

# SENSATIONAL COLLAPSE OF NEW COMPULSION BILL.

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## MARTIAL LAW FOR ALL IRELAND.

Major-General Sir John Maxwell Appointed The Military Dictator Of Ireland.—Official.



Major-General Sir John Maxwell photographed at Suvla. He has received plenary powers to suppress the insurrection in Ireland.



Band of Irish pipers heading a column of the National Volunteers on the march.



Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson yesterday joined hands in denouncing the rebellion. This photographic prophecy of the *Daily Sketch* has thus again been realised in a political action of vital significance.



Types of the Irish National Volunteers—here seen marching past at an inspection by Mr. John Redmond—who are loyally helping the military authorities to deal with the insurrection.

### IRISHMEN; FOOLS!

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Have you forgotten—that ENGLAND is your ONLY ENEMY?

Have you forgotten — Kathleen-ni-Houlahan, that you are willing to shed your blood to WIN ENGLAND'S battles?

Have you lost your wits — that you believe all the ridiculous LIES published against the GERMANS in the Jingo papers?

Have you forgotten — that you are SLAVES!

Have you forgotten — that the FUTURE lies in your OWN HANDS!

ENGLAND'S DIFFICULTY,  
IRELAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

GOD SAVE IRELAND!

An infamous German pamphlet circulated in Ireland. Irish soldiers have answered it on the battlefield, and yesterday Sir Edward Carson and Mr. John Redmond reaffirmed the loyalty of Ireland as a whole.



Redmond's flag is now the Union Jack, and not merely that of the Nationalist Volunteers. On the left is seen his son, Captain Willie Redmond, M.P.

# NEW COMPULSION BILL DIES A FEW HOURS AFTER BIRTH.

## GOVERNMENT MEASURE THAT HAD NO FRIENDS

### Killed Three Hours After Introduction.

### MR. ASQUITH BOWS TO THE INEVITABLE.

### "The Obvious Course Will Be To Withdraw It."

### LABOUR M.P.'S APPEAL.

### "Let Us Have The Straight Thing! Why Temporise Any Longer?"

The Government's new Compulsion Bill, the fruit of the Secret Sessions of Parliament, is already dead.

It was withdrawn scarcely three hours after its introduction in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Walter Long. And its early demise has occasioned little surprise in the Parliamentary Lobbies.

Such strong hostility was shown on all sides that Mr. Asquith announced, in view of the feeling of the House as shown in the debate, that the Government would not press the introduction of the Bill.

As the Bill had no friends and possessed no merits, he thought the obvious course would be to withdraw it.

In introducing the Bill, Mr. Long said Clauses 1, 2 and 3 dealt with the extension of service of men enlisted for a limited period whose time was expiring. They now proposed an extension of service till the end of the war.

### RE-EXAMINING THE REJECTED.

As soon as a man came to be 18 years of age he would be liable to service, but a period of one month would elapse before the act became operative.

The Army Council took powers under another clause to have a re-examination (if it thought necessary) of men rejected as unfit who had offered themselves for service since August, 1914.

The Appeal Courts were to be given powers to fix definite limits to exemption certificates, and if an appeal tribunal varied a decision further appeal would be made to it.

Clause 5 provided for a modification of the present system of giving two months' grace after the expiration of a man's certificate. The period would now be reduced to two weeks. The modification was made with a view to securing that no man should be taken who was essential to national industry, and that no man who was not essential should escape.

### NEW HOME DEFENCE RESERVE.

Clause 6 put upon employers the onus of proving that they did not know an employee was a deserter or absentee.

Power was taken to create a special reserve additional to the existing reserve. There was no power at present under which a man if he had been enlisted for the colours and passed for home defence could be passed automatically to the reserve, and given so much a day and so become available for labour if required.

In the new reserve would be placed men who were over and above the number required for home defence.

Regarding the Territorials, the Army Council took the same powers of transfer as applied to the Regulars.

In the opinion of the Government, said Mr. Long, this was a necessary measure.

### "UNFAIR, UNREASONABLE."

Sir E. Carson said he was in favour of compulsion, owing to the exigencies of the war, but he was not in favour of the compulsion of this Bill. (Cheers.)

Anything more unfair, more unreasonable, than the proposals of the Bill he could not conceive.

The Bill compelled men who had served their country for the whole term of their enlistment and a year more to serve till the end of the war. He would not shrink that if everybody else was treated in the same way. (Cheers.) What right had the Government to single out these men for compulsion? (Cheers.)

### MEN WHO CANNOT THREATEN.

These men had no trade unions; they had no one like Mr. J. H. Thomas to come to the House and threaten that if one single unattested man were touched the railwaymen would stop the transit of stores and munitions to the men at the front. (Cheers.)

Unless this Bill were turned into a general Bill it would not receive any support from him and those who acted with him. What was the difference between compelling married men who had already served and compelling men who had never done a day's work for their country? The thing was intolerable. (Loud cheers.)

Regarding the bringing in of boys of 18, that was what Lord Kitchener scolded a month or two ago. (Cheers.) Why did the Government single out these boys for compulsion when there were

unattested married men much better able to bear the burden? (Cheers.)

Mr. Leif Jones said the Government had made up its mind to bring in compulsion by instalments, and was certainly not beginning at the right end. Every one of the proposals, examined by itself, was unjust.

Mr. Stephen Walsh (Labour) said compulsion had never been with him a matter of principle; it was altogether a matter of expediency.

He could not imagine a Bill less calculated to give fair play or secure satisfactory results than the one now before the House.

If a scheme of general compulsion had been introduced months ago, he would have voted for it. If a scheme of general compulsion were introduced now he would vote for it.

If there was to be general compulsion let it come. If the military necessities did require it let us be fair all round. (Cheers.) Let us have the straight thing! Why temporise any longer? (Cheers.)

### FOOLING WITH THE BUSINESS.

"You are simply fooling with the whole business," said Mr. Walsh, amid loud cheers.

Mr. Walsh denounced the inefficiency of the combing out process in the area for which he acted as miners' agent.

Not a man had been taken from the mines. At least 3,000 people in the area had gone to work in the mines to escape their obligations, and not one of them had been called out.

He would not vote for this Bill; he would do his best to destroy it. (Loud cheers.)

The Government must present a straightforward scheme. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Duke objected to the Bill because it did not embody what the House knew to be the policy of the Government. The proposals put forward were particularly obnoxious.

Mr. Pringle described the Bill as a miserable makeshift with nothing whatever to commend it.

### THE CRISIS IS ALL RIGHT.

Mr. Ellis Griffith said hostility to the Bill arose not from what it contained, but from what it did not contain. He understood that the crisis had come to an end by a compromise which led to the introduction of some such Bill as the present. If the crisis was abated he hoped it would not reopen itself now that the Bill was withdrawn.

Mr. Asquith: The crisis is all right. (Laughter.)

Sir H. Craik asked whether the withdrawal of the Bill meant that nothing would be done till May 27?

Mr. Asquith: Oh, no, I did not say that.

Mr. J. H. Thomas challenged Sir Edward Carson to quote any speech he had delivered during the war in which he encouraged men to stop work.

The Prime Minister, with the Colonial Secretary and the Secretary for War, he said, met the largest body of representatives of labour in this country the previous day and said to them "I want you to do your best to give us 50,000 men in a month and 200,000 ultimately," and gave certain reasons why that was necessary.

### YET ANOTHER PLEDGE.

Probably no Minister of the Crown would in all the circumstances have carried so much influence as the Prime Minister did. (Cheers.) He did it, because the leaders of the men felt that he was not only taking them into their confidence, but was also genuinely anxious to see their point of view and to help them with their difficulties.

The result of those negotiations was that a recruiting campaign was commenced, and every effort was to be made to bring in the men required. The Prime Minister having made certain statements, and having asked for Labour's help and encouragement, it would be fatal if at this stage his pledge was broken with them.

Mr. Thomas said he did not oppose this Bill with a view of getting a stronger one. If and when a stronger Bill was brought forward he would have something strong to say about it.

Major Astor asked the Government to give some indication of what it proposed to do. If the Government trusted the people it would find that the people would trust the Government.

### CABINET DECISION NEXT WEEK.

Mr. Asquith said he could not be expected to give a categorical answer to a question like that on the spur of the moment. He was not insensible to the weight of the arguments used in the debate, and promised to call the attention of his colleagues in the Cabinet to the matter, and announce their decision to the House next week. He did not think the House could expect him to go further than that. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Long asked leave to withdraw the Bill, and the motion was agreed to.

### LORD ST. DAVIDS MARRIED.

The marriage of Lord St. Davids and Miss Betty Rawdon-Hastings was solemnised yesterday at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The chancel was beautifully decorated with choice exotics and Canon the Hon. Robert Grimston officiated.

There was a large and fashionable congregation, among them being the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Dowager Marchioness of Bute, Lady Mary Howard, Countess Ferrers, Viscountess Parker, Lady A. Barnett, Countess of Verulam, Countess of Cassillis, Lady Vera Grimston, Lord and Lady Macclesfield, Sir F. and Lady Newnes, Lady Lloyd, Sir Owen and Lady Philipps.

The members of St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers, which is a branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang the Stedman caters.

## WHAT WILL THE CABINET DO NOW?

### New Situation May Bring About Ministerial Changes.

### MR. ASQUITH'S DILEMMA.

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

A most confused and puzzling political situation has arisen out of yesterday's proceedings in Parliament.

It is a matter of common agreement among M.P.s that both on the Irish rebellion and the Military Service Bill the Government has lost prestige, and it would not be surprising if the difficulties of last week were to be renewed.

This is all the more surprising as it was expected that the secret session would have removed many dangers due to known differences of views prevailing in the House on the recruiting problem.

Serious as the Irish rebellion is, general Parliamentary opinion inclines to the view that the rearrangement of the Ministerial recruiting scheme, owing to the withdrawal of the Military Service Bill, provides a more serious problem for Mr. Asquith and his colleagues.

### All-Round Condemnation.

The outstanding feature of yesterday's debate was that both compulsionists and voluntarists united in unqualified condemnation of the proposals submitted to the House by Mr. Walter Long.

A settlement may not be reached without changes in the Government.

The intentions of the Cabinet as regards the future were still in doubt last night. Now that the Bill has gone, is the voluntary recruiting campaign which was to have been opened next week to be persisted in? A meeting of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee will be held to-day, when a decision will be arrived at.

### What Of The New Campaign?

Meanwhile arrangements had been made to hold meetings all over the country at which leading public men, including the Prime Minister himself, were to have spoken.

All this may now have to be changed, as the campaign was the corollary of the Military Service Bill, and one seemed to hang on the other.

If this should prove to be the case the Government would be faced with the necessity of producing a comprehensive plan of military service.

## VICTIMS OF THE LOWESTOFT RAID.



Mrs. Mumford, injured.



Baby Mumford, eight months.



Annie Davey, aged twenty-one years.



William Robert Davey.

Four victims of the German naval "victory" at Lowestoft. Mrs. Mumford and her child had rooms in Davey's house, which was reduced to atoms by a shell. The photographs of Baby Mumford and Annie Davey appeared in our later editions of yesterday.

## COLONEL IN HANDS OF THE TURKS

### Lord Coventry's Son Captured With Part Of Worcester Yeomanry At Katia.

Lord Coventry has received intimation that his second son, Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Coventry, has been taken prisoner, with part of the Worcestershire Yeomanry, at Katia, but so far no other names of prisoners or of casualties have been received at the Worcester's headquarters.

Colonel Coventry had seen a good deal of service in South Africa before the Jameson raid, in which he was taken prisoner.

He was reported killed, and a memorial service was about to be held at Croome, the family seat, when news arrived that his wound was not fatal.

Mr. Lloyd George is suffering some discomfort from neuralgia.

## HUSBANDS UP TO 35 GET A MONTH'S WARNING.

### Derby Groups 33 to 41 To Report For Service On May 29.

### DEFERRED ENLISTMENT CEASES.

The *Daily Sketch* announced yesterday that the posters calling up Derby groups Nos. 33 to 41 (married men aged 27 to 35) would be issued in a few days.

While an official at the War Office was explaining to the representative of a London evening paper that this announcement was unauthorised and inaccurate billposters at Chester, Sunderland and Birmingham were busy posting the proclamation on the walls.

Within the next 24 hours 40,000 of those bills will be posted throughout the metropolis.

### War Office Economy.

Printed in black on green paper, the proclamation has what appears to be a narrow mourning border over the date of issue—April 29—and a similar decoration above that on which the groups will commence to be called up—May 29.

Where those borders have not been accurately printed they reveal earlier dates, and show that the call was originally intended for April 17.

The War Office has exercised some "war economy" by using up the bills cancelled on March 14.

The War Office yesterday notified recruiting officers that all enlistments under the group system are to cease forthwith. Married men of military age not already attested can only be accepted for immediate service.

## "PERCY" PUNISHED.

### Six Months' For Objector Who Refused To Put On Khaki.

At Kingston Barracks yesterday a sentence of six months' imprisonment was passed upon Eric B. W. Chappelow, who had been tried by District Court-Martial for acts of insubordination.

A conscientious objector, he refused to put on khaki at the barracks, and robed himself in a blanket, with an Army belt as a girdle.

He was escorted by a guard to the barrack square, where he stood facing the troops, who were formed up on three sides of a square, and the sentence was pronounced by the Adjutant.

It was noticed that Chappelow, who had so steadfastly refused to obey orders, now marched from the guardroom to the barrack square and back with a distinctly military tread, saluted officers, and turned "eyes right" when ordered by the sergeant of the guard.

He was heard singing "The Rosary" and the Marseillaise in the detention room half an hour before his sentence.

## "VICIOUS AND VILE."

### Protest Against Photographs Of "Percy" In His Blanket And Girdle.

The photographs of "Percy" which appeared in the *Daily Sketch* formed a subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting of Southampton Trades Council.

Councillor Bonner, a Socialist, described them as vicious and vile, and hoped the Council would send a strongly-worded protest.

Mr. Baldock regretted that "Percy" did not accept the alternative of non-combatant service. It was surprising to him that some members of the Council were so curiously discriminating in their sense of injustice and never expressed any indignation against the German Government or its atrocities.

A resolution of protest was carried. [In common with all other pictures of military interest which appear in the *Daily Sketch* the photographs of "Percy" were submitted to the Press Censor before publication.]

### PRIVATE SCOTT DUCKERS.

Mr. King will ask Mr. Tennant to inquire into the case of Scott Duckers, whether Duckers has been subject to military trial and punishment, and to what regiment, if any, he has been attached.

A news agency is informed that Private Scott Duckers is confined to the Rifle Brigade Barracks at Winchester awaiting trial next week by district court-martial. The two charges against him are:

Refusing to strip and submit to medical examination.

Refusing to put on uniform.

After failing to get exemption for his only son, Mr. D. Cromwell Jones, draper, of Tanygroes, South Wales, was found hanged in his house.

### SIR J. FORBES-ROBERTSON RETIRES.

Sir J. Forbes-Robertson, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, last night, gave his last performance, and definitely took his farewell of the stage.

He proposes returning to England shortly, says a Central News message from New York yesterday.

The cuckoo was heard yesterday morning on Brixton Hill, very slightly beyond the four-mile radius from Charing Cross.

# SIR JOHN MAXWELL MILITARY DICTATOR IN IRELAND.

## SINN FEIN REBELLION EXTENDS TO THE WEST. IRISH SWEEP GERMANS FROM TRENCHES AT LOOS

### Martial Law For The Entire Country.

### SIR J. MAXWELL'S POWERS.

Rebels Not Yet Dislodged From Dublin Strongholds.

### MORE REINFORCEMENTS.

We are still dependent upon statements in Parliament for news of the grave situation in Ireland.

Mr. ASQUITH said yesterday:

To-day's news from Ireland shows that the situation has still some serious features. The rebels continue to hold some important public buildings in Dublin, and there is still fighting in the streets.

There are also indications of the spread of the movement in some other parts of the country, especially in the west.

The troops have been and are being strongly reinforced. The Government, after careful investigation, is satisfied that the force dispatched is adequate to deal with the situation.

The Cabinet decided to-day that the Irish Executive must at once declare martial law over the whole of Ireland. General Sir John Maxwell, who has left this afternoon, has been given plenary powers, and the Irish Executive has placed itself at his disposal to carry out his instructions.

### REDMOND AND CARSON AGREE.

### Prime Minister Promises Inquiry Into Causes Of Revolt.

Mr. Asquith, after giving his report on the situation, added that while martial law prevailed a military censor was necessary; but he would be directed to allow all possible latitude in the transmission of news.

It was the duty of the Government to restore order and stamp out the rebellion with all possible vigour and promptitude, and that they were doing. (Cheers.) But behind that there was undoubtedly the obligation which rested upon the Government to make a searching investigation into the causes of the outbreak, and those responsible for it. That obligation the Government fully recognised, and were prepared to discharge.

Our Allies have already been made aware by Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Redmond that the rebellion was sectional only and had no sympathy from representative Irish leaders.

Sir Edward Carson said he was quite satisfied with the Prime Minister's statement, and he would gladly join with Mr. Redmond in everything that could be done to denounce and put down these rebels now and for evermore.

Mr. Moore: Is Mr. Asquith aware that it will give greater confidence in Ireland if the Chief Secretary tenders his resignation?

Mr. Asquith did not reply. Mr. Redmond expressed, on behalf of the Nationalist Party and the overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland, the detestation and horror with which the rebellion was regarded.

### TOO SOON FOR DEBATE.

Sir Henry Dalziel demanded a debate on the situation on Monday, but this was refused by the Prime Minister, and Mr. Redmond agreed it would be unwise to have a debate until the Government had all the facts.

Sir E. Carson hoped the Government would consider the grave fears of many people in this country owing to there being no telegraphic communication with Ireland.

Mr. Asquith replied that it was hoped telegraphic communication would be resumed yesterday.

the information available would be published with promptitude as it was received.

Later, on the motion for the adjournment, Mr. Samuel, in reply to Sir H. Dalziel, said arrangements had been made to enable newspaper correspondents to go to Ireland to watch the course of events. Only such information as could be of disadvantage to the Allied cause would be censored.

Mr. R. M'Neill said the very existence of the military censorship gave an exaggerated impression of the state of Ireland.

Mr. Hogge declared that the secret session which had been held was a farce as far as the information given to members was concerned. He suggested that another should be held at which members could ask questions.

### TO PACIFY IRELAND.

### General Sir John Maxwell, Who Is In Supreme Control.

General Sir John Maxwell was in command of the troops in Egypt, and was withdrawn from that command a month ago when, owing to the satisfactory position of military affairs there, a reorganisation of the forces was effected.

Born 57 years ago, General Maxwell was gazetted to the Black Watch at 20 years of age, and three years later he made the well-known night march across the desert with the Highland Brigade, and helped to storm the fortifications at Tel-el-Kebir.

This was his baptism of fire. He subsequently saw a good deal of service in Egypt, and at the battle of Omdurman he commanded the 2nd Egyptian Brigade.

In the South African war he commanded a brigade, and a little later was made military governor of Pretoria.

For his services in South Africa he received the Queen's Medal with three clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

For his services in Flanders early in the present war he was made K.C.M.G.

### MESSAGE FROM DROGHEDA.

DROGHEDA, Thursday. The disturbances in Dublin are being effectually quelled, and only in isolated places is there any disorder.

No Dublin newspapers have arrived in Drogheda since Monday.

Reinforcements of military and police have been drafted into Dublin.

All is quiet in Drogheda and the surrounding districts.

### TO PRESERVE ORDER IN ULSTER

Sir E. Carson, on behalf of the Ulster Volunteer Force, has placed the services of the force unreservedly at the disposal of the Government for the maintenance of the King's authority in Ulster.

### COLONIAL IRISHMEN'S MESSAGES.

Mr. John Redmond has received telegrams expressing abhorrence of the Sinn Fein outbreak and confidence in him from the Irishmen of Bamfield (British Columbia), Victoria, South Australia, Cape Town, and Oldham.

### INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE R.I.C.

Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain, K.C.B., who has been Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary since 1900, has had a distinguished military career.

He served with the Central India Force, and was on Lord Roberts' staff in the Afghan War, and saw active service in the Burmah campaign of 1886. He reorganised the Kashmir Army in the nineties, and was private secretary to Lord Roberts in the South African War.—(Elliott and Fry.)



### AUSTRIAN COLUMNS MOWN DOWN.

Italian Official News. In the zone east of Selz the enemy, with much waste of ammunition and grave sacrifices of men, is persisting in his vain attempt to drive us out of the entrenchment we captured to the south of Vallone.

Thus last night, after several hours of intense bombardment, he delivered four violent attacks in succession against our positions.

His dense infantry columns, mown down by our fire, were on each occasion thrown back in great disorder. We made twenty prisoners.—Reuter.

Major-General Maharaja Sir Pertab Singh has arrived at Windsor Castle.

The Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund has now reached a total of £5,867,817.

### Heavy Fighting Along The British Front.

### BEDFORDS' BRILLIANT RAID.

### Huns Driven Into Their Dug-Outs And Bombed There.

### GAS ATTACKS AVAIL THE ENEMY NOTHING.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE,

Thursday, 10.52 p.m.

Last night the Bedfordshire Regiment carried out a very successful raid near Carnoy.

The raiding party rushed trenches, and after fierce hand-to-hand fighting drove the remaining Germans into their dug-outs and bombed them there.

Our casualties were eight wounded, all brought in.

The German loss was considerable.

To-day hostile artillery has been active about La Boisselle and Hebuterne.

Last night the enemy exploded a mine south-east of Neuville St. Vaast.

To-day hostile artillery has been active about Monchy au Bois and Neuville St. Vaast.

Yesterday evening the enemy carried out a heavy bombardment on our trenches east of Armentieres and about Frelinghem.

### NEW BATTLE FOR HILL 60.

South of Frelinghem the enemy entered our trenches at about 8 p.m., under cover of the bombardment, but was immediately driven out by a counter-attack.

Last night, after a heavy bombardment, followed by the explosion of a mine, the enemy attacked our trenches on Hill 60, but was repulsed.

At the same time the enemy gained a footing in one of our sapsheads north of Hill 60, but was driven out by our bombers.

Our trenches west of Zillebeke and north-east of Hill 60, and battery positions in rear, were heavily shelled from 6 p.m. to midnight.

An attack at St. Eloi was repulsed.

To-day hostile artillery has been active against our trenches south-west of St. Eloi.

### IN-AND OUT AGAIN.

Last night the enemy gained a footing in one of our craters in the Hohenzollern section, but was driven out at once.

During the night the enemy sprang mines south-east of Souchez, north-east of the Double Crassier, north-east of Vermelles and west of Hulluch. We sprang a mine in Hulluch sector.

This morning at 5.10 a.m. the enemy discharged gas from trenches south of Hulluch, and at the same time put an artillery barrage on our lines to the north of Loos.

At 7.30 a.m. a second gas cloud was released from about the same place, and after a heavy artillery bombardment the enemy gained a footing in our front and support lines east-north-east of Loos.

### FAUGH-A-BALLAGH!

Counter-attack by our Irish troops took place within half an hour, and the enemy were driven out, leaving many dead in our trenches.

The enemy also advanced from their trenches just south of Hulluch, but this attack was enfladed by our machine-guns, and many corpses were left in front of our trenches. A few Germans reached our lines, but were driven out.

Hostile artillery has been active during the day against our trenches about Carency, Souchez, Les Brodis, and Fosse 2 de Braquemont.

### TWO GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO ATTACK BAFFLED.

### French Fire Pins The Huns To Their Trenches.

French Official News.

PARIS, Thursday, 11 p.m.

On the left bank of the Meuse there was intense artillery activity in the regions of Avocourt, Esnes, and Cumieres.

On the right bank the enemy made two feints at attack, accompanied by violent bombardments, one on the front Haudromont Farm-

Thiaumont, and the other between Douaumont and Vaux.

Stopped by our curtain fire the Germans did not leave their trenches.

On the rest of the front the day was comparatively quiet, except in the region of Roye and in the sectors to the west of Pont-a-Mousson, where our batteries displayed great activity.

### FRENCH DIRIGIBLES AT WORK.

During the daytime yesterday an enemy aeroplane brought down by the fire of our motor-guns fell in front of the fort of Vaux.

During the night of Wednesday-Thursday three of our airships carried out bombardment operations. Numerous heavy projectiles were dropped by them on the stations of Etain and Bendsdorf and on the Arnville railway.

The same night our aeroplanes dropped 37 bombs of 120mm. on different stations in the valley of the Aire, 25 bombs of 120mm. on bivouacs in the valley of the Orne, six bombs of 120mm. and two incendiary bombs on the station of Thionville, and eight bombs of 120mm. on the station of Conflans.—Reuter.

### 19 AIR FIGHTS.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.

Thursday Night.

Yesterday there was much aerial activity. There were 19 combats in the air.

The machine reported yesterday as having been brought down in our lines was a two-seater. It was attacked by a single-seater three times at a great height. The enemy pilot was shot through the heart and the observer through the body. The machine crashed to earth with the engine full on from a height of 14,000 feet.

One of our reconnaissances was attacked by eight hostile aeroplanes. All hostile attacks were driven off, and one hostile machine brought down.

Our reconnaissance was completed. Two of our aeroplanes were damaged, but all returned safely.

### GERMAN BATTALION TAKES PART IN DESERT FIGHT.

### British Troops' Gallantry In Face Of Overwhelming Force.

### TURKS HEAVILY PUNISHED.

From W. T. Massey.

SUEZ, Thursday.

The enemy, who was active east of the canal during the last few days, has made a hurried retirement to Bir-el-Abd and beyond.

Abd is a place with brackish wells situate on the old camel route from Kantara to El-Arish, about half-way between those towns.

The Turkish losses were fully 300 killed, 50 prisoners, rifles, and much ammunition.

The body of the German leader of the column which attacked at Katia was found and identified by prisoners. He was shot through the head.

A flying corps yesterday saw a hostile camp at Hod Bayud, a small oasis with palms in a depression of the soft sand dunes half a dozen miles south of Abd. It was destroyed by aircraft, and the scattered enemy retired on Abd, where they were bombed by aviators.

### Enemy Forced To Retire.

The hard fighting in the Katia district is worthy of prominence, not merely because of the splendid gallantry with which our troops resisted the attacks of overwhelming numbers of the enemy, but also because of abundant proof that the Turks had with them a battalion entirely composed of Austrians and Germans.

In Katia village itself we received many casualties, but the losses of the enemy were incomparably greater. He was compelled to retire a long way to the east, while we hold all the ground we occupied before the attack.

Early on Sunday morning five hundred Turks suddenly attacked our post at Dueidar, held by a company of the Royal Scots, whose gallant defence was worthy of the traditions of the famous Lowland regiment.

While a determined attack was in progress two other companies of the Royal Scots were ordered to reinforce the post from a hill seven miles away. They had to march through a heavy sand under a very hot sun, but they arrived on the scene in two hours, and without the briefest halt fixed bayonets and charged the enemy.

### Pursuit Of The Routed Turks.

The Turks were completely routed, and retreated to the south-east, leaving 70 dead and 30 prisoners, 80 rifles, and ammunition in our hands.

The Australian Light Horse pursued the Turks, killing a few, and taking some prisoners. Further losses were caused by the bombs and machine-guns of our airmen.

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# Lowestoft And Naval Supremacy.



[It is now a year since German warships last ventured a hurried peep at an English watering-place.]  
**THE HUN NAVY** (safe back in Kiel and the British baby dead): "Tremble, you British—ve are implacable. Every year ve do this every year—till your proud spirit is broken!"—(Copyright by Will Dyson.)

## SHE'LL SHOW HOW.



Ida Adams, who makes her debut in London at the Comedy on Monday, will show how the ball-room dances of to-day should be danced.

## WHAT WOULD OUR GRANDPARENTS HAVE SAID ?



Women are more than ever favouring riding a stride. This snap in Rotten Row shows the old and new style for women riders.

### The 100 per cent FOOD.

**Nutrient without waste**

is what housewives buy in Brown & Polson's 'Patent' Corn Flour.

Every atom of it is digestible: and it gives to sweets and savouries a delightful delicacy of flavour.

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## Mr. Lloyd George On His Defence.

Mr. Lloyd George is to address his Constituents at Conway on Saturday.

It is expected to be one of the most important speeches of his career.

*A verbatim report will appear in the*

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## JOINING UP.

MOST people have been asking themselves what in the world the Germans expected to achieve by their "invasion of Britain"—a few pot shots at coast towns, a few bombs from Zeppelins, and Sir Roger Casement landing from a collapsible boat with a gun under each arm! But the answer is easy. They are at their old game; they had no military objective, they wanted to frighten us, just. They're a queer people!

NO doubt they thought the shindy in Ireland would have embarrassed us more than it has. While I refuse to believe they anticipated the Sinn Feiners would take possession of Ireland it is possible they looked for a rising in many parts of Ireland which might for some time engage the attention of a considerable body of British troops, and the fate of the Sinn Feiners caught in the German trap did not trouble them. But their main objective was frightfulness.

HOW little they did frighten us is shown by the way we are discussing the recruiting question and dismissing the invasion in a parenthesis. After all, there are points about the British character, though I say it as shouldn't.

ALTHOUGH the Cabinet's piecemeal recruiting scheme was withdrawn yesterday, it will presumably be followed as soon as possible by a more comprehensive measure. Meantime it becomes more imperative than ever for the married men to roll up quickly. But there are one or two points which should be made clear. A London daily paper asks, with reason, whether or not married men who attest instead of enlisting straight away will be counted in the weekly total. Obviously until an official statement has been made they should count, and it seems to me the authorities should allow them to count until the final declaration of the poll. Attested men can be called up when wanted; then where is the difficulty? In this case, of course, the group system must be kept open for the attestation of married men.

THERE is no need, I think, to ask for a definite assurance that the idea of compulsion will be dropped if the 200,000 men enlist in time. The intentions of the Government are plain. They hold that to take more than 200,000 of the married men still unattested would gravely imperil our essential industries; they intend to take no more. Yet it may happen that at a certain moment the need for soldiers may outweigh every other need. As long as Mr. Asquith is at the head of affairs we may be sure that a due balance will be kept between the one need and the other.

SOME little dissatisfaction is still felt that so many single men of military age are engaged in munition work, and Colonel Jolly, military representative for the Preston and mid-Lancashire area, has compiled a return showing that there are 1,025 such men in Preston. Seeing that 685 of these are under 25 years of age, 958 are under 35, and over 40 per cent. of the whole are drawn from non-mechanical occupations it would seem that most of the men should be enlisted.

IT may be, however, that this cannot be done, and certainly the men cannot be withdrawn from munition-work wholesale. Many of them have now become highly skilled munition-workers. They can only be taken few by few as others are found to take their places. Robbing Peter to pay Paul would be a silly game. We are not obliged to consider what were the motives which caused these men to enter munition factories. Some sought protection from service, no doubt; others honestly believed the posters which ranked the services of the man that made the shell with those of the man who fired it. But our concern is to get the best possible munition service and the best possible Army.

THE MAN IN THE STREET.



## Echoes of the Town.

Work For Lord Wimborne—Casement Converts' Mistake—A George Graves Story.



## Lord Wimborne's Job.

I HINTED to you yesterday that Mr. Birrell should be displaced, and now I see that various people are taking up the idea and calling for all sorts of strong measures, including the sending of Lord Kitchener to Ireland as Dictator and the removal of Lord Wimborne. Let's keep our heads. The inherent fault of the Irish Government is that power is centred in the Irish Secretary, who in this case is the last man on earth one would choose for putting down a rebellion. But if it is left to the military to act in concert with Lord Wimborne, and if Mr. Birrell is kept as much in the background as he was when the Home Rule Bill was being discussed we shall soon be through with it.

## Obiter Dicta.

THIS is Titt's Birrell. Mr. Birrell, Augustine the amiable, is nearly always smiling. But I don't know whether he is keeping smiling just at present, for what he's got to laugh at heaven only knows. The events of the week in Dublin have been enough to drive his hair, white as it is, still whiter, and I bet he let drop a few "Obiter dicta" of a fairly lurid type when he heard about them. The job of Chief Secretary for Ireland has always been a difficult, dangerous, and thankless one. Mr. Balfour had an exciting time of it in the eighties, but it looks as if Mr. Birrell's experiences, if he is allowed to continue, will be even more thrilling.



## A Stormy Passage.

IT is interesting to recall that Mr. Birrell had a stormy passage over to be sworn in at Dublin Castle, and at Kingstown Harbour the captain remarked: "Well, Chief Secretaries don't, as a rule, last very long; but one thing I think I can promise you, and that is, if you remain Chief Secretary all your life you will never have a worse crossing." It's stormy enough now by all accounts!

## Maiden Speech In Camera.

ALTHOUGH you may not refer in print to the secret session, I suppose there can be no harm in referring to the official report issued by the Press Bureau. From this, I observe, Mr. Percy Harris put up a Parliamentary record by making his maiden speech in camera. Every new member bestows the greatest care and preparation on his first effort, but the public will never be able to judge of the merits of the original remarks of Mr. Harris.

## Hard Luck, Mr. Redmond!

THERE is a general disposition in the world of politics to sympathise with Mr. Redmond in the deplorable state of affairs which has arisen in Ireland. It looks so much as if the cause he has at heart will suffer a set-back, and even many old opponents will regret this, because of the fine part he has played since the war began. Whenever Irish affairs looked on the point of settlement some untoward event put back the clock. The Phoenix Park murders and the Parnell split are cases in point. The Sinn Fein rebellion in its turn raises a totally new Irish question.

## The White Band.

MANY civilians and not a few soldiers are wondering what the white band around the khaki cap of many a smart young Horse Artilleryman means. It is not a device to enable the gunners to be found easily at night, but denotes that the wearer is a gentleman cadet at the Royal Military Academy—otherwise "The Shop"—at Woolwich. The white band of many of them will soon disappear, for they will become fully-fledged subalterns in the Royal Artillery.

## The Newest Cap.

HAVE YOU noticed how the "knuts" under military age, and many within the limits who are out of the Army, are wearing a new kind of head-gear as near as they can safely get to the floppy service cap worn by officers back from the trenches? This will have to be put down along with the "khaki kid."

## Match Charity.

I KNOW A MAN whose business takes him out most of the day. He has a weakness for buying matches from every woman street seller he passes. It is a form of charity he can't resist, and when he turns out his pockets at home he often has over a dozen boxes to hand over to his wife.

## Countess Nada's Engagement.

I SAID yesterday of the engagement of Prince George of Battenberg and Countess Nada Torby "if it is confirmed." Well, you may take it from me that the young couple will be married all right, all right, one of these days. But they won't be officially affianced, such is the present arrangement, until after the war. I hope they won't have long to wait.

## Married Men's Next Call.

WE HAVE had so many wolf cries about the next call on the married men that they are not very excited about the accomplished fact. The bills are now out calling up Groups 33 to 41, which by the end of May will clear up all the men between 28 and 36, who ought to be the very pick of the attested. The agitation is about dead now. The Married Men's Union is concerning itself with the price of milk, and there'll be no trouble about the call.

## The Pity Of It.

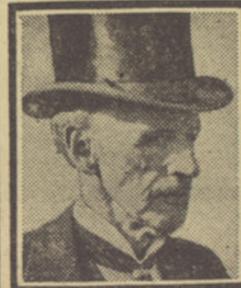
I THINK it is a great pity that public men in responsible official positions are allowed to resign those positions "for reasons of their own" in war time. Their services to the State should come before private differences. General Selden Long, who retired from his post as Director of Supplies, is a brilliant organiser and an incalculable asset to the War Office. Yet he is allowed to go off in a huff. I've no doubt he had a trying time, and that all sorts of unpleasantness caused this step. But the nation can ill afford to lose its best men.

## Not In Naval Costume.

MR. ARTHUR BALFOUR is a strange personality. When he comes out of his shell the whole world knows it; but when he remains inside he doesn't seem to care about anything. The other day I met him in Chandos-street, and his appearance caused people to turn round and look at him. He was wearing a slouch hat, a black coat, grey tweed trousers, and on his feet were canvas tennis shoes with rubber soles. It was raining at the time.

## Lord Morley.

LORD MORLEY looked very frail and old when I saw him being driven down Whitehall in the sun and an open motor-car yesterday morning. He looked as if his short speech in the House of Lords on the Dublin disturbances the previous day had exhausted his strength, though it was short enough. Lord Morley is in many respects a remarkable man, but pacific tactics are in his very bones, and he said exactly what anyone



who knows "Honest John Morley" could have safely prophesied he would say. He counselled "moderation." "Don't be too severe with the poor, dear rebels, or they may get worse." No, surely not. Stamp the fire out swiftly, surely, relentlessly.

## At Monte Carlo.

A WOUNDED officer who has just returned from convalescing at Monte Carlo tells me that it is by no means all frills and honey there. The name of Monte Carlo conjures up the vision of an ideal spot for one to get mended at. But this is not the case. The officer told me that they were looked after as strictly as schoolboys, and every one of them has to be back in hospital by seven o'clock. The rooms are absolutely barred.

## Effective.

THE RATHER shy young subaltern was decidedly taken aback when his first soldier servant entered his room with a large clay pipe in his mouth. Not being very accustomed to strafeing men, and anxious not to get a name for grousing, he was a little at a loss, till an idea struck him. "Ah!" said he, "that is a beautiful pipe you've got." In about half a second the man had removed the excrescence, had apologised humbly, and had taken the first step on the way to becoming an efficient servant.

## A Nasty One.

GEORGE GRAVES is telling this one: A man went up to a railway booking-office in London and said "I want to go to Manchester." "You're a liar," or words to that effect, was the reply, "you've got to go."

## Sang The Wrong Song.

I HEAR of an amusing tragi-comedy about the efforts of the corrosive Casement to tamper with the loyalty of some Irish prisoners of war. In some cases, very very few, he was successful. Two Irish Tommies whom he had persuaded found themselves free, well fed and in Berlin, with plenty of German money in their pockets. This last they spent in overdoses of German beer, and, forgetting their new allegiance, they rushed along a Berlin street singing "God Save the King."

## Why Sir Roger?

WHY Sir Roger, by the way? Can a knight be unfrocked, as it were, after the fashion of priests? It seems curious to continue to label this person with the tiny monosyllable that earnest men contribute thousands of pounds to obtain. Sometimes, indeed, it is given for merit.

## More Charity Matinees.

IN THESE days of charity matinees, it has to be a very special show to stand out with any degree of splash. One of these shows will be the great Munster Matinée at the Queen's this afternoon. Another will be the forthcoming matinee at Drury Lane, in aid of the Serbian Relief Fund. This latter will be notable for the preponderance of Belgravia over Bohemia as regards the performers. Lady Greville is the organiser, and a vast number of smart young women, married and unmarried, who, fortunately for everyone concerned, do not have to depend on the stage for a livelihood, will perform. This is one of the fair helpers—Lady Herbert Hervey, a daughter of Lord Dundonald. Not long ago she presented her husband with a son and heir.

## Curious Coincidence.

HERE'S a curious coincidence. A few years ago Violet Lorraine, who has made the success of her successful career in the present Alhambra revue, was in Australia, playing principal boy in a pantomime at Melbourne, in Sydney, or Wagga Wagga, or somewhere of the sort. There was a charity function on, and Violet, as usual, was lending a hand. In fact, she sold kisses for the good cause at ten shillings a head.

## The Sequel.

MARK THE SEQUEL, as they say. After the Anzac matinee at His Majesty's, where Violet and George Robey had been performing, the pair drove in an open taxi in the wake of the marching boys, and had, of course, a wonderful reception from the crowd. Suddenly an Anzac leaped on the cab from the back and clambered in. "I've met you before," he said to Violet. "Years ago I kissed you for ten shillings." He had been through the Hell at Gallipoli since, been wounded, and is ready now to have another go at the Hun or Johnny Turk.

## How Does He Do It?

I SAW Lord Lonsdale at a revue the other night. War or peace, he doesn't change a bit, or get a day older. Nor do his long cigars ever get shorter. I believe he must light a fresh one every few minutes, and chuck it away when it has ever so slightly diminished. And how he manages to get white gardenias for his buttonhole all the year round I cannot imagine.

## Ready For The Theatre Tax.

I HAVE SEEN a sample of the new taxed theatre ticket. It is an orchestra stall, and just alongside the usual neat little phrase "Ten shillings" is an equally neat little "Government tax, one shilling." Quite chaste.

## Hats And Socialism.

ONE DELEGATE to the I.L.P. conference in Newcastle is, I am told, doubtful about the wisdom of "all things in common." He purchased a nice new velour for this special occasion—a half-guinea one—to show how smartly-dressed even an "intellectual" may be. But some absent-minded comrade left one of the 3s. 9d. variety in its place. The victim intends to move at the next conference "that private property in hats should be recognised by all decent Socialists."

## Uncle Sam Rousing Himself.

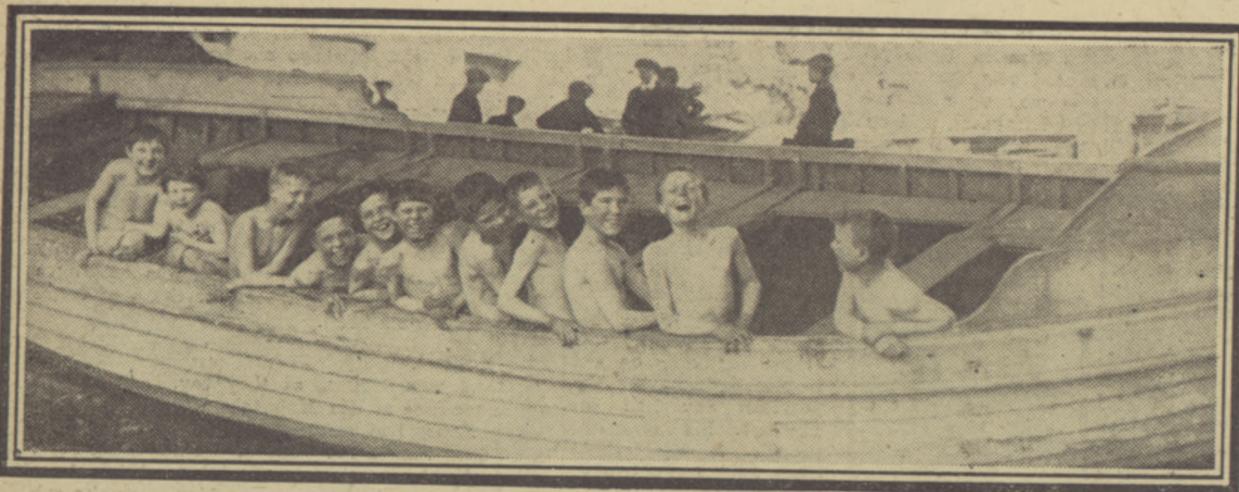
I HEAR that United States Army officers over here are being given the tip to come home to the States. There is going to be such a slump in hypheps as never was. And some blockade, too.

MR. GOSSIP.

# THE BOYS KNOW HOW TO KEEP COOL.



There is nothing like the water. Happy youngsters in Victoria Park yesterday.



A boatload of mischief. The spell of hot weather has sent the boys of London to the bathing-places. Here are some of the boys who enjoyed a dip in the Thames at Hammersmith yesterday.

# CUTTING THE CAKE WITH THE BRIDEGROOM'S SWORD.



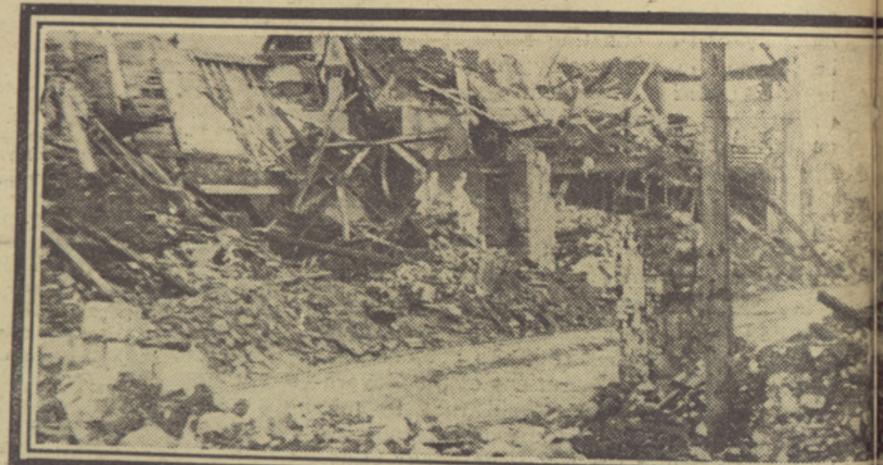
Miss Gertrude Lonsdale, the bride of Capt. D. Cochrane, 5th Canadian Field Ambulance, cuts her wedding-cake with the bridegroom's sword. The captain came home for his wedding on special leave from the front.—(Daily Sketch.)

# WOUNDED GIVE THE "STARS" A CELEBRATION.



This is the reception the patients at the Springfield War Hospital, Tooting, extended to the "stars" yesterday. The boys in the honoured blue uniform were equally enthusiastic when they heard the news.

# THOUGH THIS VERDUN VILLAGE LIES IN RUINS



Though furious and incessant bombardments from German guns have reduced this village to dusty ruins, yet the French defenders still hold tenaciously to the ruins.

# HIS MACHINE CAUGHT FIRE.



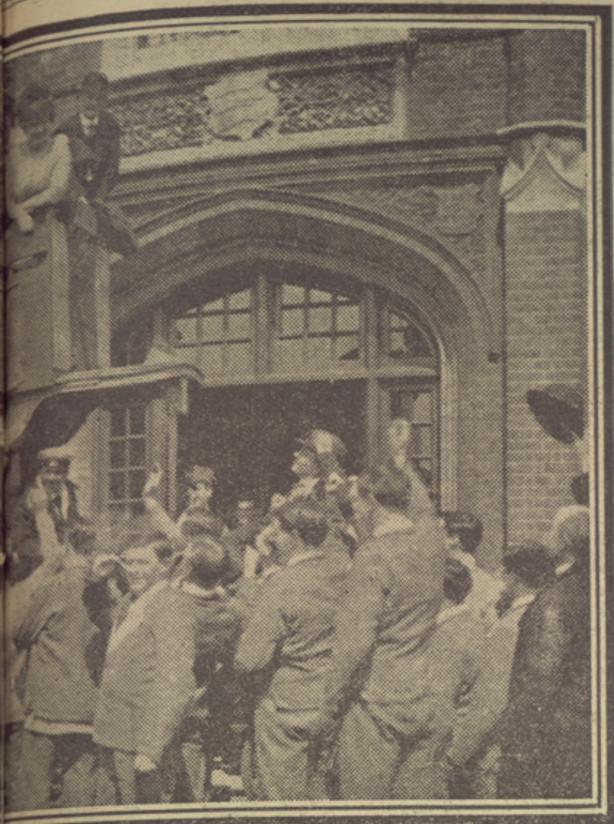
Lieut. W. Pemberton, R.F.C., who was killed while flying. His machine caught fire when he was 150 feet up.—(Russell.)

# MRS. LLOYD GEORGE OPENS A



Mrs. Lloyd George, the wife of the Minister of the Interior. The building has been erected in connection with the war.

**HEERFUL RECEPTION.**



the Music Hall, who gave them a special entertainment  
turns in the large hall.—(Daily Sketch Photograph.)

**THE FRENCH STILL HOLD IT BRAVELY.**



village in the valley of the Meuse, near Verdun, to a heap of  
ruins.—(Daily Sketch Photograph.)

**KING EDWARD VII. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**



of Munitions, opening a tuberculosis hospital at Carnarvon.  
with the King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial.

**THE KING IN THE SADDLE AGAIN.**



The King riding to a review of troops near Aldershot. His Majesty, who looked  
remarkably well, bore no trace of his recent accident.

**THE WHIFF OF BATTLE**



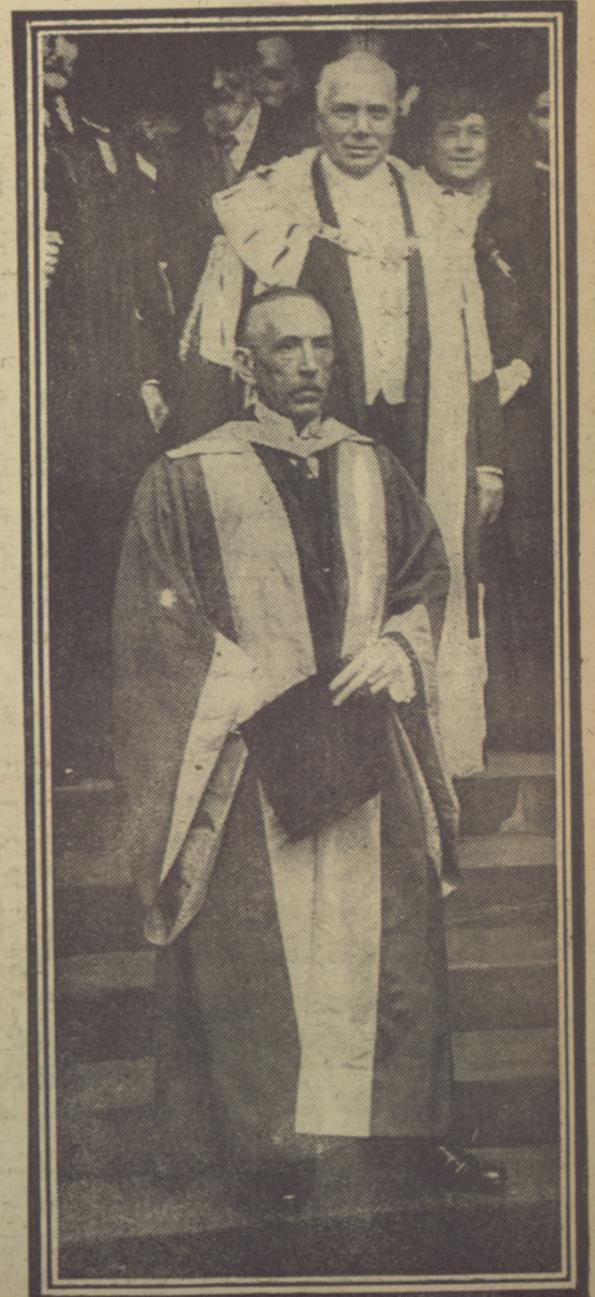
A quiet smoke after the battle. They both took part  
in our recent dash at St. Eloi.—(Official.)

**THE EARL AND HIS BRIDE.**



Lord St. Davids and his bride, Miss Betty Rawdon-Hastings, leaving St.  
Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday. The ceremony was attended by a large  
number of Society people.—(Daily Sketch Photograph.)

**NOW DR. W. M. HUGHES.**



Mr. Hughes, Australia's Prime Minister, wearing the  
robes of an LL.D., which honour has been conferred  
on him by Edinburgh University.

# Summer Dress Phases.



The blouse on the left is of white book muslin, with crimson velvet bands.



A Cheruit model of cream silk crepon, with cape and hem of rose taffeta.

## MODERN SUBSTITUTES FOR THE CRINOLINE.

Very few women are wearing the wire cages of a generation back to keep their full skirts standing out. The modern substitutes for the crinoline are many and varied. Sometimes the effect is got by firm piping cords or by horse-hair stiffening in the hem. Casings are being made in washing frocks, and into these will be slipped a boning that can be removed when the frock goes to the laundry. The simplest way to ensure the flare and the one that will be adopted by most women is that of hemming a separate petticoat which has a shaped flounce of stiff material starting from the knees. Such a petticoat may be worn under various frocks in turn, and the dress-maker is spared the stiffening of each one. There are too many busy women nowadays for the bouffant silhouette to become universal, and in the summer we shall probably see even the wearers of thin frocks dispensing with stiffening and looking like "folded butterflies," as the very few women who withstood the fashion of the crinoline long ago were prettily called.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING STRIPED.

To be quite in line with the early summer fashions you must have something striped in your wardrobe, even if it is only a hat. A yellow and white striped linen hat with a yellow stripe round the crown is an effective model and will suggest to the home dressmaker the possibilities of getting an extra yard or two of material when buying her washing frocks and covering a buckram shape to match. Striped sports coats are already with us, and later on will come the striped parasol. All materials, from flimsy chiffon to heavy flannel, will be subject to stripes, and the stripes will be used in many odd ways so that trimming is dispensed with. Yellow and white, which had a preliminary run last summer, will be an even more approved combination this year, and there will be many popular shades from lemon to corn colour.

## SMART INSPIRATIONS FROM THE MUNITION OVERALL.

Some of the smartest of the linen frocks are obviously inspired by the munition overall, being cut in a piece from shoulder to hem and held in at the waist by a belt of white suede. Frocks of this sort, of course, simple as they look, must be cleverly cut and tailored to avoid sloppiness. In one very attractive frock of yellow and white striped linen the under-arm portion of the bodice is cut separately and the skirt pleated on to this at the hips. A plain turn-over collar of white lawn, yellow linen buttons, and a black patent leather belt were the details of this frock. Coat frocks are just as charming in linen and alpaca as in serge, and the fact is sure to be demonstrated during the first warm days. For town wear the tub coat-frock is especially suitable, for the dress worn without a coat has to be very well chosen to look right in the street.



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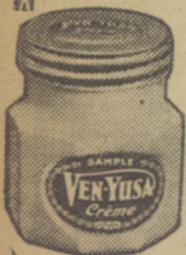


People who are forced to stand on their feet all day know what sore, tender, perspiring, burning feet mean. They use TIZ, and TIZ cures their feet right off. It keeps feet in perfect condition. TIZ is the only remedy in the world that draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet and cause tender, sore, tired, aching feet. It instantly stops the pain in corns, hard skin, and bunions. It's fine for chilblains. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel after using TIZ. You'll never limp or draw up your face in pain. Your shoes won't tighten and hurt your feet. Get a 1/1½ box of TIZ now from any chemist's or stores. Just think! a whole year's foot comfort for only 1/1½.

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## THE "MIDDY" OF 1916.

### New Developments Of The Comfortable Sports Blouse.

THE midday blouse, beloved of the holiday girl, takes on new phases with each season, just as does the sports coat, and girls who are already planning their summer wardrobes will be eager to hear what the midday of 1916 is like.

Linen and drill are no longer held to be the only appropriate materials for the midday. Heavy white Japanese silk and crêpe-de-Chine are used for the new models, and sometimes relieved by collars and belts of some bright colour. Crêpe-de-Chine is quite a practical material for this purpose, as it washes easily, is cool, and does not crease so readily as linen.

### White And Purple.

A white crêpe-de-Chine model suggests a sports coat that pulls over the head instead of buttoning down the front, and has a sailor collar and tie edged with purple. A purple leather belt is slipped through slots, so that it is only visible at the back and front, and the blouse hangs free at the sides.

Cape collars, in place of the usual sailor type, appear on the silk midday blouses, and smocking in coloured silk is also introduced.

One very attractive new model is of pale blue linen, with a black patent leather belt run through slots buttonholed in black, and a black ribbon lacing at the throat through eyelets also worked in black. Black and light blue is a very cool-looking combination for hot days.

### Braided Linen And Cretonne.

Cretonne and flowered chintz make very gay sports blouses. A very successful cretonne one has collar, cuffs and belt of white linen, edged with triple rows of narrow white braid.

Stockingette of the new sort is an ideal material for the practical midday, as it does not give awkward bulging lines to the figure, but at present it is rather costly.

Hats of stitched linen, cretonne, or crêpe to match are made for the new blouses—a fashion which the clever-fingered girl can copy at home.

Every woman who wants to help the Red Cross should send a stamped addressed envelope for particulars of the "Daily Sketch" Needlework Competition. No entrance fee. £1,000 in prizes.

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NURSE TO WED NAVAL OFFICER.



Miss Esther MacAndrew, daughter of Brig.-General H. J. MacAndrew, D.S.O., is nursing wounded at a Berkeley-square hospital.—(Bassano.)



Miss Ruby Irene Jenkins, of the nursing staff of the Royal Free Hospital, shortly marrying Commander Francis Rising, R.N., of H.M.S. Akbar.—(Vandyk.)



Miss Lilian Bullivant, to marry Lieut.-Col. C. L. Sidey, Indian Army.—(Vandyk.)



Miss Sybil Christian, of Swanrigg Hall, Cumberland, engaged to Capt. A. H. Jackson, R.F.A.—(Swaine.)



Miss Sybil Halloram, daughter of the rector of Eastwell, Kent, to marry Lieut. E. Cayley, R.F.A.—(Swaine.)

PROMOTED.



Pte. D. L. Waghorn, a London Territorial, has received the D.C.M. and a commission for gallantry in bombing attacks.

PROUD OF THEIR FIGHTING DADDY



The Hon. Mrs. Horne Peel, with his little daughters, Elizabeth and Joan. Her husband, Capt. Horne Peel, now at the front with the Post Office Rifles, won the Military Cross at Festubert.—(Val L'Estrange.)

THE STOCK-WHIP MAJOR.



Major James is better known as Fred Lindsay, the Australian stock-whip expert.—(Bassano.)

AN ACADEMY ARTIST.



Cadet Allen Barr, son of the novelist, James Barr, is among the soldier artists represented in this year's Royal Academy

IN THE SHAKESPEARE GALA.



Hayden Coffin appears as the clown in "Twelfth Night" at the Drury Lane Shakespeare Tercentenary gala.—(Hoppé.)

SIR ROGER CASEMENT AS I KNOW HIM.

What should be the fate of Sir Roger Casement—the firing party or the lunatic asylum?

This question is being asked in the Press. Before you answer it you should read a remarkable article on Casement by a writer who formerly was closely acquainted with him. The mystery of his weird personality will be revealed in this study of Casement's character, mind, motives and methods.

COALITION FAILURES.

An M.P. discusses the present vehement attack on Mr. Birrell, and gives a candid criticism of other members of the Ministry.

DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, in an illuminating article, discusses the war-time test of democracy, and frankly points out the handicaps which our present system of Government involves at a critical time.

LIARS IN LONDON.

There is quite an epidemic in London just now of stories about certain big things of the war which are being kept "secret," about our Generals, and about our Politicians. They are told in club and train, and the story-teller always gives his information as coming "from a friend in the War Office." A well-known writer will trace the origin of some of these stories, and have some trenchant things to say about the type of man who so readily accepts them.

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### NEWBURY RACING.

#### Prominent Greenham Stakes Candidates.

There has been no racing at Newbury for over a year, but it will be a pleasure to get back to the Berkshire course, for there is no better appointed enclosure in the country.

The programmes for the two days are the same as at the ordinary spring fixture, with the exception that the prizes have been reduced.

The Greenham Stakes is only of the advertised value of 250 sovs, but a good-class entry has been secured, though the fact that the "Guineas" is to be decided next week may have some effect on the size of the field.

Sir Dighton can hardly hope to cope with Roi d'Ecosse, for he meets the latter on 12lb. worse terms than when they ran a dead-heat in the Craven Stakes a fortnight ago.

Roi d'Ecosse should have benefited by that outing, and take a lot of beating to-day.

Others which ran at Newmarket are Aberdare, who beat Analogy and Cannobie among others, and Foxton, who finished second to Caryanda in a handicap, carrying top-weight.

In my opinion there was more merit in the performance of Foxton, but I am not at all certain that he can get a severe mile.

Duggie was reckoned to be something out of the common at this time last year. He made good by winning his first two races, only to lose caste in the summer, so I leave him to prove that he has regained his best form.

Of the two Newmarket fillies, Eos and Melissa, I am led to expect more from the latter, who won a trial last Saturday. She is certain to render a good account of herself.

Flaming Fire is the best of the others, but I give Melissa a slight preference over Roi d'Ecosse.

GIMCRACK.

#### GIMCRACK'S SELECTIONS.

- 2.0—BOOM. 3.45—THE REVENGE.
- 2.30—APPLETON. 4.15—HALF HOOP.
- 3.10—MELISSA. 4.45—JAMESON.

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#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

2.0—JUVENILE S. PLATE of 100 sovs; 5f.

- Flora c 9 0 Katusha f 8 11
- Parafine Lass f 8 11 First Harvest 8 11

The above have arrived.

- Heatherdale 9 0 Nice Gun 8 11
- Munita c 9 0 Stella Maria 8 11
- Johnnie H. 9 0 Yes 8 11
- Green Jacket 9 0 Cascatella f 8 11
- Greenalvon 9 0 Styrienne f 8 11
- King Arthur 9 0 Tenacity 8 11
- Berna 9 0 Hongroise 8 11
- Morris Dancer 9 0 Allie f 8 11
- Greenwich 9 0 Trivia f 8 11
- Memphian f 8 11 Boom 8 11
- Miss T. G. 8 11 Coral Strand 8 11
- Surmise f 8 11 8 11

2.30—BERKSHIRE 3-Y.O. S. HANDICAP of 150 sovs; 1m.

- Toadlet's Birthday 9 0 Nicky Nan 8 11

The above have arrived.

- Spear Foot 9 0 White Brine 8 9
- Country Rock 8 13 Chrome 8 8
- Wigmors 8 11 My Memo 8 7
- L.M.D. 8 11 Ophion 8 6
- Appleton 8 9 Ben Ledl 8 3

3.10—GREENHAM STAKES of 250 sovs, added to £10 sweep; 1m.

- Eos 8 12 Duggie 8 13
- Melissa 8 12 Angelina 8 12

The above have arrived.

- Roi d'Ecosse 9 1 Grandborough 8 5
- Sir Dighton 8 13 Bayodie 8 5
- Aberdare 8 13 Despolie 8 5
- Foxton 8 12 Cannobie 8 5
- Verdun 8 10 Flaming Fire 8 5
- Hurry On 8 5 Rivadavia 8 5
- Roscius 8 5 Blackadder 8 5
- Polydamon 8 5 Black Lady 8 2
- Analogy 8 5 Weeroona 8 2
- Sea Dog 8 5 Dark Sapphire 8 2
- Cock of the School 8 5 8 2

3.45—THATCHAM HANDICAP of 175 sovs; 2m. 1l.

- Asparagus 8 0 Angus 5 6 12
- Early Hope 8 12 Toddstone 4 6 10
- Ragtime King 8 7 Brunswick 4 6 5
- The Ant 5 7 4 Regal 4 6 1

The above have arrived.

- Fix Yama 9 0 Birdseye 4 6 9
- Hare Hill 6 9 0 Marita 4 6 2
- The Revenge 4 7 11 St. Beuve 4 6 2
- Herode Agrippa 4 7 1 The Nab 4 6 0
- Gravelotte 6 7 1 Gloomy Dean 4 6 0
- Sealby 4 7 0 4 6 0

4.15—MANTON T.Y.O. STAKES of 200 sovs, added to £10 sweepstakes; 5f.

- Baroness f 6 7

The above has arrived.

- Half Hoop 9 0 Pamfleta 8 7
- Dark Mitt 8 10 Mazurka 8 7
- Coercion 8 10 Greenmount 8 7
- Heir Apparent 8 10 Cherokee 8 7
- Greenroom 8 10 Willasure 8 7
- Publican 8 10 Miss Slyboots 8 7
- Dark Dinah c 8 10 Cherrible 8 7
- Asbestos 8 7 Chelandy f 8 7
- Sophia II. 8 7 Caroline Fanny 8 7

4.45—CHIEVELEY DOUBLE HANDICAP of 225 sovs (Class 1); 5f.

- Con Con 5 7 7 Desmond M. 4 6 6
- Pennant 4 7 4 Chaplain 4 6 6

The above have arrived.

- Torloak 4 9 0 Polygram 4 6 12
- Hornet's Beauty 4 8 5 Salandra 3 6 4
- Happy Fanny 6 8 3 Francois 5 6 4
- Jameson 6 8 3 Nachtedorne 6 6 2
- Eager Eyes 4 7 7 Joy Wheel 5 6 2
- Wynbury 6 7 0 Comedienne 3 6 1
- Mazboot 5 7 0 Tingvalla 4 6 0
- Castellan 6 6 13 4 6 0

Miss Shirley Kellogg has named the two-year-old colt by Farman-Wavey Belle Joyland.

At West London Stadium last night Sid Whatley (Walworth) beat Lance-Corporal Preston on points in a 10-round contest.

The Arsenal will play a Rest of the London Combination team on May 6, on behalf of the family of the late "Bob" Benson.

At the Artists' Rifles' sports Sergeant Jennings won the 100 yards, the 220 yards, and the high jump, Cadet Duxfield the 440 yards, Cadet Woodlams the mile, Lieutenant Turnbull the officers' race. "A" Company the company relay race, in which Cadet Davies was the first home.

"Fighting" Bob Spencer, of Belfast, was outclassed by Alf Craig, of Aldgate, in a contest over 15 rounds at the Ring yesterday afternoon. In a contest of ten rounds Johnny Marshall, Camberwell, beat Dave Thrush, Aldgate, in the eighth round.

DESMOND (Umpire): \*9 20 3 25 24 14 24 16 12 9 14—12 16 8 24 14 3 15 18 18 14—5 25 14 0 9 5.

TETRARCH (Illustrated Sunday Herald): 13 5 11 1 7 26 21—13 7 6 4—15 11 5 13 15 24 12.

### LOSS OF BRITISH SUBMARINE E22 Reported Sunk In The North Sea.

#### TWO OF CREW SAVED.

From The Admiralty.

It is announced in the German wireless that H.M. submarine E22 has been sunk in the North Sea, and two of the crew have been saved.

#### SUNK LAST TUESDAY.

German Official News.

BERLIN, Thursday.

On Tuesday, April 25, the British submarine E22 was sunk in the southern waters of the North Sea by our naval forces. Two men were rescued and taken prisoners.

On the same day in the same neighbourhood one of our submarines struck with a torpedo a British cruiser of the Arethusa class.—Reuter.

#### NEUTRAL SHIP SUNK.

#### German Submarine Off The West Coast Of Ireland.

Official Statement.

On Tuesday, April 25, the Norwegian barque Carmanian, of 1,843 tons, was sunk by gunfire from a German submarine 55 miles off the west coast of Ireland. The crew took to their boats and the submarine immediately left them. One of the boats capsized. The other boat, containing the captain and nine men of the crew, landed on the west coast of Ireland and were rescued by cliff ladders.

#### AN ULSTER INNOVATION.

An influential meeting of Nationalists and Liberals at Magherafelt (Londonderry) yesterday unanimously decided, in view of the party truce, not to nominate a candidate in opposition to Mr. D. S. Henry, K.C., the Unionist nominee. Mr. Henry will be the first Catholic to secure election for an Ulster Unionist seat.

#### STAGNANT STOCK MARKETS.

Stock markets yesterday remained stagnant and dull. Consols fell back to 57½ and War Loan ½ per cent. stock to 96½. French National 5 per cent. bonds reacted to 85½.

There was a tendency to sell rubber shares, and the life was out of the South African market, where prices gave way in many instances.

There was a little activity in silver lead shares following a further rise in the price of the metal to 35½ per oz., which is the highest price touched since 1906. Burma Corporation shares, in particular, were in demand, and rose to 41s.

In the miscellaneous markets there was a continued demand for Forestral Land shares, which improved to 52s. 3d. Royal Mail stock was easier.

AMERICAN COTTON (close).—New York, 3 points up to 2 down. New Orleans, 2 up to 1 down. Tone steady.

Lord Hentage, at Lincoln yesterday, announced that the late member for the Wimbledon Division had decided to keep his name, and will be known as Lord Chrlpin.

### GERMANS AID TURKS IN DESERT BATTLE.

(Continued from Page 3.)

A heavy attack on Katia village had meanwhile been developed by a force numbering 2,500, including the battalion of Austro-Germans, with four mountain guns. The village was held by two squadrons of the Worcester Yeomanry.

The general commanding a mounted brigade, on arriving at Hamisah (three miles south of Katia), after a successful raid on Magheibra, where he burned the enemy's camp and took prisoners, heard firing in the direction of Katia, and, though he had done a long march under most trying conditions, at once sent help to the village.

#### Worcester Yeomanry's Losses.

One squadron of the Worcester Yeomanry went to the village to assist the withdrawal of the squadrons already there, and the general, with two squadrons of the Warwick Yeomanry, operated to the south.

The Gloucester Hussars rode to the north of the village and drove back the enemy two miles, but, because of greatly superior numbers, had to withdraw westwards.

The Worcester Yeomanry in the village had most of their horses killed by shell fire and suffered heavy losses through being unable to withdraw rapidly. The Gloucester Hussars and the Warwick Yeomanry had slight losses.

When the enemy's main body retired a force of 500 was left near Katia as a rearguard. Eight aeroplanes attacked the bivouac early on Monday morning, and, dropping 71 bombs on the encampment, absolutely destroyed it.

The Turks, taken completely by surprise, lost half their number in killed and wounded.

No Turks are now left in the Katia district, the nearest enemy body, 1,000 strong, being near Bir-el-Abd, about 16 miles eastwards.

### THE ZEPPELIN RAID ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

#### One Bomb Dropped Which Fell In The Sea.

The Zeppelin raid on the East Coast of Kent on Wednesday night was even more futile than those of the two preceding nights. So far as can be ascertained no bombs were dropped on the land, but one was observed to fall into the sea.

A correspondent says: About 10.30 a Zeppelin was detected approaching the coast of Kent, and a bomb was dropped in the sea. The vessel proceeded inland, disappearing in a north-easterly direction. The warning was sounded at 10.45 and the "all clear" at 11.15. Large numbers of people went out and watched the spectacle.

Another correspondent states that the engines of the Zeppelin made a greater noise than usual, and the airship was flying at a lower altitude. The Zeppelin, which was very distinctly seen, was followed by heavy gunfire until out of the district.

#### "ATTACK ON MARGATE!"

German Official Version.

BERLIN, Thursday.

During last night an attack was made by an airship on the port and railway depots at Margate, on the East Coast of England.—Wireless Press.

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# THE LOVE CHEAT.

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By YELVA  
BURNETT.

## Mrs. Gimp's Announcement.

Gimp was so completely overwhelmed by Betty's decision that she burst into the drawing-room with but little ceremony to inform the Squire.

She was sensible of losing hold of her self-control these days, her pride and sensation of extreme respectability had vanished; her face was yellow, and even the rustle of her black satin was subdued. Mrs. Gimp's heart told her candidly that she had fallen far from grace, for she had hated Mrs. Chevonne and had been instrumental in the death of an unoffending old man. Hence all her arrogant boastfulness had crumpled up, giving place to a meek and almost frightened appearance.

The drawing-room contained a group of people who seemed in perfect harmony.

Mrs. Drayton sat next the Squire, near the small log fire. Laurette was busy with some crochet-work beside one of the open windows from which the sunlight reached the floor and played upon her small white hands. Vivian on the other side lay back smoking a cigar, his face was turned to the ceiling. But at Mrs. Gimp's abrupt entrance everyone turned towards her.

Vivian drew in his legs and sat bolt upright. The Squire looked astonished.

"What is the matter Gimp?" he exclaimed.

"Please, sir," she said, "Mrs. Chevonne has decided that she will be married this morning." Her words fell into a curious silence. Laurette made a wrong stitch, and bent her head to extricate her crochet-hook. Vivian's glance moved from Gimp to the quiet girl; then he found that all eyes save Laurette's were on his face as he looked towards the clock.

"But for her accident we would be on our way to church," he said.

"But—but it's quite out of the question," the Squire observed. "She can't go; she couldn't stand it!"

Gimp folded her hands. "Mrs. Chevonne wishes to be married in her boudoir!"

Vivian rose, a muscle jerked in his cheek.

"Why not?" he asked. "We can easily get a special licence. Come, uncle, it would be bad for Betty not to have her own way. Wychett said that we must not thwart her. I'll run up and see for myself how she is."

Vivian was relieved to hurry from the room and up the stairs. He felt that he had never needed Betty so badly. Everyone downstairs was antagonistic to him, or so he imagined.

In a sweet renewal of their old romance Uncle Ben and Mrs. Drayton seemed to have lost interest in Vivian and Betty. As for Laurette, who could make her out? When she sat near Vivian she seemed more elusive than when she was miles away; she was like a snow-maiden, her lips parted in smiles that had not a trace of warmth and sweetness.

## "I've Wanted You."

Yes, Vivian wanted Betty, and he yearned to see her as merry and light-hearted as on their first coming to Talebriar. Poor darling, she had had a ghastly time! She was evidently as lonely and depressed as himself, and she craved his protection. He longed to assure her of it, to make her his wife.

Reverently he tapped at her door. At her faint "Come in!" tenderness surged through his heart, and when he saw her as Mrs. Gimp had done, veiled in grey and gold, and in her loose gown, under the burning lamps, the tears sprang to his eyes.

"Darling!" he said huskily, and he came across the room to her feet, with his arms around her, clasping her supple slenderness closely.

"Vivian," she said, "it's our wedding day. I want to be married up here, just as I am."

"God bless you for that, Betty!"

"Are you really willing, Vivian?"

"Betty, can you doubt it? I've wanted you so much."

"My face is healing," she said, looking down at him as he laid his lips on her hands, "and I cut off the bandages. I couldn't bear them any longer, but I feel fairly well, longing to get out."

"Of course you must be, dear Betty."

She shivered slightly. "I—I don't want to go to

church, nor to any public place—among people. We need not send for Miss Maddox and the Colonel, need we, Viv?—and there wouldn't be time. What does Uncle Ben say and Mrs. Drayton? Does she still hate me so much?"

"No, no dearest; she is frightfully sorry for you—we all are."

Betty frowned slightly, it was hard to receive the pity of an enemy.

"Tell Mrs. Drayton and Cotwood—I suppose I ought to call her Laurette, she is so uplifted—to put on their best frocks as quickly as possible. Have you sent for Mr. Mars? If he has another appointment, one of the curates must take his place."

She looked at him with beseeching eyes.

"You won't fail me, Vivian, will you? You'll promise—promise faithfully, that whatever Uncle Ben may say, we shall be married this morning!"

"Betty, it is my dearest wish. But, first of all, a special licence must be obtained. I'll go off in the car immediately, and call for Marsh on my way back."

She looked up at him with something approaching to gratitude.

"Betty," he said, smiling, "you must get well quickly, so that we can go away on our honeymoon."

"Oh, Viv, I am dying to leave Talebriar." Then she asked suddenly, "Where is Wither?"

"In Yorkshire. Uncle Ben tells me the poor chap was quite overcome at his carelessness in causing the accident. I was so mad I didn't dare see him; but now that you're so much better I feel I can forgive the man."

"Did he—explain—to Uncle Ben—what happened?"

"Yes, I believe so. Uncle told me he drove carelessly. Uncle felt sorry for the chap, he was so heart-broken, so he gave him a severe talking to and found him another job."

Betty sighed her relief. Obviously Wither had lied. The squire knew nothing of their relationship.

"I am so glad he won't drive me any more. He was incompetent—he—he didn't understand the car, yet he would go full speed."

"I guessed as much, and felt like wringing his neck!" Vivian answered. "Well, that's all over; thank God you were only a bit cut in the face, that was bad enough, my poor Betty, but it wasn't like lying for months on your back. Now I must be off for a little while."

## The Squire Intervenes.

When he reached the hall his uncle came from the drawing-room.

"One moment, Vivian; I want to speak to you."

That instinct which, without tangible foundation, gave Vivian warning that for some reason Betty Chevonne was not the favourite she had once been, caused him to frown and hesitate. The Squire took hold of his sleeve.

"Come along, my boy, I won't keep you long."

"Well, not more than five minutes; I was going for the licence."

His uncle nodded. He appeared younger and more sprightly, his face had a fresh, open look that was good to see. They went together into the library and stood near the table.

"Vivian," Uncle Ben began, regarding him steadily, "are you sure you wish to marry Mrs. Chevonne?"

The young eyes glared into the old eyes.

"Is this Mrs. Drayton's doing? What has she told you about Betty?"

The Squire seemed surprised, and he began to look vexed.

"Mrs. Drayton has said nothing at all; why should you imagine—?"

"I beg your pardon, uncle, but I thought she had, because she dislikes Betty, and did her best to get me to give her up."

"Perhaps that is because Cecil Chevonne had a very ill reputation. I daresay Betty, as his wife, was blamed for some of his rascalities, but Frances is the most charitable and broad-minded of women. However, answer my question, Vivian, are you absolutely convinced that Betty is your proper mate?"

Vivian moved restlessly.

"For how long must I put up with these questions? I object strongly to this form of catechism, uncle. I should think I had shown you all pretty clearly what Betty means to me!"

"Vivian, you're a hot-tempered fellow, but your resentment is natural. I am sincerely attached to Betty, yet, in the circumstances—"

"In what circumstances?" Vivian demanded sharply. "What are you driving at, uncle?"

The Squire flicked a cone of ash from his cigar with his little finger.

"I am pleased you are not like many men, Vivian, who think they love a woman only because she is beautiful."

"I do love Betty's beauty, because it is of herself, Uncle," Vivian said more mildly, but he glanced impatiently at the door. Time was racing, why was there this meaningless delay? Why did his uncle speak to him as though he were in his twenty-first year?

"Vivian," the Squire remarked. "I have to tell you something which has been kept from you."

"Something against Betty? Some scandal? I won't hear it, I tell you straight, Uncle."

## Disfigured For Life!

The old man looked surprised.

"Now, be patient for a moment. Wychett tells me that our poor little Betty will carry the scars on her face to her grave. She is disfigured for life. If I seem a brute, pardon me."

Who has once been beautiful, who loses this beauty while she is still as young as Betty, is very likely to become bitter and morose, and the man who marries her must look this likelihood in the face and be strong enough to keep his wife from a brooding grief which must inevitably ruin mutual happiness and health."

Vivian looked startled. "What's that you said? Betty scarred for life? Couldn't Wychett do his job better than that?"

"He did his best. There was no time to get a specialist from London, for Betty, poor child, was bleeding to death!"

"Scarred for life—my Betty—my beautiful Betty!" The Squire's mouth quivered slightly; he respected his nephew's grief. Vivian was not thinking of himself, but of the young, glad creature who had to bear this burden of disfigurement alone.

"Is it—very—bad?"

"Pretty bad, my boy."

"God, if I could have borne it in her stead! And just now I was telling her it—it might have been much worse."

"So it might."

"What? With her temperament? Confound Wither! It's a good job for him he didn't see me after—"

"What is your decision about the wedding, Vivian?" Uncle Ben inquired. "If you'd like to think over the matter, we can easily get Wychett to say that the ceremony would be too exciting for Betty."

"Think over the matter?" he repeated, and his face set in an inflexible resolve. "What do you

take me for, Uncle Ben? I loved her for her beauty, but now I love her a hundred times more just because she has lost everything except my devotion!"

The Squire stretched his hands and caught hold of Vivian's fingers. "Now I am reassured—proud of you. My blessings on you both! Fight for her, Vivian, all you know how. Protect her, bear with her, and ere long, please God, you will have your reward. Women are brave creatures. She will ultimately overcome her disappointment because of your love; but you must prove to her every day that this—this misfortune has no power to lessen your homage."

"I will never fail her, uncle," Vivian said huskily. He wrung the Squire's hand.

Three hours later, the Rev. William Marsh stood in the boudoir, white-robed, and in a patch of light, but Betty, muffled in her grey and gold, knelt within the shadow close to Vivian. Behind them were Mrs. Drayton, Laurette, and the Squire; while near the wall stood the men and women servants.

The marriage service was nearly over; the priest joined Vivian's hand to Betty's, which he held gently, mindful of her injuries. Vivian's ring already gleamed upon Betty's left hand, and the young husband thrilled to its meaning of tender responsibility and to the words that came from the clergyman's lips:—

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