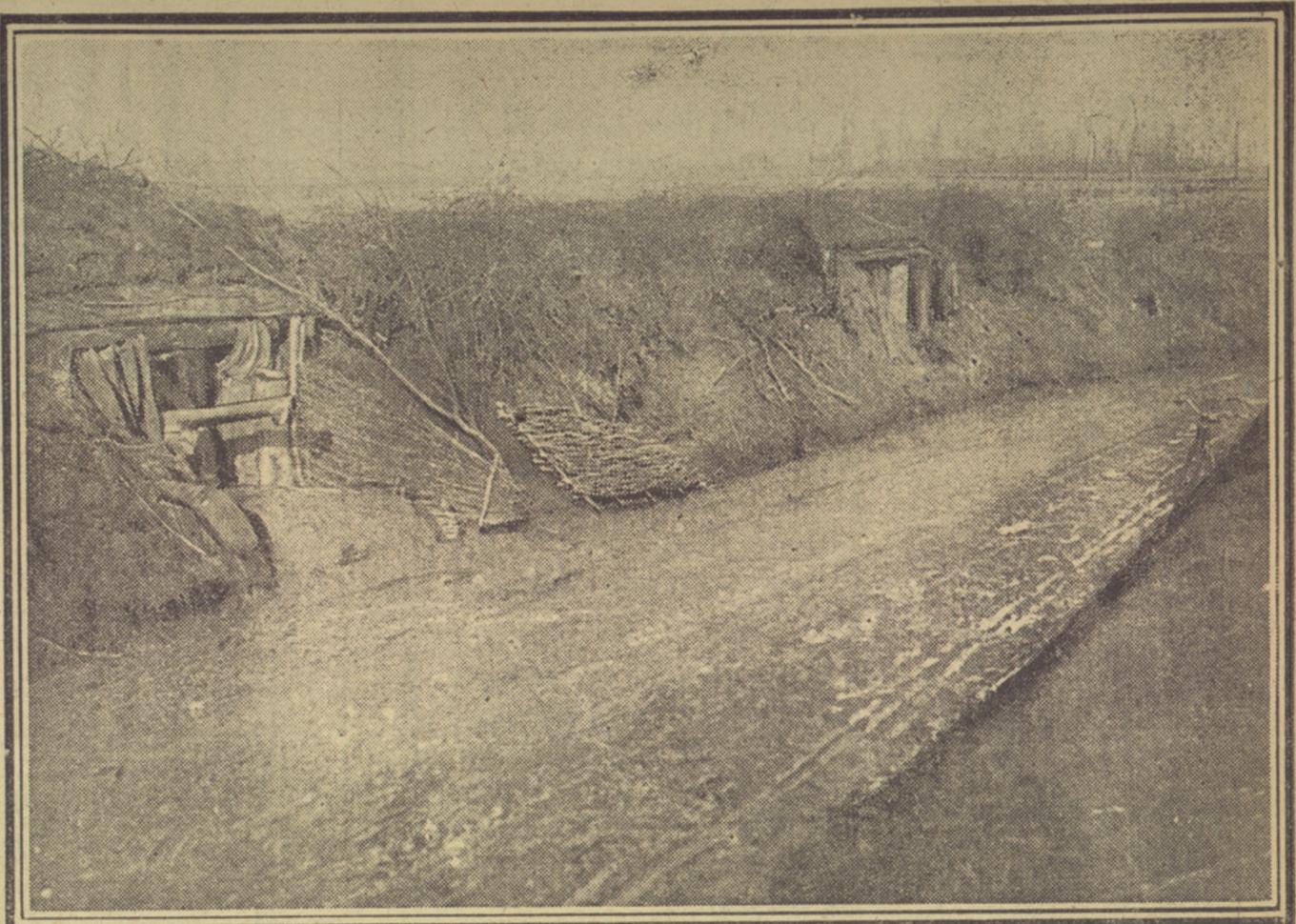


Mlle. Simone Greasy, who is en-
gaged to Captain G. Fleming,
D.S.O., Somerset Light Infantry,
who is serving in Mesopotamia.—
(Bassano.)



Lieut. C. E. Martin, V.C., D.S.O.,
Royal Engineers, who is engaged to
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HER HUSBAND FIGHTING.



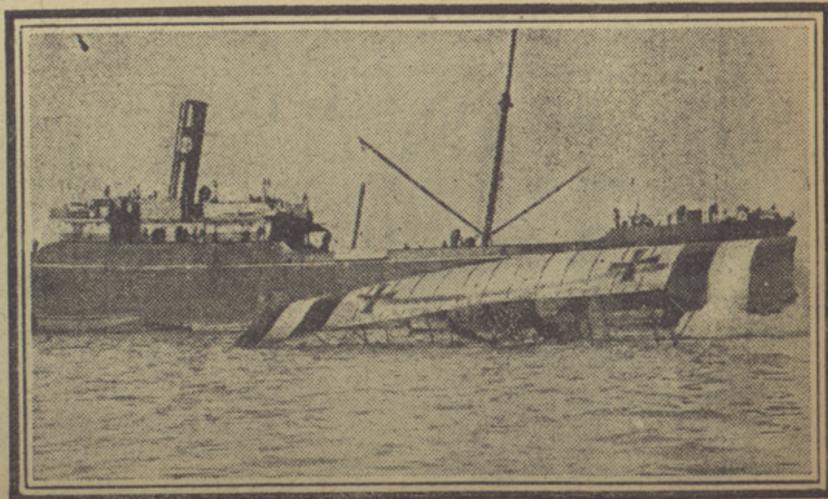
Mrs. Henry Chetwynd, whose husband is
with the Mediterranean Expeditionary
Force, is known to playgoers as Peggy
Evelyn.—(Vandyk.)

BETTER THAN THE IRON CROSS.



Given a sausage the Hun is happy. These two would probably prefer their stock to an Iron Cross.

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Coming Modes For Children.

EASTER is a period of importance for the clothes of the younger generation. All the washing gear for the coming warm days are to be thought out and the garments brought back from school are to be replaced and reviewed to find if any of them may be handed down to the nursery.

The art of renovating and cutting down the family garments suffered a decline during the years when the djibbah reigned supreme and frocks were so scanty that it was easier to get a new scrap of material and make a new one than to unpick and puzzle over the outgrown one of an elder child. Now that garments are more ample and economy more important we may see another era of what Americans call "making over."

A Renovation Scheme.

Ideas for re-making are suggested by the smart new model in to-day's sketch. The checked part, which in the original is of delaine, might be cut from a shepherd's plaid frock which had grown too small, too tight about the arm-holes, and too shabby at the waists and elbows for a bigger child. The blouse portion could be inexpensively contrived from plain lawn, and a bright green patent leather belt and green buttons would brighten up the whole.

On the smart things which have been made in Paris for miniature women of fashion whose mothers do not have to consider economy there are many new points to notice. The most striking is that stripes have taken to going round and round on coats and dresses—a habit which they have not indulged in for many years back. Up and down stripes alone were possible when frocks were plain and narrow, but now that the tiny garment is quite as broad as it is long the restriction no longer applies and the old-world effect of gathers and flounces is heightened by the hoop-wise arranging of the pattern.

New Ways With Two Materials.

Two materials, one plain and one patterned, are almost always demanded for one dress, and sometimes used in very original ways. A blue crêpe pinafore frock, for example, very wide and short, had not only sleeves and a little bonnet of blue and white check silk, but knickers as well, and the edges of the knickers were plainly visible.

Inverness shapes are coming into favour for children's wraps. They are always popular in



A little girl's frock of checked delaine and white muslin.

the nursery because they are so much easier to get into than a sleeved garment. Brightly coloured Inverness capes look charming on small children, but are successful for all ages, and the mother who does not like to see her schoolgirls of the awkward age in coats and skirts will do well to fit them with dark blue Inverness cloaks over circular skirts to match.

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In many districts the shortage of labour has led the bakers to announce that they will provide no hot cross buns this Eastertide, and the average housewife does not feel equal to keeping up the traditional fare. Where yeast can be obtained, however, it is a fairly simple matter to make the buns at home, following the ancient rules of Mrs. Beeton.

To make two dozen buns the ingredients required are 2lb. of flour, 1/2 lb. of sugar, 1oz. of yeast, 1 pint of warm milk, 1/2 lb. of butter, 1lb. of currants, 1/2 teaspoonful of salt, 1 teaspoonful of mixed spice. Mix the flour, sugar, spice and currants; make a hole in the middle of the flour, put in the yeast and 1/2 pint of warmed milk; make a thin batter of the surrounding flour and milk, and set the pan covered before the fire until the leaven begins to ferment. Put to the mass 1/2 lb. of melted butter, add the salt, and beat well together, make up into rather a soft paste with all the flour, using a little more warm milk if necessary. Cover this with a clean cloth, and let it once more rise up for half an hour. Shape the dough in buns, and lay them apart on buttered tin plates or baking-sheets in rows at least 3 inches apart, to rise for half an hour. Place a cross mould on them (this may be done roughly with the back of a knife), and bake in a quick oven from 15 to 20 minutes.

A NEW FASHION JOURNAL.

A delightful publication comes from Messrs. Hachette and Co. It is the first number of a fashion journal called *Les Elegances Parisiennes*, and besides the latest and most reliable of fashion news it contains a great many hand-coloured and exquisitely drawn prints. The journal is intended to replace the spurious "Paris" fashion journals, which really came from Vienna, which had French names, and consequently obtained long subscription lists in this country. The price is six shillings a copy, and the journal may be obtained from the London agents at 16, Regent-street, S.W.

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PEERS' COMPULSION DEBATE.

"All Men Liable To Be Called Up During Continuance Of War."

In the House of Lords last evening Lord Milner moved—

That in the opinion of this House it is necessary, in order to secure the objects for which the country is fighting, that an Act should be passed without further delay rendering all men of military age liable to be called upon for military service during the continuance of the war.

Lord Milner said he realised that there were serious inconveniences about a public discussion on such a motion, and it was because he was convinced that the matter was of paramount importance that he had not hesitated to bring the matter forward.

"The Eleventh Hour."

He was not there as the spokesman of any party or any group, neither did he want to make capital out of the nation's embarrassments to further his own particular beliefs. He had waited long and anxiously—perhaps too long—for someone else better qualified to bring the subject forward. But it was now the eleventh hour—(hear, hear)—and he felt he had no alternative than to raise the subject.

In view of the present conditions the only thing to do was to place the subject of military service upon the only firm, sound and satisfactory basis—equality of obligation, so far as military service was concerned, of all men of military age. (Hear, hear.)

He agreed with the scheme so far as it fixed military age between the years of 18 and 41. If it were thought necessary to extend the age to 45 he thought a good case could be made out.

One Rule For All.

Whatever limits should be placed to age there should be one rule for every man who came within it. (Hear, hear.)

"Equality of sacrifice" was an unattainable ideal. They might get equality of treatment, but owing to varied circumstances they could hardly ever attain equality of sacrifice for all in the State.

What they could have was equality of obligation, equality of duty, and there should be no exemption outside. (Hear, hear.)

Further Delay Possible.

The Marquis of Crewe said it would only be possible to enter into a detailed discussion of what Lord Milner had said after making a statement of the intentions of the Government for dealing with the question of how to obtain a sufficient number of men for service in the forces.

Replying to a question by Lord Beresford, he said he hoped the Government statement would be made to-day. If not to-day it would be made to-morrow, and if it were impossible to make it to-morrow the House would probably meet on Monday.

IMPROVEMENT IN CONSOLS.

In the Stock Exchange yesterday there was some improvement in Consols and War Loan stocks and French National Defence 5 per cent. bonds were better at 85½.

In the Miscellaneous markets a feature was the strength of Brazil Traction shares, which rose to 55½. Cargo Fleets were in demand and improved to 16s. 3d. Marconis rallied to 44s. 6d. Forestal Land shares were bid for up to 50s.

Rubbers remained firm, although the price of the commodity fell back to 3s. 11d.

In the South African Market very little was doing, but prices were well supported as a whole. Some interest was taken in Roodepoort United on the encouraging report issued by the directors, and which will probably find reflection in a more marked degree in the price of the shares.

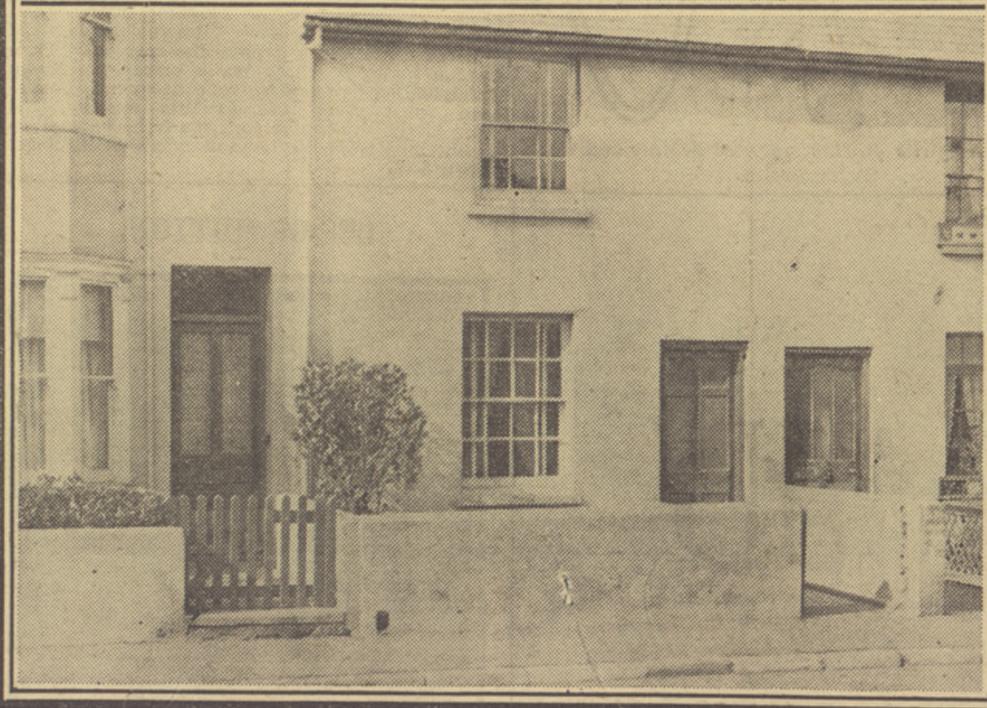
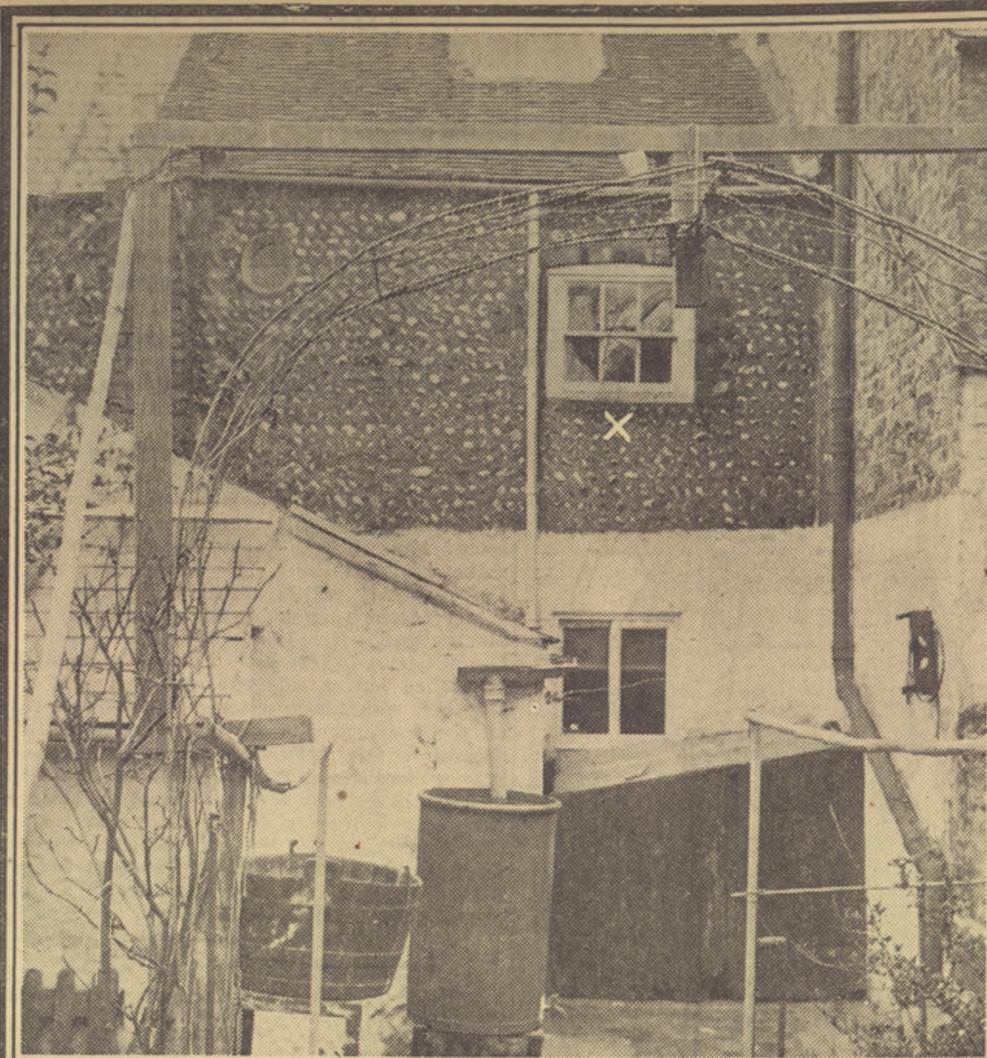
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SCENES OF THE WORTHING MURDER.



The house in which was found the body of Robert Lockhart, a Post Office pensioner, of Richmond-road, Worthing. In the upper photograph the room is indicated with a cross. A son of the victim has been arrested.

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FOOTBALL AND THE TAX.

The conference arranged by the Board of Customs and Excise to consider the best method of collecting the amusement tax recently introduced, so far as it concerns football clubs, was held at the offices of the Football Association, Russell-square, London, yesterday. There were present representatives of the English and Scottish Football Associations, the Football, Scottish and Southern Leagues, the English and Northern Rugby Unions, and two representatives of the Board of Customs and Excise.

The meeting lasted nearly three hours, but at the finish no announcement as to the result of the deliberations was made to the Press.

BILLIARDS (close): Falkner, 4,050; Stevenson (in play), 2,966.

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Betty could scarcely believe that the envelope on the salver was really in her possession.

Looking at the startled, wretched Gimp with a proud uplift of lash and a pulsating nostril, she remarked in the gayest way: "I am going in to daddie. I'll take his letter."

Mrs. Gimp's lids narrowed, and her cunning, bead-like pupils glinted their loathing. For an instant Betty was afraid she was going to denounce her; then and there before the Squire and Vivian. But with her sleek mittened fingers the house-keeper touched her wide satin skirt, arching her hands, and, fat woman that she was, dumped down in a curtsy of deepest respect.

"Thank you, madam," she said, and Betty was puzzled by the look on her face.

For the second time the Rear-Admiral's voice demanded somewhat peevishly: "Who is there? Come in, won't you?—there's a draught!"

"Very well, daddie," Betty answered, whirling in like a dancing, inconsequent summer breeze.

At the farther end of the apartment the Rear-Admiral lay back in a leather chair, near the fire; a rug was across his knees and as he twisted his neck across the right arm of the chair, Betty noticed his extreme pallor. She concealed the letter behind her back as she came up to him, and, standing in his rear, laid the fingers of her left hand on his white hair, inquiring gently, "What is it, daddie? You look ill!"

"I'm afraid I've caught an infernal chill, Betty, child," groaned Starre. "I'm aching all over. I went on to the terrace last night without my overcoat. It was idiotic of me."

"Rather unwise, darling," exclaimed Betty. She was so exceedingly happy that for once she

felt a strange tenderness for the old man steal over her. She felt sure that she would never again regard him as a tiresome and too affectionate old bore. She who never gave thanks for any gift, no matter how rare, suddenly longed to give words to her gratitude.

Cecil Chevonne's letter was again in her possession; accordingly Gimp was no longer an important person, but merely a vulgar dame who might have a poisonous story on the tip of her tongue, but with never a proof to support it. Let the wicked old creature say what she pleased—Betty divined that Gimp was too clever to talk.

"It is my fate to rise above every terrifying obstacle," said Betty to herself, "and now I shall be kind and sweet to everybody, and I shall go to the Maddox ball and dance and dance. God! what a relief!"

While congratulating herself she heard Starre telling her of his ailments; his words were dispersed by sneezes. Betty, who made it a rule never to go near anyone who had a cold, was at present callous of risks. She kept stroking the old man's hair. He had a fine courage for the adversities of life, but the first symptoms of a slight illness made of him, as of many another of his sex, a helpless, complaining child.

"If Anything Should Part Us!"

"I believe it's influenza, Betty!" he moaned.

"Oh, I hope not, daddie!"

"Well, it is very prevalent at this time of the year. You shouldn't come near me."

"Daddie, you naughty old thing, to imagine I'm frightened."

He sighed. "You are splendid, my own dear daughter. How charming to have gracious youth beside me. Betty, child, do you love your old father?"

"Indeed, indeed I do; more than words can tell!"

"Oh, darling, how sweet—and to have your soft fingers on my head—well, God has been very good to a poor, stupid old fellow."

"He is good to all of us," Betty said with genuine appreciation.

"Come round, darling; where I can see your bright eyes!"

"Very well, daddie," said Betty, as she slipped the envelope into that part of her dress which opened in a graceful V of soft lace beneath her throat. As it slid down to a secure position over her heart, her strength and confidence were renewed.

Betty looked down at Starre. Hers was a radiant figure bathed in a stream of youth's sunshine. He blinked up at her.

"How sweet, how wonderful you are, Betty!" he said fondly. "How patient with a poor old man. You've looked seedy the last few days—yesterday particularly. I was really concerned. But now you are a garden rose. Oh, my child, if anything should part us now!"

"Nothing, nothing ever shall!"

The Rear-Admiral's eyes grew dim.

"Before I knew I had a child, Betty, and when I learned that your dear mother was dead, I wanted to go to her as soon as might be; but now, if I might linger a little with you . . . I should be well content. At the same time, I don't want to be selfish, child. Sometimes old people are a drag on youth—they don't realise it. They expect too much, exact too much."

"I love to be with you," Betty answered, and she tucked the rug more snugly round his knees.

She knelt beside him. A painter would have been glad of such a subject for his brush. The bronze-haired girl, glowing with beauty, watching over the old man, with his scarred, dogged features and frail white hands, typical of Britain's breed of bull-dog seamen, who, even in degrading captivity, carry brave hearts and the indomitable pluck of their race.

Looking at him, Betty cherished his poise of proud distinction. He was ugly, for cruel desert tribes had made him so, but when he smiled his face softened into a warm, sad sweetness. He was a parent of whom any daughter might well be proud.

"Should you not go to bed, daddie?"

"No, no, Betty. I am very well here. I should feel dismal upstairs."

"Should you not see the doctor?"

"You are the best physician that ever attended me, Betty," the Rear-Admiral chuckled. "I don't believe it's influenza after all—just an ordinary cold; but we men can't stand such ailments with patience."

The Meeting.

When the Rear-Admiral dismissed her Betty ran back into the hall, looking so different from when she had last passed through in the act of running after Gimp, that Uncle Ben and Vivian were agreeably astonished.

"You're the most surprising person in the world," the Squire remarked. "Isn't she, Vivian, eh? Just half an hour ago, cheeks like snow, now all roses!"

"I had a bad night," Betty explained. "But this glad sunshine is like wine."

"I've been waiting ever so long to take you out, Betty," Vivian complained.

"Well, I'm coming directly, dearest," the widow answered prettily. "But I must run upstairs and try on my frock."

"That will take hours."

"Uncle Ben, isn't he very impatient? One day he will have more of my company than he likes."

"Betty, you are talking nonsense," the young man answered, "and the dress can wait, but this weather won't."

"Mr. Impatience, I vow I'll be back in twenty minutes." She flashed away, mounting the stairs in a buoyant fashion.

"She looks younger every day," Uncle Ben remarked. He took a packet of freshly arrived newspapers from the table, and tucked them under his arm.

"I'll just see whether Starre would like a game of chess," he said, and entered the library.

Vivian stood alone, his hands in his pockets. "What in the world is the matter with me?" he queried, not for the first time since his arrival at Talebriar. "The wisecracks say that having the hump means liver trouble, but I'm as sound as a bell, only—only—well, it's queer to brood when there's nothing to brood over. I'm a lucky chap, too lucky, perhaps. I get things so easily, too easily, perhaps."

He lifted his head suddenly, and—why he did not know—he smiled; the gloom lifted a little from his face.

A girl was descending. It was Laurette. She was seeking Betty, who as yet had not appeared in the little room in which Laurette sat almost all day over the sewing machine. Vivian thought she looked tired, wistful, and with a hunger in her eyes that struck him as piteous, incongruous to her obvious youth; but her little chin went up when she saw him there.

"Tricked!"

"Are you looking for anyone?" he asked, feeling an absurd wish to receive a kind word from her.

"For Mrs. Chevonne."

"She went up only a few moments ago to try on her dress."

"Thank you," Laurette answered, and whisked round again towards the landing.

Vivian strode towards her impatiently. "Are you desperately busy? Won't you stay and talk a little?"

Laurette turned her white face over her shoulder, peering at him with the greatest surprise.

"You do me too much honour, Mr. Grant!"

He averted his gaze. "Aren't you rather ungenerous, Laurette?"

"My name is Cotwood," she replied coldly. She fluttered away, her heart in her mouth, her eyes so moist with sudden tears that the steps she must climb looked pleated together with blurred, silver edges, against which the brass stair-rod's fluttered in a frivolous fashion, sending forth prisms of light.

Laurette caught hold of the banister, weighing upon it, pulling herself along, and so, reaching the summit, passed beyond Vivian's vision to Betty's room. She knocked, and, receiving no answer, tried the handle. The door was locked against her.

"She knocked again, but there was no reply."

"Betty, are you there? Are you there, Betty? Do answer! What is the matter? Are you ill?" She dared not raise her voice lest she should be overheard, but now, having dabbed her eyes with her handkerchief, she said in a more formal tone: "Mrs. Chevonne, it is Cotwood!"

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Such a short note it was, with nothing in it of particular interest; and with nothing of value enclosed to justify Betty's action in tearing it from Gimp's hand. That odious wretch had curtsied to her, a look of pretended defeat in her mean, beady eyes, whilst reading Betty's thoughts and seeming to respond to them; whereas in reality her own thoughts were tucked far beyond the gleaming reach of Betty's gaze.

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THE OBJECTOR.



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PEERESS WHO EATS MARGARINE.



Lady Byron, whose answer to the Thetford Guardians' decision that margarine is not good enough for workhouse use is that she has eaten it herself for months.—(Swaine.)

HUN'S VISITING CARD.



This bomb was dropped by a Hun airman on a British aerodrome somewhere in the Mediterranean. It failed to explode, and was the object of much interest.

TO DANCE IN TOWN.



Olive Novina, the Russian dancer, is to appear in the new revue at the London Opera House. When war was declared she was in Germany and had to make a hurried retreat to England.

THE CHIEF AT SALONIKA.



General Mahon (on the right), commanding our Salonika Army, with Lieut.-Col. Cunliffe Owen, of the General Staff.—(Official Photograph.)