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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Aug. 17th, 1915.
THE KING AND A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement of King Albert's niece, Princess Marie Louise of Bourbon-Sicily, to Prince Philip, of Bourbon-Sicily, is announced. King George and Queen Mary offered their hearty congratulations to the Royal couple last week, their Majesties receiving the Prince and Princess and the latter's parents, the Duke and Duchess of Vendôme, at Buckingham Palace immediately prior to the Court's return to Windsor Castle on August 5. Prince Philip is several years the senior of his fiancée, who is the eldest of the four children of the Duchess of Vendôme (the elder sister of the King of the Belgians) and her second cousin. Her Royal Highness is well known in London, for since the war broke out she has accompanied her mother to many gatherings on behalf of the Belgian refugees.

PRINCE LOUIS AND THE FLEET.
Prince Louis of Battenberg needs no defence against the insinuations of his ungenerous detractors, but if he did he has it whole and complete in the fact revealed on August 7th that it was he who, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Churchill, sent the order, on July 26th of last year that the First Fleet was not to disperse and that all vessels of the Second Fleet were to remain in their home ports in close proximity to their balance crews. This was the first step towards that great and swift concentration of forces which spelt the German plan. It was a step of great boldness—the action of a man who had no fear of taking responsibility, and the man who took it was afterwards taunted with his German birth and suspected of German sympathies. Nothing would have been easier than for Prince Louis to have allowed matters to take their course at that moment.

AUTHORS AT THE FRONT.
Rudyard Kipling is at present at the French front, and Hilaire Belloc will soon be going there. These short visits are at the invitation of the French Government. H. G. Wells has also been invited, and Arnold Bennett recently returned from a rather exciting tour of the French and British lines.

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PROBLEMS OF THE CABINET.

Four great subjects must now be engaging the continuous and anxious attention of Ministers. Decisions and developments in action cannot be much longer deferred. First, there is the supreme question of munitions, not in relation to the Warsaw, but as before the fall of Warsaw. Officially can exert her numerical preponderance in fighting manhood only if she is proportionately equipped with guns and ammunition. The durability of the alliance with Russia depends in the last resort, on her ability to free her soil from the enemy, and upon ours in aiding her. The solidarity of the break-up of alliances is determined by the facts of war; and the present task of this Government is that of creating and shaping such new facts of war as will make it inconceivable that Russia can either be forced or seduced to detach herself from the Entente. The second great subject before the Cabinet is the organization of the entire manhood of the State for war, and this raises the issue of compulsory service, which must soon be decided affirmatively or negatively. The use to be made of the National Register (which is now being compiled by means of blank forms left at every house in the country) must proceed on one principle or the other. In this issue there are the elements of a political upheaval; it would be undesirable to say more. Thirdly, there is the question, to be decided in consultation with the Allies, as to the theatre of war in which the next great effort is to be made—whether in France and Flanders or the Gallipoli Peninsula or both. But action here may be imposed by the enemy. Fourthly, there is the question of organizing the civilian population not employed on munitions so as to attain the highest possible level of internal production. This is not at the moment urgent, but plans have to be laid for a year hence, perchance for some years, when there may be difficulties in financing the war, and the standard of comfort in all grades of society may be lowered. The lines of action have to be thought out and formulated ahead.

JANOTHA.
Janottha, the famous pianist, whose deportation has caused so much comment and curiosity, was really better known in society and Court circles than among musicians, because for a large number of years her appearance had virtually been confined to charity concerts of which great ladies were patronesses. She enjoyed the friendship of Queen Victoria and Queen Alexandra and Mr. Gladstone. For a number of years, however, she made no secret of her disapproval of most things in this country, and she was noted for a somewhat volcanic temper which seemed to pass beyond her control when outside Court circles, especially when dealing with musicians, musical critics, and biographers. With the biographers she had vehement disagreements as to the date of her birth. Her intimacy with one or two of her fellow countrymen and country women who have been deported no doubt influenced the authorities. Some people are anxious to know whether her famous cat White Heather accompanies her into exile.

"TRENCH BACK."
The latest of the new war ailments described in the medical papers is "trench back." It is a peculiar injury to the lower parts of the back, caused usually by masses of earth or sandbags falling upon the bending soldier when a shell strikes the trench. A good many cases are now being treated at the Kitchen Hospital at Brighton. Sometimes there is some spinal injury; in the milder cases what the doctors call "the clinical picture" is that of marked lumbago. Sometimes the symptoms resemble those of the curious disease known as "railway spine," and these cases are especially difficult to treat. "Trench back" is being dealt with successfully at Brighton by ionisation with sodium salicylate. When the medical history of the war comes to be written the illnesses caused not by wounds, but by the strange conditions of continual life in the trenches will form an interesting chapter.

THE READING PUBLIC.
Booksellers tell me that business

has brightened somewhat, and they are looking forward to a better time next winter. The first year of the war has been a lean period in almost all branches save one. War books were the exception and many volumes bearing on the different campaigns and the events that led up to the outbreak of hostilities have enjoyed a large sale. During the early months of the war few could settle down to the study of their favorite subjects as before. After a year of war they are turning to them again, almost as a relief from the daily output of war news. The historical novel shares popularity at the moment with the war book. War conditions have whetted the public taste in this direction, and booksellers say it is not to be an ephemeral phase of their business. While the sellers of new books are, as I have indicated, more cheerful than they were, the dealers in second-hand volumes are doing better than might reasonably have been expected. Changed circumstances have compelled many people to resort to the second-hand shops. Considerable purchases have also been made for the entertainment of the convalescent soldiers, many of whom have developed a pronounced reading habit which is likely to remain with them. Out of their ranks they have provided a new reading public whose taste leans to war books, good detective stories, dramas and novels with a not too "stodgy" love interest.

THE END OF THE SEASON.

The strangest London season of modern times has passed away, and with scarcely anything to mark its passage beyond the date of the calendar and the sight of the huge station omnibus we associate with the migration of the domestic staffs of Belgrave and Mayfair. This year these staffs are almost entirely feminine, and are in many cases directed and controlled by prim parlor-maids in place of the grandiose butlers of other days. The elderly butler, of course, survives, but his younger rivals are now no more, or are, at any rate, transformed into fighting members of the great Expeditionary Force "somewhere abroad." A good many people of what once was called "the smart set" are, however, not leaving London at all, and will only celebrate the summer by long or even short week-ends at their country homes. The debutantes of this year have many of them married. The others have no more ideas of the joys of a season proper than nuns in a cloister, but have, on the other hand, taken first-aid diplomas, cookery and other lessons in domestic management, and have spent their spare time in sack-making, cutting out, and house-to-house visiting of the wives and families of men at the front. The fashionable "flapper" of last year is now a serious-minded girl with a sense of responsibility and a general interest in mankind instead of in a few of her "own men." With the advance of the war dancing has died out, dining has become a lost art, and the few tentative efforts at entertaining of the early summer have become fewer. The old London season as we knew it is not likely to be revived in our day.

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German Fishing Steamers.

Never, according to the 'Hamburger Nachrichten,' were so many fishing steamers launched at German ship-building yards as during last year, in spite of delays caused by the war. In 1914 thirty new fishing steamers were launched from German yards, as compared with twenty-five in 1913, eighteen in 1912 and seventeen in 1911, while for 1910 and 1909 together the number was only twenty-one. This activity, the journal explains, is due to the increasing consumption of sea fish and the great improvement in the business results which have been shown during the last few years by all the steam fishing companies. The German steam fishing fleet, which on Jan. 1st, 1914, numbered 250 vessels, with a total of 49,400 tons, has now been increased to 300 steamers, with a total of 60,000 tons. The steamers completed during last year represented about 7,000 tons, with an engine capacity of 12,800 horsepower. They were all vessels of over 200 tons and between 350 and 450 horsepower. In the last few years, the German paper says, there had not been any great increase in the size of German fishing steamers, whereas both France and England have vessels twice the size of the largest under the German flag. Of the thirty new fishing steamers built in Germany last year ten went to Altona and eight to Cuxhaven, and the rest to Bremerhaven and Nordenham, and a few abroad. The numerous large number of fishing steamers now being ordered in Germany is accounted for by the fact that German owners have determined not to order any more from foreign builders. German builders have also of late years received a number of orders for fishing steamers from Brazil and Iceland. At the present time, it is stated, the German builders have on hand so many orders for fishing steamers that the production for the current year will considerably exceed that of 1914. —Shipping Illustrated.

How to Protect the Skin.

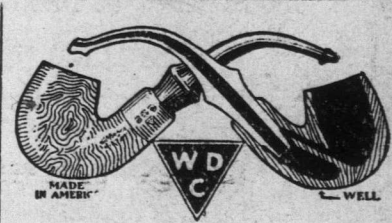
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The Impoverishment of the North Sea.

Prof. J. Stanley Gardiner recently delivered a lecture before the Royal Geographical Society of London, which has been published in the form of a pamphlet. Professor Gardiner is well known as an authority on the life and physics of the sea, and what he has to say on such topics will receive the attention it deserves.

The title of the lecture was "Geography of British Fisheries." Professor Gardiner discusses many phases of the life history of fishes, with special reference to the cod, the plaice and the eel, and he concludes with a reference to the North Sea. He says man's action in the North Sea has become such as to destroy the balance of nature, acting as it does principally on mature fish, lessening their number, and so the amount of spawn to produce the next generation. This can be controlled, but only by international agreement, for which there must be a foundation of incontestable evidence. The conferences and work of the International Council have been highly profitable in this connection. He says that it is clear now that the plaice stock of the North Sea is being so seriously depleted by man that a plaice fishery in that region may well be in a few years a thing of the past—which is probably too gloomy a view to take. He believes in the efficacy of a size limit, and says one of nine or ten inches is required, but it must be international. It seems to a writer in the "Fish Trades Gazette" that the practical closure of the plaice grounds in the North Sea owing to the war will have a great effect on the plaice fishery, and that when peace comes the catches will be greater than before.



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