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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, March 24, 1919.
ROYAL GOLFERS.

As soon as he can spare the necessary time the Prince of Wales proposes to give more attention to golf than he has hitherto found possible. His Royal Highness is already a fair player, having received his initiation into the "royal and ancient" game on the private golf links adjacent to Windsor Castle. But there are several other members of the royal family who excel him at this pastime at the present time. The Princess Royal, in her younger days, was probably the best golfer the royal family has ever possessed, but she has played very little of recent years. Her eldest daughter, Princess Arthur of Connaught, is now the leading player among the royal ladies, and she plays some very good games indeed, as does her sister, Princess Maude, while Prince Henry is perhaps the best player to-day among the children of the King and Queen. Curiously enough, the King has no great liking for the game, while the Queen frankly confesses that she scarcely knows one club from another. Among one of the most regular of the royal visitors to

the links is Lady Patricia Ramsay (formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught).

RETRENCHMENT BEGINS.

The Ministry of Munitions until recently had in one large room 36 telephones, exactly one instrument for each typist. All the ladies had to do when they wished to make luncheon appointments with officers at the Air Ministry was to stretch out their hands and unhook the receivers. Now the powers that be have realised that 36 telephones are too many for one room, so they have cut them down to none at all. But the staff remains.

FRANCE AND GERMANY'S MERCHANT SHIPS.

According to a Paris newspaper we did not in this country restrict ourselves during the war to the construction of cargo vessels, but secretly built passenger vessels as well. British shipbuilders, who found the greatest difficulty in getting labor and materials, and British shipowners, who could not order liner tonnage at any price, will smile at the statement—provided they have a smile left after

the years of "control" which they have endured. Passenger vessels were certainly launched, but only in order to get their berths for cargo vessels. A number of the launched vessels were also completed, but not for passenger services. In order to succeed, the French claim to an exceptional share of the German mercantile marine will have to be better founded than that.

BRITAIN'S MARGARINE WAR.

During the war margarine was sold at the controlled price of a shilling (25 cents) per pound. When control was removed some weeks ago price cutting commenced, although the commodity must still be made to standard specifications. The price has dropped penny by penny to eightpence (16 cents) per pound, and all the great margarine makers, including our biggest margarine maker, the Maypole Dairy Company, are advertising in all the papers that "Ours is the best." To help the scheme the Maypole people took a large party of members of local food committees and pressmen down to Southall, just outside London, this week to visit what is the greatest margarine factory in the world. The buildings cover 55 acres and many hundreds of white-smocked men and women were at work. There is a mill of gravity conveyors for carrying the margarine from process to process and oil tank barges deliver materials right up to the factory premises from adjacent canals. What most impressed the visitors was the perfect cleanliness of the whole process. The margarine is never touched by hand, and all the pipes and drums through which it passes are completely sterilised every twelve hours. The coconut oil, which is the principal vegetable ingredient, passes through pipes to a revolving cylinder, where it mixes with artificially soured milk and is whisked into an emulsion. Then it passes through more pipes and pours like rain through perforated tubing on to the sides of huge brine-cooled drums, where it solidifies and is flaked off by knives to fall into the receiving tubs below. At this stage it looks most appetising, all feathery flakes, but it is wheeled away to be kneaded, flavored, and colored with a coloring matter that before the war was Germany's secret and is now ours, and it is finally packed by girls in white overalls, who move about in clogs over a floor constantly washed clean. In the well-equipped laboratory an expert staff, which includes a woman scientist from Manchester, is continually at work preparing sterilising cultures, testing the milk from the company's own pastures and every batch of margarine turned out, and experimenting with a view to further improvements. The margarine industry is spreading its roots in England, and I believe that some of the Dutch manufacturers (who, by the way, were the original founders of this class of business—in fact, the Maypole sprang from the importing business of O. M. Monsted) are even setting up factories here.

NO BUFFER STATE IN RHINELAND.

No neutral barrier State is to be set up on the left bank of the Lower Rhine from Lorraine to Holland. The Allied statesmen have rejected that French plan, because any such State would vote itself back into Germany. Instead, the Rhineland Prussian territories and the Moselle Valley will be left to Germany, but no fortifications, garrisons, or military works will be permitted there. How long the Allied Armies of Occupation will stay there is not known. The inhabitants, who protected from Bolshevism by the presence of our troops, would not mind if the occupation continued throughout the period over which the indemnity payments are to extend. Bonar Law told the House of Commons the other night that he hoped those payments would continue for more than 25 years.

A REGIMENTAL COLOR DIFFICULTY.

In the past it has been customary for the victors in engagements in which regiments of the British army have been engaged to be embarrassed on their colors. It is pointed out, however, that many of the regiments have been engaged in so many battles during the past few years that it will be almost impossible to place a record of all these on the regimental colors, and the suggestion has been brought forward that an entirely new colour, making three in all, should now be granted to all regiments in the Army List, and that this color should bear only those honors that have been won in the great war. It is further suggested that these new colors should be red in the case of the original Expeditionary Force—which includes representatives of almost every regiment—and blue for those that were sent out later. The matter is receiving the consideration of the War Office, but it is not likely that any decision will be arrived at until Sir Douglas Haig has taken over his new appointment. The King is taking the greatest interest in the matter, and if it be decided to have these new colors he hopes to be able to make personal presentation of them to those regiments with which he is more closely identified.

T.B.D. TURQUOISE'S RECORD.

The extraordinary performance of

the destroyer Turquoise in making a speed of 33.6 knots in her trials is one of the marvels of the age, but some naval men hesitate to accept the performance quite at its face value. They point out that she was steaming with a light draught, carrying only 750 tons, not 1,000 tons, as she would when fully loaded. They also include in their survey the question of tide-tables and other factors which, if properly utilised, tend to exceptionally favorable results, and so on. The important point, however, is that the trials extended over four hours, and the 33.6 knots is the mean speed over the full trial. The Turquoise is, indeed, a credit to Messrs. Yarrow and the Clyde.

THE LONDON THEATRES.

Arrangements have been made to produce a number of new plays shortly, and London's first-nighters will have a busy time for eight weeks to come. The next Hippodrome revue will appear in a few days. On March 27th "Caesar's Wife," Somerset Maugham's new play, will be staged at the Royalty. The night before, Marie Lohr will be seen in "Victory," at the Globe, and Doris Keane will play Juliet at the Lyric. Another interesting venture will be Lillian McCarthy's production of a new Arnold Bennett play, "Tudor," at the Kingsway. The dates for the last two productions have not yet been settled. A musical version of "Monsieur Beaucaire," after a trial run at Birmingham, will come to the Prince's Theatre, while the new Winter Garden Theatre (formerly the old "Mogul" in Drury Lane) will open shortly with "Our Little Wife."

CROSS GARTERING.

The continued shortening of women's dresses has as a contrast the continued lengthening of the shoe ribbons. For a woman of fashion to put on dance or house shoes is indeed becoming as much of a business as to lace a pair of high boots. Some go on lacing the satin shoes very nearly to the knees. For the unlabeled, this mode is very much the reverse of pretty, the more so that the ribbons are stretched right across the front of the foot. White stockings with black shoes and ribbons are worn by the very daring only.

American Slang.

A book about America, by an Englishman, would not be complete if it did not have some reference to American slang! So we are not surprised to find on page 24 of Frank Dinnot's new Little America—a bright and vivacious little volume written by a newspaper correspondent—a list of typical American slang phrases with their English equivalents. Here it is, and doubtless many Canadian readers will be quite as much amused by the staid English expressions as English readers will be at the wholly unaccountable American phrases.

AMERICAN.
"Don't be fresh."
"Rubber neck."
"Foxy gink."
"Get wise to it."
"To jolly you along."
"Take a Brodie."
"Shoot me for a blond."
"Cut it out."
"The jinx have a hunch on me."
"Turn over; you've said a pageful."
"He's a bird and you want to watch him fly."
ENGLISH.
"Don't be cheeky."
"Stare."
"A sly person."
"Ascertain the facts."
"To chaff you."
"Take a chance." (From Steve Brodie, who dived from Brooklyn Bridge.)
"Left me for another."
"Stop that nonsense; get to business."
"Evil spirits haunt me."
"You've talked enough and too much."
"He's smart, keep your eye on him."

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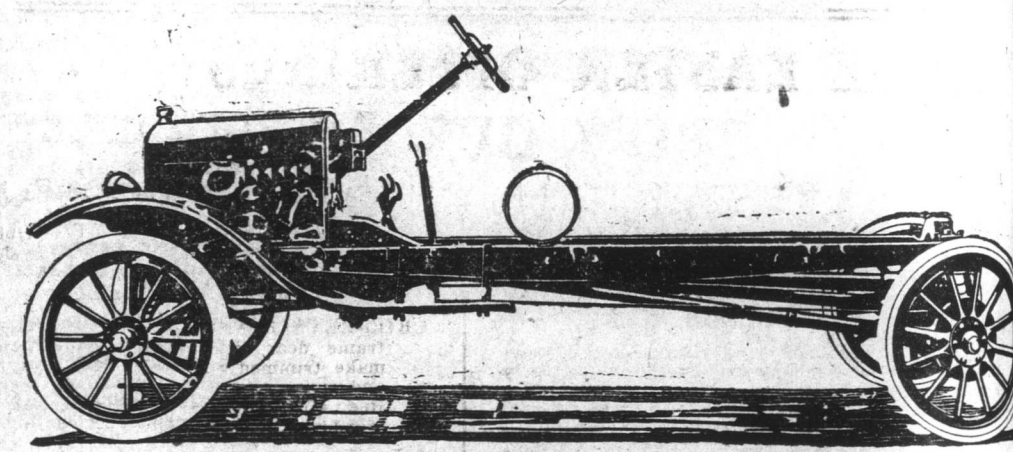
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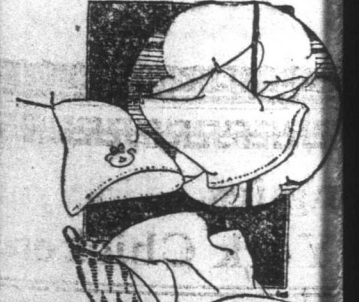
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