

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, August 26th, 1918.
CLOTHE THE AMERICANS.

There are still waiting for the much-anticipated and advertised "standard" clothes for men varying in price from about £2.17s.6d. to £4. according to whether they are made or made to the customer's measurements. Ordinary civilian clothes are very high in price now, as expected, and these "standard" clothes will be a lot under the prices charged by the private makers. We have heard all the stories about the immense quantities of cloth allocated to the army and in a few shops windows have appeared "Standard" suits now on the whole, however, only a proportion of the business have matured and very few makers know anything at all as yet. The reason for this is the spring offensive which has beyond expectation the American troops to Europe, and all our plans. Every soldier gets a uniform in the States, but all the further requirements is to be provided. In addition, the requirements of other made the military "mills" at any time previously. Government has ordered that machinery may make civilian a permit, and every clothing manufacturer must at least 50 per cent. of his output business.

ADVERTISED GENERAL ELECTION.

Attention is being paid to the subject of a General Election, a great deal of space is being given to the subject in the newspapers. One effect of the election is to create a political time when political, owing to the opponents of an election to be more vocal than to support the idea, but this is attributable to the human nature that the man who is generally actuated by strong feelings. The man who speaks the much, however, seems to be coming this year. What are the arguments for and against every body assumes accidents, there will be the country shortly after the election is completed. There are indications that the complaint made in some of the Government intends to call an election upon the 10th. Even the critics are counting on election, and organizing all these discussions too about the public, which is tired of a stale House and would assuredly assist after the completion of the attempt were to perpetuate the staidness by selections on an antiquated

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travels will be added to the list of rationed things in the autumn. The Food Ministry has not decided what the quantities of each will be. Treacle, or golden syrup, has been exceedingly difficult to get lately, in middle-class London at any rate, and rationing will be welcomed. The official explanation of the shortage of this most useful food is that it is due to an enormously increased demand, and not to diminished supplies. Syrup is now used for sweetening puddings, and so on, instead of sugar. The Sugar Commission distributes from 17,000 to 18,000 tons of golden syrup every week, allocating the distribution to the shops on the basis of sales in 1914. The distribution will be larger shortly. Most of the golden syrup is now made in this country as a by-product in the refining of sugar. There is plenty of syrup in America, but here it is the old story—shortage of shipping. Preference in allotting tonnage is naturally given to sugar, which, being packed in bags, occupies less space than syrup, which comes in casks.

ONE THOUSAND V.C.S.

The Victoria Cross for four Australians announced in the "London Gazette" on August 17th brings the number of Crosses awarded since the decoration was instituted by Queen Victoria 62 years ago, to 1,000 precisely. Of these 522 were gained before the present war—371 of them in the Crimean, Indian Mutiny, South African and other campaigns. The 478 won since 1914 have been well distributed over all departments of the Imperial forces, including the Tanks Corps.

SALE OF GERMAN LOOT.

Information reaches me from an authoritative source to the effect that a Note, approved by all the Allies, is to be presented to the Governments of certain neutral countries asking that steps may be taken to prevent, as far as possible, the disposal to or by their respective subjects of objects of art, curious furniture, and jewelry which may be presumed to have been looted by the enemy from Belgium, France, and Italy. This Note is being presented none too soon, as, according to particulars of a very precise character received both here and in Paris, German agents have frequently been and are offering large quantities of valuable goods which have undoubtedly been stolen from public buildings and private houses in the places they have occupied. The business of robbery on a vast scale having not only been well organized, but officially recognized by the German authorities, it is not surprising that that of the disposal of the stolen goods should have been placed upon a commercial footing, especially now that Germany is so badly in need of ready money.

THE WOMAN "BARGE."

Of the many different openings provided for women by the exigencies of the war not the least attractive is that of barge or canal boat work. A few weeks ago an advertisement appeared in a London newspaper stating that women were urgently needed for new canal boats in connection with food transport. On inquiry by the Women's Service Bureau it was found that the boats in question travel between Hayes and Liverpool, a distance of 300 miles, by canal, that the trip takes about ten days either way, and that the girls who "man" them live entirely on board. The barges generally work in pairs, one motor boat or horse barge towing a butty boat with four girls in charge of the two. These barge girls attend to the engine, steer the boats, and work the locks along the canal. They also look after the cabins and cook their own meals, etc. During the summer the life is almost ideal for a strong, healthy girl. But the work is of national importance and must be carried on during the winter also.

ROUND THE BANDSTAND.

In normal or even in early war times the look of things in the West End of London in such dazzling August days as these would show us the ripe fruit of London. Everyone would be light-hearted millions, and the lordly thoroughfares and parks would glitter with radiance. The scene around the bandstand in Hyde Park this afternoon marked the contrast sharply. Where in old days there would be a pack of listeners in the circle of chairs there were wide desolate spaces, broken here and there by the brilliant blue of a group of wounded soldiers or by khaki on holiday, and for the rest a few elderly men and many women. The hospital soldiers alone seem still to have the heart for simple enjoyment of the pageant of London. In all the wide brown vista of the Row there was one solitary horseman. The picture was never more brilliant as the breeze rustled the tall trees against the extraneously blue sky, the Serpentine glistening silvery in the distance, and there was a feeling of unreality in it all. The chief link with the vanished London August was the horde of small children released from school. War or no war, the children live their lives, and turn the police parks into



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places of jollity with zest unsubdued. The most cheerful sight of the afternoon was one which would rouse bitter suspicions in some minds. It was a couple of superb young men dressed in beautiful civilian garb, perfectly healthy and looking as if there were no cares in the world.

In Memoriam.

LAURA KENNEDY, Holyrood.

The angel of death visited the home of Capt. Walter Kennedy on Wednesday morning last and carried off to that better land his dear daughter Laura in the twenty-four year of her age and in the full blush of youth and in the full bloom of promise. Gentle, noble Laura, who has been taken away prematurely to an early grave, was one of the bright young products of the High School and inherited the gifts and talents of the Kennedy family. For two years she filled the office of postmistress here with attention to her duties and to the satisfaction of her superiors at the Head Office. Having resigned her position she emigrated to Buffalo, U.S.A., and joined the staff of F. N. Burritt & Co. as bookkeeper, and after three months' service was appointed forelady of that department with 54 ladies under her charge. In the month of February last she contracted a heavy cold which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis, and though she spent six months under the treatment of the specialists of Buffalo City Hospital, they failed to arrest the progress of the disease. Her case was at last pronounced incurable, and her parents being advised they decided to bring her home, fondly hoping that a change of air and home, sweet home, would improve her condition and prolong her life. Accompanied by her brother Cornelius and her sister-in-law Annie, who abandoned their home and business to accompany their stricken relative home, she arrived at Holyrood August 15th, and cared by her fond and loving mother she rallied for a time, but relapse after relapse followed which ended fatally on Sept. 11th. Dr. Jones saw the patient twice but held out no hope. Rev. Fr. Finn was constant with the sick girl, and in his own buoyant and cheerful way relieved her sufferings and timely administered to her the Sacraments of the dying. She died soon after daybreak. Her father, Capt. W. Kennedy, who is a chief skipper in the Canadian Naval Service and in command of the s.s. Loos, was happily at the bedside of his dying daughter, having obtained leave of absence for that purpose, as well as her grief-stricken mother and brother. Her handsome casket, in which she lay waking, was placed in the room she had so often filled with life and gladness, laughter and song, and was enclosed with the flowers she had loved so well in life. Yes, the old fire-side had smiled upon that same sweet face again. The funeral appointments were in the hands of Undertaker Nicholas Murphy of the city, who came here himself and had his man and horse and hearse sent on to convey the remains to the cemetery. The burial service was recited at the home of the deceased by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Finn, and the route of the funeral procession was from the home to Central Cemetery. The procession, which was a large one, was led by Rev. Fr. Finn, Holyrood, and Rev. W. Finn, Grand Falls. The service at the graveside was conducted by the latter; and this ended, and in the midst of her sorrow stricken relatives, the remains were interred in the family vault to await the sound of Gabriel's horn. As a leader in the social and religious life of the community Laura leaves a vacancy not easily filled, but it is pleasing to her parents to know that she died as she lived, a faithful child of God. Her place at the parental home can never be filled, and we pray Almighty God that we all shall meet again in that better land where there shall be no more sorrows and partings. To her grief-stricken parents, brothers and sisters we tender our sincere sympathy and pray that the soul of a good, pious, noble

and gentle girl has entered into the shade of the blest.—Com.

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MILITIA ORDERS—No. 18.

By J. R. Bennett, Esquire, Minister of Militia.

L. Retirement.
Lieut. H. A. Outerbridge is placed on the Reserve List of Officers as from 18th September, owing to disability caused by wounds received while on active service.

S. Transfer.
Lieut. W. F. Gear, Canadian Army Dental Corps, is transferred to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, with effect from 12th Sept.
W. F. RENDELL, Lieut.-Col., Chief Staff Officer.
September 17th, 1918.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education, and under the provisions of the Education Act, 1916, Section 4, Sub-section (b), His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the Roman Catholic Educational District of Port au Port be divided into

- (a) The District of Port au Port, and
- (b) The District of Cape St. George.

The District of Port au Port shall extend from Romaine's River, exclusive to Ship Cove, exclusive, and from West Bay, exclusive, to Serpentine River. The Board shall meet at Port au Port.

The District of Cape St. George shall extend from Ship Cove, exclusive, to Cape St. George, inclusive. His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. T. H. DuBourdieu, P.P., Messrs William Renouf, John E. Benoit, John A. Jesso and Stephen Wheeler, Sr., to be the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Cape St. George; Mr. John Doody (Bonaville), to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Trinity North, in place of Mr. Nicholas Ryan, retired; Mr. C. P. Bebbin (St. Phillip's), to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Portugal Cove, in place of Mr. Albert Squires, retired; Mr. George Eady (South River), to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Salmon Cove, in place of Mr. William Andrews, resigned; Mr. John Greenland, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of B'reened, in place of Mr. William Richards, retired.

Department of the Colonial Secretary, September 17th, 1918.

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GUESTS AT THE CROSSBIE.—The following guests are registered at the Crossbie: R. Duff, Carbonara; J. Bishop, Bay Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. O. Leach, Hr. Grace.

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DEFAULTERS BROUGHT IN.—Three men from the Southern Shore who failed to register under the Military Service Act were escorted to town yesterday and immediately offered for service.

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BAND CONCERT.—The band concert given by the C. L. B. band at Bannerman Park last evening was attended by a large number of people and was well enjoyed by all present.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Martin and family, desire to thank all kind friends who remembered them in their recent bereavement, also those who sent wreaths and flowers to adorn the casket of their loving daughter Marion.—adv.

TRUE SPORTS.—Two berths engaged in the sleeper by the baseball team while returning from Grand Falls were given up to two soldiers, Ptes. King and Martin, who returned by the same train on furlough. This is characteristic of true sports which the soldiers greatly appreciate.

MISS FLORA PIKE will resume lessons in Pianoforte and Harmony on Monday, September 16th. Music Studio: LeMarchant Road.—sept14,31

PRISONER OF WAR WELL.—Mrs. Peter Barron, of Duckworth St., has received a letter from her husband, Pte. Peter Barron, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for over two years, stating that he is in the best of health, and that he has received parcels and letters forwarded by her. He is anxiously awaiting the day when he will return to his wife and children.

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