

LORD BERTIE'S DIARY

What Britain's Ambassador Saw in the War.

In the following installment of extracts from "The Diary of Lord Bertie of Thame, 1914-18," the former British ambassador in Paris remarks on the disappearance of secrecy during the war, and on the complaints of Winston Churchill.

March 27, 1915—Mullerand told me this morning that tomorrow there is to be a meeting at Chantilly between him, Kitchener, Joffre and French. I wonder if they will come to an understanding; he seems satisfied with the progress made. Disclosures have been made to the foreign affairs commission of the chamber, by DeCaussade, concerning Constantinople and the Straits; nothing is kept secret here, nor much in London.

The Dardanelles expedition was known only to the inner ring: Louis Mallet heard of it at a dinner from Leo de Rothschild, who had learned it from Alfred de B. who may have picked up the information in the course of his daily visits to Kitchener at the war office, and in Downing street.

There is no such thing as a secret, nowadays. Only one woman do I know who does not talk. April 8, 1915—Here and there and everywhere Winston Churchill rushes in; he is disastrously impulsive. I hear that he was so much impressed by the early deluges of the ships' guns against the Dardanelles forts that he wished at once to order the bombardment of Heligoland and Cuxhaven, entirely oblivious of the fact that there are German ships to add in their defence, whereas the Turks have nothing of any consequence except the lame ducks, Heeslau and Goeben.

Poincare was ironical. April 15, 1915—Colonel House, President Wilson's intimate friend, who has been to London, Paris and Berlin, on a fishing expedition to ascertain how the American intervention would be appreciated, was at the Elisee yesterday.

I understand that he does not think from his Berlin visit that the opportunity for intervention has yet arrived. Who, except perhaps Wilson and Co., could suppose that it had, or even will? Let the Americans mind their own business, and keep their own Germans in order.

Poincare congratulated me on my having said (as he had heard) in

August apropos of aeroplanes endeavoring to drop bombs on the Elisee: "Pourvu que l'on s'en tienne à l'ancien régime!" (So witty a phrase). How things run around; Madame de Chevaline swears that I said it at a dinner at her house in August!

Churchill Played Ostrich. May 6, 1915—Winston Churchill sent a message through the naval attache that he had no time to call himself; he is by way of being incognito and calls himself Spencer. But he lodges at the Ritz, and half a dozen navvies at lunch, and dined tonight with his counterpart; a sort of ostrich with its head in the sand.

There has been a stormy sitting of the senate, at which the methods of the minister of war have been severely criticized; inadequate supplies of munitions, burstings of guns, faulty shells, etc.

At that ministry, in the office of the director-general of artillery supplies, there was lately a violent altercation between him and the manager of the Creusot works; the former said to the latter that after the war there would be trials and "fusillades"; the latter replied "Je l'espère, mon General, et je le commanderai le peloton d'execution." (I hope so, General, and also that I shall be in command of the firing party.)

One of Tilton's staff told me, or rather Winston Churchill told me, that between the Triple Entente and marriage: "Marriage begins two and ends three; the Triple began three and ends two."

Constantinople for Russia. May 7, 1915—Winston Churchill paid a visit to Henri de Breuille on Thursday. Complaints are made in London of French indiscretion; Winston Churchill told him that Russia is to have Constantinople and the Straits!

He defended the arrangement on the ground that Russia had been a great assistance in the war has made great sacrifices, and must have her reward; that the Black Sea is a Russian lake and Russia must have the key to it; that she will be a great Mediterranean power and cannot be cooped up in the Black Sea; that we must have a good term with her.

He hopes that as a result of the war, there will be enough left of Germany to be a buffer state between Europe and the western powers of Europe.

Yes; Russia will be made into a great Mediterranean power, with the Black Sea as her harbor of refuge, of which she will have the keys to keep others out and lock herself in, coming out into the Mediterranean for any purpose that may suit her, retreating into the safety of the Black Sea whenever she may please, and having the river of life under her terms of peace.

She will be quite unattainable for us; if one wishes to remain on good terms with a dangerous man, one does not give him a sword and a rosary, satisfied with the scabbard; it is a fatuous policy.

Horried Over Lusitania. May 9, 1915—I cannot get away from the horror of the Lusitania crime; it haunts me. It is unimaginable that there could be found, in these days of civilization, men debased enough to order such a crime, and a people to acquiesce in it. Also that it should be likely that those responsible will be brought to justice, and meet their deserts! I do not think that war between the United States and Germany would be of advantage to us, for Americans could not aid in any fighting yet, and they would claim to join in settling the terms of peace.

May 12, 1915—I began by not believing in German atrocities, and now I feel that I myself would, if I could, kill every combatant German that I might meet; what, therefore, must reasonably be the spirit of vengeance in those who have seen samples of German "civility"?

Was "Improving Seriously." May 13, 1915—The Times of last night said that "Tetis du de Greece s'est sérieusement amélioré" (the condition of the king of Greece has improved seriously)—which was rather like Alfred Montemayor asking, when inquiring after Mr. Gladstone, who had had a fall but was progressing towards recovery: "Is there no hope of erysipelas?"

Ructions in Cabinet. May 19, 1915—Evidently there are great ructions in the cabinet at the admiralty, at the war office, and in the field of operations; in the political world much talk of changes in the cabinet, and the introduction into it of some Unionists.

Charlie Beresford (who has been here) with great feigning benignity, though he calls his reasons patriotic; now, he says, the ministry can be kept under some sort of control by public opinion, and by fear of the cabinet, and the introduction into it of some Unionists.

Between P. and K. are very strained, and there is discord between St. Omer and some of the commands. In the war office there are also disagreements; Winston Churchill and Kitchener had fallen out; the former had started on the Dardanelles business saying that the Straits could be forced by shells; K. had been glad to hear it, but had not been consulted.

It is thought likely that Asquith may resign in order to reconstitute the cabinet—Winston to drop out, and Romer Law, Arthur Balfour, Lansdowne, and Chamberlain to be substituted, possibly for some of the weakling members of it. How disgusting and disgraceful are all these intrigues and squabbles in the midst of our life and death struggle with the Hun!

Kitchener Small Minded. May 21, 1915—Fear that Winston will be continued in the cabinet; here the feeling against him is strong, on account of his starting the naval attack on the Dardanelles without

ambulance service. Heated invective against him. He is a weakling, and Chamberlain to be substituted, possibly for some of the weakling members of it. How disgusting and disgraceful are all these intrigues and squabbles in the midst of our life and death struggle with the Hun!

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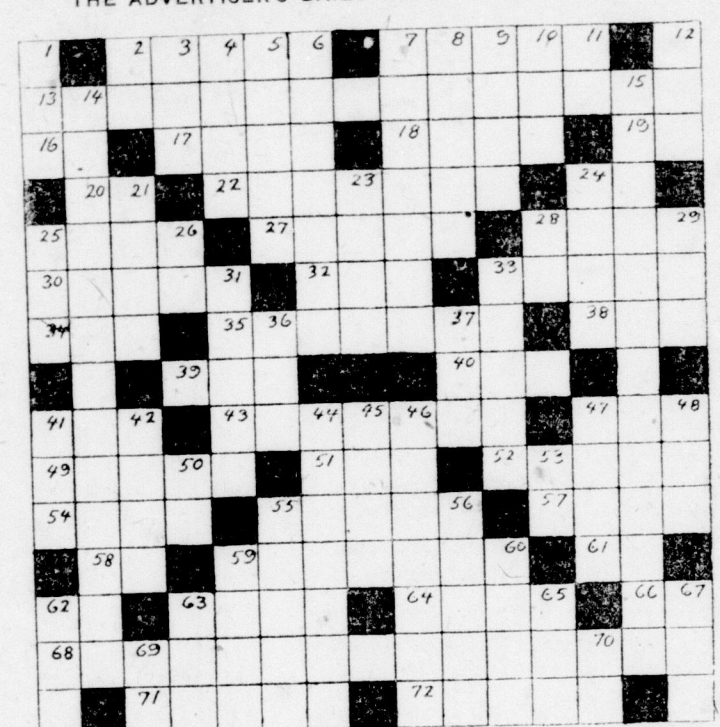
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CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO 65

Try the merry-go-round method in this puzzle. That is, read all the editions first and fill in the familiar words to give yourself a flying start. Then start to work on that part of the puzzle where you have filled in the greatest number of words. If a snag is struck immediately take up your work in some other place. And so work your way around to completion. That's the way William A. Stern, 11, holder of the world's championship, does it. Here are a few hints: 40 horizontal is six; 6 vertical, eristic, and 7 vertical, 60; 47 horizontal and 58 horizontal.

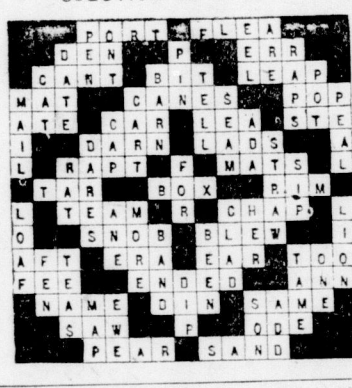
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical) according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will intersect. Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the accompanying table. Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters to fit the white spaces allotted to it. Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words start only in numbered squares.

THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE.



- HORIZONTAL.**
- 2 Evil act.
 - 3 A quantity of thread or wool coiled together.
 - 4 Akin (arch).
 - 5 An objection.
 - 6 Having ten feet or ten arms.
 - 7 A made famous by Caesar.
 - 8 Softens by soaking.
 - 9 A famous art institute (abbr.).
 - 10 Conjunction.
 - 11 Contractile.
 - 12 A religious (abbr.).
 - 13 Backless seat.
 - 14 Indicating laughter.
 - 15 Not here.
 - 16 More suitable.
 - 17 What his friends called Lincoln.
 - 18 Expressing much in few words.
 - 19 Here (French).
 - 20 A deadly viper, common in Egypt.
 - 21 To pull or drag.
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- VERTICAL.**
- 1 Well known book by Kipling.
 - 2 Contagious disease (abbr.).
 - 3 Title of clergyman (abbr.).
 - 4 Akin (arch).
 - 5 An objection.
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SOLUTION TO NO. 64.



chancellor of the exchequer, who evidently imagined that the French government would provide the trains at their own cost, for in a former telegram it was asked whether there would be any objection to a King's messenger travelling to Marseilles in the special.

The French government had explained that were the railways to be used state railways, the specials could have been provided at a cheaper rate. The chancellor of the exchequer expressed gratitude for the offer, but on reconsideration proposed that arrangements should be made for a special train from Calais to Paris, to connect with the ordinary train leaving Paris for Calais.

Blushed for Country. June 4, 1915—Really English ministers make me blush for my country. Even Granville, who is a partisan, is ashamed of the performances of the chancellor of the exchequer. Special berths were reserved for the party from Paris, and the "wagon" went by the "coastline" to the Gare de Lyon; they were expected to dine there at 7 p.m., and the restaurant car was to be attached at Marseilles; he refused to dine before 8 p.m., and the train was due to start at 8.55. When he found that he would, in such case, either miss the train or be dinnerless, he accepted to dine at 8.15 at the station hotel; they did not take any tickets, or offer to pay for them, and grumbled because the whole of the "wagon" was not placed at their disposal. I suppose that the non-paying was because Asquith did not like having the result will probably be that the embassy will have to pay and recover.

July 2, 1915—The French are in a critical mood in our regard. We are considered responsible for the Dardanelles failure which, certainly is true. We have lost an awful lot of men and ships. The French public consider that we do not cover a sufficient extent of the front and that we are not active enough.

Even at the board of the Suez Canal Company Asquith's remarks have been made on French's quiet residence in a comfortable house devoting some of his time to the cultivation of flowers!

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LAST DAYS OF AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEARINGS

Tuesday and Wednesday, the last days of the year 1924, will be of vital importance to the thrifty shoppers of this community. Into these two-days will be crowded the most important list of after-Christmas sales. Radical reductions have been made on much desirable merchandise which should be eagerly sought at one-third and one-half off. Read carefully the groups listed below for Tuesday's sales.

A SALE OF NEW GINGHAMS, 24c YD.

Not a year-end cleanup sale, but brand new 1925 patterns, just arrived from the manufacturer, in a good quality cloth. This unusually early shipment, even ahead of New Year, was specially arranged by this store to give the January needlewoman a value she will appreciate. We are satisfied this sale will be appreciated by the keenest of shoppers. Being strictly new merchandise, you see the pretty, neat checks, plain or broken, so favored by all making up gingham for spring. Nothing nicer or more sensible for house frocks, children's play and school dresses, rompers, etc. Save money and start sewing for spring on things you know you will need, by a visit to our Gingham Counter tomorrow; 9 a.m. for best choice; 32-inch, at . . . 24c yard

See display in window.

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See Dundas street window.

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Fourth Floor.

AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARING IN THE CHINA SHOP

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We have four only Green Comports at one-third off regular price, to sell at . . . 89c

1 Green Vase at one-third off to sell at . . . 99c

1 Green Bowl at one-third off, to sell at . . . 99c

2 pairs of Green Candlesticks at one-third off, for . . . \$1.65

We have 7 only Blue Vases at one-third off regular price, to sell at . . . 99c

9 only Blue Comports at one-third off, to sell at . . . 89c

5 only Blue Bowls at one-third off, to sell at . . . 99c

2 only large Comports, in blue, at one-third off, to sell at . . . 65c

8 only Blue Vases at one-third off, to sell at . . . 89c

4 pairs Blue Candlesticks at one-third off, to sell at \$1.65

CLEARING OF OUR BRASS CANDLESTICKS AND JARDINIERS

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11 only Brass Jardiniere at one-third off, to sell at \$1.35

2 only Brass Jardiniere at one-third off, to sell at \$1.65

3 only Brass Jardiniere at one-third off, to sell at \$1.95

3 only Brass Jardiniere at one-third off, to sell at . . . 85c

4 only Brass Jardiniere at one-third off, to sell at . . . 65c

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Coat in size 42, 45 inches long, with long shawl collar and cuffs of Alaska sable, lined with blue broadened silk. Sale price . . . \$180.00

Coat in size 40; 42 inches long; sable collar and cuffs, lined with blue broadened silk. Sale price . . . \$168.00

Coat in size 42; 48 inches long, with sable collar and cuffs, lined with brown broadened silk. Sale price \$148.00

Coat in size 38; 45 inches long, with sable collar and cuffs, lined with rust broadened. Sale price . . . \$132.00

Second Floor.

Clearance of Lamps and SHADES

See Dundas street window.

ON SALE TUESDAY, ONE-THIRD TO ONE-HALF OFF

Clearance of Lamp Standards and shades at one-third to one-half less than regular; is an unusual opportunity to add an extra lamp to your home. Note the prices.

MAHOGANY FLOOR LAMPS AND SHADES, HALF PRICE

5 only Floor Lamps, in solid mahogany and mahogany. Sale prices \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50

4 only Floor Lamp Shades, covered in silk and georgette, at half price. Sale prices \$9.75, \$12.50, \$13.00 and \$16.25

JUNIOR LAMP STANDARDS, ONE-THIRD OFF

6 only Junior or Chesterfield Lamps, in mahogany or polychrome. Sale prices . . . \$6.67, \$8.33, \$11.00 and \$12.00

4 only Junior Lamp Shades, new designs, in silk and georgette; one-third off regular prices. Sale prices . . . \$11.00, \$14.33 and \$16.00 each

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6 only Table Lamps, in mahogany and polychrome; two lights. One-third off, at . . . \$5.67, \$6.33, \$6.67 and \$13.00

6 only Lamp Shades, in parchment or Georgette, at . . . \$6.67 and \$9.33 each

FRENCH BOUDOIR LAMP SHADES, ONE-THIRD OFF, \$1.33 AND \$1.67 EACH

20 only to clear in 8-inch and 10-inch, all good colors, decorated with galleons and applique. Sale prices . . . \$1.33 and \$1.67

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