

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Sept. 25, 1916.
MOURNING IN THE DOWNING STREET SET.

The Premier's loss affects a very wide circle of people of importance, mostly young people. Lady Granby, as a niece of Mrs. Asquith, is one of those concerned, and, through her, Lady Diana Manners, who belongs to the same set. The news also affects Lady Cynthia Asquith, the wife of Herbert Asquith. Lady Cynthia has scarcely been out of mourning since the war began, having lost two brothers and other kinsfolk. Raymond Asquith's death will arrest for a time some of the many activities of Miss Elizabeth Asquith, and the big entertainment fixed for October 8th at the Palladium in aid of her Arts Fund, which she hoped to stage-manage, may be postponed.

THE NOVELISTS' VISION.

This war has emphasized how the novelist's imaginative gift may serve a purpose in addition to that for which it is commonly employed—the spinning of tales to divert, to move, or to thrill us. It may also throw out hints and suggestions which the inventor of instruments of war will turn to good account. No matter how wildly improbable the dreams of the fictionist may be, no one, after the experience of this war, will be disposed to say the time will never come when they will be given material shape by the engineer. Very many years before a German submarine appeared in the North Sea, Jules Verne had foreshadowed its coming in "Twenty thousand Leagues Under the Sea." Verne marked out a similar idea in "The English at the North Pole." In this tale a submarine dives under an extensive ice field, just as in this war our E-2 dives beneath the mine fields of the Dardanelles, to reappear in the

Sea of Marmora, with results the reverse of pleasant to our enemies. Our own novelists have not been less successful in anticipating what is. In this connection Tennyson's "Locksley Hall," describing "The Nations' Airy Navies Grappling in the Central Blue" will be recalled. In the same poem Tennyson "saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sail," which is surely the source of Count Zeppelin's idea of building Zeppelins to carry commerce to America. Submarines occurred to him. The recent has been aroused by Sir Horace voyage of the Deutschland to America carried out that idea, except that dyes were substituted for grain. Then Ballantyne in "Coral Island" invented a pirate schooner whose deeds the German raider Komat tried to emulate; while the capture of the cruiser Königsberg in the palm groves of the Rufiji River recalls Marryat's "Pirate and three Cutters." Max Pemberton in the "Iron Pirate" came near to forecasting the career of the German cruiser Emden; and, finally, Jules Verne, in "The Clipper of the Clouds," forestalled (imaginatively, at least), the Zepp, and in "Begum's Fortune" gave the Germans the idea of the gas shell.

MR. ASQUITH'S FIGHTING SONS.

The Prime Minister still has three sons on active service—Herbert, a temporary-Lieutenant, was transferred in June, 1915, to the Royal Marines from the Royal Artillery; Arthur, in the same month, was promoted to the rank of temporary-commander in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve; while Cyril, the fourth son, was gazetted a temporary-captain in the London Regiment a few weeks ago. Lieutenant Herbert Asquith, a barrister, like his father and his dead brother, had served in the Royal Marines, and fought in Flanders before going to the Dar-

danelles, where he was wounded. Some of his war impressions are in a little book of poems, "The Volunteer," which he published at the end of last year. He married Lady Cynthia, daughter of the Earl of Wemyss. (Cynthia's father, the third son, entered the R.N.V.R., and took part in the defence of Antwerp as a sub-lieutenant. He then went to the Dardanelles, where he was wounded. Sir John Hamilton mentioned him in despatches. Captain Cyril obtained a commission in the Queen's Westminster shortly after the outbreak of war. Now that Raymond has gone, Cyril is the most brilliant scholar amongst the Asquith brothers. He duplicated the academic record of his eldest brother. Just as Raymond had repeated his father's Oxford success-

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE WAR THEATRES.

Outside the theatrical papers one finds that, surprisingly little interest Smith-Dorrien's crusade against indecency on the stage. The famous General approached the subject from a practical soldier's point of view. He is concerned with "temptations whose sequel is expressed in concrete physical terms and the temporary deprivation of our fighting line of necessary effectives." Sir H. Smith-Dorrien received the powerful but rather sensation-ally worded support of the Bishop of London, who protested against "shiny and lecherous plays." Sir H. Smith-Dorrien complains that the managers show no sign of helping him in his campaign. On the contrary, such of them as have broken silence are fiercely indignant at these aspersions on the war-time theatre and music-hall. What may be called the official theatrical attitude is illuminating. It is summarised in this quotation from a leading stage journal: "Managers are, of course, justified in giving the public what they think the public wants. And the public now—as always—wants to be amused on the easiest and cheapest terms possible." That is the immortal argument for theatrical licence. Everyone who keeps in touch with the London stage is well aware that the plea for light amusement in war-time has resulted in unmistakable deterioration. The plays of any serious interest or artistic merit in London at the moment can be counted on the fingers of one hand. We are submerged in a flood of revues and light comedies, about which one can only say that they make no pretence.

COMPULSORY EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

I am told on good authority that all shops in England and Scotland are to be subject to an order providing for compulsory early closing. The intention of the Government is that, subject to the existing weekly half-holiday arrangements, shops of every class are to be closed at the following times: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday at 8, and Saturday at 9. The new order is to come into force on Monday, October 2, the first business day after the expiration of the Summer Time Act. Efforts have been made to secure earlier closing by voluntary arrangement, and the decision of the Government to impose compulsion has been taken in consequence of representations from various commercial organisations. The shopkeepers' desire for earlier closing has of course arisen from the stringent lighting restrictions, which are to be rigidly enforced the coming winter.

"EVERYBODY'S WEARING IT."

War time simplicity in dress, as represented by the coat-frock, is just now the mode in Stagsland. Ethaline Terriss, as the pretty typist in "Broadway Jones," wears a coat-dress in navy serge with sapphire blue collar matching the wings on her black tulle hat. A still more simple vision of the war-worker's favorite garment is one in Jersey cloth with white lawn collar, in which Ray Compton fascinates the Professor of Mr. Baine's love story at the Savoy Theatre. White serge coat-dresses are favored by two lady principals in "High Jinks," Marie Blanche and Nellie Taylor, and a coat frock de luxe with gay striped belt and collar is displayed by Madge Lessing in "The Girl from Cross." In Bond Street and Mayfair generally the coat-frock is daily more and more in evidence.

BACK FROM LABRADOR.

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When the Associated Press Correspondent, who was in London for a day's leave from the front, asked a certain General at the War Office for permission to fly back, the answer was: "Perfectly easy."

"What about my baggage?" asked the correspondent.

"Oh, take it along and strap it on," replied the General. "An aeroplane that carries 150 pounds of bombs will not be bothered with a dress suit case."

A dozen machines, one after another, were due to go to France that day as soon as the wire said a storm on the other side of the Channel had passed. The correspondent slipped into a wadded jacket for protection against the wind, which would also act as a lifebuoy if he happened to fall in the channel, and took his place, a position usually occupied by an observer, who also mans the machine gun.

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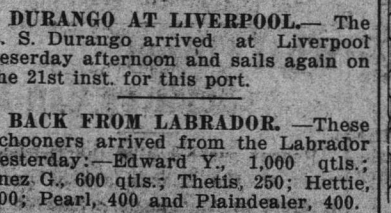
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THE THOUGHTS OF A SACRIFICE.

One of the greatest failures of our civilization is the lack of selfless people which it has produced. Education has tended to make man look out for himself rather than for anyone else, and has made him more careless of another's business than of his own. This is the only argument that has any value against many socialist or government owned businesses.

If men were trained to unselfishness instead of selfishness the face of the world would bear a happier look, and many ills would disappear. The best instance of this irresponsible work done for the thirty odd thousand feet of lumber used in fitting up the Rinks for our volunteers. This lumber must have cost at the least more than a thousand dollars and now after being used for a few months it is to be sacrificed and will likely bring in about two or three hundred dollars. I don't think that anyone will say that the end of the war is in sight, and that recruiting is going to fall off next spring there will be a simple need for a barracks, but it looks as if the Government or the Patriotic Committee ignore this, and do not give with any alarm the fact that next year the same expenditure will have to be made to fit up the Rinks again. It is necessary to remove the fittings and lumber from the Rinks now, sure they can be stored until there be no further need of them, instead of being sacrificed now at perhaps a tenth of their cost.

One naturally refrains at this time to criticize unduly the work along Patriotic lines, but this matter seemed too obviously a mistaken policy to overlook.

THE FIREMEN.

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