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## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Oct. 8th, 1917.

### EARLY GERMAN PREPARATION FOR THE WAR.

When Parliament resumes on October 17th we shall not have to wait long before an attempt is made to persuade the Foreign Office to depart from its traditional policy of reticence, and follow the example of the State Department in Washington by revealing the true inwardness of German diplomatic machinations immediately before the outbreak of war. Much good might be effected by the disclosure of how much had been done by the Central Powers in the way of plotting and planning the war before the ostensible cause for the struggle came into existence. The cue of the Kaiser now is to assert, as he again indicated in his reply to the Pope's pacific proposals, that the war was none of his seeking, and came upon him unawares. This can be tested by a matter of which Whitehall has full cognisance. In November, 1914, it was rumoured in diplomatic circles that definite information had come into the hands of the Foreign Office of the existence of a plot for the seizure by Austria-Hungary of certain strategic railway points in Serbia, a full fortnight before the murder, on the preceding June 28, of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his Consort at Sarajevo. A rumor of such a plot reached official quarters here from Rome early in July, and it was said to have been subsequently referred to by Britain's Ambassador to Italy in a telegraphic despatch to the Foreign Secretary (then Sir Edward Grey). This statement was in the main confirmed by the revelations made by the Italian Government after Italy's declaration of war against

Austria-Hungary in the following spring.

### INTERESTING NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

A first result of the recent patriotic retirements of elderly Admirals to facilitate the advancement of younger men in the promotion to Rear-Admiral of Captain Vivian Harbord. Although this officer is only forty-eight he has been thirty-five years in the Navy. He is a great gunnery expert, and has been in command of the Gunner School at Devonport. He has also held the important post of Commander of the Naval Intelligence Department's mobilization division. His appointment as Aide-de-Camp to the King dates from last July. The new Vice-Admiral, Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Evans-Thomas, is also comparatively young for his latest step in advancement. He is not yet fifty-five, and has been forty-one years in the Navy. Sir Hugh was "mentioned" for his services in the Jutland Battle. During his lengthy career he has commanded some of our finest warships. Three First Lords of the Admiralty employed him as private secretary—Earl Cawdor, Lord Tweedmouth and Mr. McKenna.

### THE CHESTNUT HARVEST.

Walking in the parks just now one sees under the horse chestnut trees neat little heaps of greenish-brown left by people who have been gathering the chestnut harvest for the Ministry of Munitions. In private gardens and fields, even in cemeteries, all the chestnuts are collected with care, and though our ordinary farm crops have disappointed the high hopes of summer, chestnuts like potatoes are a bumper harvest. The Government is to make a coarse spirit from the nuts and use it in munitions, thus releasing barley and molasses for human food. In Germany, where they used the chestnuts last year, the ingenuity of the professors actually converted them into a breadstuff. Some process was used to remove the bitter substance and the white flour which remained proved edible. At any rate it was no worse than that other woodland delicacy of the Huns, acorn coffee.

### THE SHRAPNEL COLLECTORS.

Collecting bits of shrapnel is the most fashionable hobby of the London small boy. To-day I saw an urchin digging motor tyre studs out of the wood blocks of a London street—London pavements are wonderfully rich in these relics. When I asked what he was doing with them he said, "Sell 'em as shrapnel!"

### THE LATE GENERAL MAXWELL.

General Frank Maxwell (who has been killed) was one of the (then) junior officers who had not the slightest fear of Lord Kitchener. As Kitchener's aide-de-camp he would point out to him anything he thought amiss. There was a story current that on one of the few occasions when Lord Kitchener was rather restless Maxwell said "If you don't give us a little quiet we shall have to talk to you about Stellenbosch." Maxwell only went to France in May, 1916, just before Lord Kitchener's death. He won the clasp for his South African Victoria Cross before he had been out two months, and his whole career

was a succession of acts of gallantry that were not indiscreet.

### AN OUTFLOW OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Not unnaturally there is a movement out of London, not confined to the foreign population of the Eastern quarter. It is flowing in a westerly and southwesterly direction, and consists chiefly of the women and young children and the more prosperous grades of the working classes. The course of it is up the valley of the Thames. During the last week or two there has been a notable incursion of these trekkers in the little towns and villages of West Middlesex and every available lodging has been snapped up. The people have plenty of money, apparently, and will pay any price for the meaneast accommodation. In some cases the women and children are accompanied by their husbands, and at some stations there has been a heavy jump in the issue of daily workmen's tickets. The people declare frankly that they are getting away from the raids—for the sake of the children most of them say. The movement is likely to grow, and it is causing anxiety to urban and parish councils, who are looking to the Local Government Board for guidance. There is the overcrowding difficulty, and there is the question of food supplies. In the area which has begun to be overrun by these "refugees from London," as they are locally called, the tradespeople are unable to get adequate supplies for the normal population. If further raids give the exodus an impetus the situation will need firm handling, and will produce a fresh crop of administrative difficulties.

### PRIME MINISTER AS LITIGANT.

The action for libel which Lloyd George is bringing against London evening newspapers and a news agency is not the first he has brought against the press. In 1909, when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, he sued the proprietors of a Sunday newspaper for libel. On that occasion he went into the witness-box and denied on oath the truth of the statements made, and the case lasted exactly half an hour. The proprietors of the paper expressed their regret, and offered an unqualified apology. They agreed to pay £1,000, which Lloyd George said he would apply to charity, and also to pay his costs. The then Mr. Rufus Isaacs (now Lord Reading) and F. E. Smith represented Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson the defendants.

### PLACATING THE FATES.

One of the by-products of the raid season, it appears, is an increased and ever-growing demand for what are called "mascots." The practice of sending to the men who are doing the fighting little nondescript objects—mostly quite meaningless—to be worn as charms or "luck-bringers" has become very common. But no one quite expected that stay-at-home Londoners would themselves take to the wearing of such rather pathetic offerings to the gods of blind chance. That is what is happening, however. A prominent West End of London tradesman states that there has suddenly grown up a brisk sale for these trinkets, which are worn by the buyers as "protection" against the perils begotten of the Gotha. It is rather amusing, but it is full of interest for the student of war psychology.

### SOCIETY WIDOWS AS BRIDES.

Two Society widows, whose names figure in the peerage, are in this week's list of the newly-engaged. One is the Countess of Kinnoull, who was the second wife of the late Earl, and is step-grandmother of the present Earl, a schoolboy of fifteen or thereabouts. A handsome woman in the mid-thirties, Lady Kinnoull is a well-known figure at war charity fetes on both sides of the Border. Like most brides of to-day, she is marrying a soldier, Captain B. E. Bland, London Rifle Brigade. The other widow, Lady Norah Brassey, the fiancée of Captain Alan Graham, is a war widow. She is a sister of the Earl of Donoughmore, and her husband, Capt. Harold Brassey, a nephew of Lord Brassey, fell in France in the second year of the war.

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## Napoleon's Great Admission.

Napoleon was a master of flaming sentences as well as of the science of war. This sentiment, uttered at St. Helena, and quoted by James M. Beck in an article on the war, might be emphatically echoed by the Allies to-day:

"I made the mistake of my career, when I had the opportunity, that I did not remove the Hohenzollerns from the throne of Prussia. As long as this house reigns and until the red cap of liberty is erected in Germany, there will be no peace in Europe."

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### THE CHAMPION GRIEF.



You talk of mournful things, my friend, you say your wee's the best yet; I'll tell, if you an ear will lend, the saddest thing that's happened yet. It is to meet your lost Lenore, or some of some other name, the peach you loved in days of yore, when love was quite a fevered game. Somehow she drifted from your life, for youthful dreams go galley west; in time you gathered in a wife, but always loved the old girl best. In memory she kept her place, the lost Lenore with starry eyes, with curly hair and angel face; the lovely image never dies. And now that you are waxing old, you go back to your native town, where once, with foot-steps quick and bold, you ran the fleet jackrabbit down. And there you meet an ancient dame, who'd scare a burglar with her face; she has a large and bony frame, she talks a deep and rumbling bass. Ah, then you shed the bitter brine, and lean against the Blue Front store, for you feel saggier in the spine—this beladame is your lost Lenore! To find your girl of love and mirth become so punk and fierce a bluff! This is the saddest thing on earth: there's nothing else so dad-blamed tough!

Everyday Etiquette.

"What is the proper thing for a man to do when he goes to call between the acts on a woman friend in a box?" asked George.

"If the door is closed, the courteous thing to do is to knock. It curtains only are separating the box from the corridor, the visitor should enter quietly and greet the occupant with whom he is friendly," said his father.

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