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LONDON GOSSIP.

PRINCE AND HENLEY.

LONDON, Jan. 31st, 1921.
The Prince of Wales has promised to visit Henley Regatta next summer. He has even started a fund for the purpose. It is said that he is going into training in order to row for his old college, Magdalen, but that can scarcely be believed, for he has been down in the water for a good many years and the muscles which a hunt enthusiast develops are very different from those of an oarsman.

POB AND THE TAILOR.

Prices have been extolled as of virtue. The man with the red sleeves has been commended a patient patriot. But the average man is a fastidious human, and no amount of indignation against high prices will entirely reconcile him to seeing his clothes to the last thread. The day of rock bottom prices might be heralded by the war. The continuous fall, therefore, in the price of clothes is being met with relief, although even yet the firms are experiencing a timid

ity on the part of the public to purchase. This is attributed to a general impression that the prices will ultimately fall to pre-war level. I am assured, however, that this is a fallacy, and that to-day the prices are abnormal. The huge stocks on the hands of the distributors and the fall in foreign exchanges have combined to bring about an artificial slump. When, however, the present stocks have been disposed of, and trade has flowed back into normal channels, the tendency will be towards a hardening of prices, although the peak of 1919-1920 will never be reached. According to a nice calculation, the average tailor will be selling at the bottom of the market in early spring, so that the man of proud independence and "baggy breeks" would be well advised to replenish his wardrobe between now and then.

NEW FIDDLES FOR OLD.

The Berlin report that any third rate modern fiddle can be made to equal the best Stradivarius appears a little startling to the uninitiated. As

a matter of fact, the claim has been made many and many times before. The test the inventor proposes is still the same—the skilled player, the screen, the distinguished audience and jury on the other side. The new factor is provided by the supernatural means employed toward the trick. It is said that the discovery was consequent upon a consultation with the ghost of Stradivari, and of course there is no saying what the great fiddle maker may have revealed. So far, however, all experiments have failed because the quality of a violin cannot be tested in an hour or a day. An unvarnished fiddle is always more brilliant in tone than the finished article, but a couple of months are sufficient to rob it of its virtue. The claim of the Berlin spiritualist goes, however, much farther, for he proposes to match not a good modern fiddle but any modern fiddle against the old, and as most second-rate fiddles have congenital faults of structure one can only conclude that the claim is based on faith, which, if it can remove mountains, can obviously add to the age of the instrument and remove faults of construction.

RE-MARRIAGE OF PENSION WIDOWS.

The number of widows of sailors, soldiers, and airmen who re-marry is surprisingly large. Altogether about 225,000 widows of non-commissioned officers and men have been awarded pensions since the beginning of the war and approximately 50,000 have re-married. Then pension ceases on re-marriage, but a gratuity equal to a year's pension at the 1918 rate is paid. The average number of re-marriages per month is at present somewhat between 1,000 and 1,200, but during last summer the average was 2,000 a month. It is a curious fact that of those who have again re-married the number of widows with one child is in excess of the number without children, and those with two children are almost as numerous as those without children. Ordinarily, of course, children's allowances are continued, although the widow's pension ceases. A considerable number of widows with three, four, and even more children have re-entered the marriage state and relinquished their pensions.

UNCONQUERABLE SLEEPINESS.

Heston-Hounslow, in the extreme west of London, the starting point of the new outbreak of unconquerable sleepiness which is disturbing the minds of Londoners, is a large semi-rural area lying between the Bath and the Uxbridge main roads, and is normally one of the healthiest sections of the outer belt. The malady is covering, in fact, a large region of western Middlesex than the district named. It is supposed to have originated in Hounslow town, from which scores of thousands of soldiers from all the theatres of war have come and gone for six years past. A medical man practising in the locality says that there is nothing to be alarmed about. It is not sleeping sickness such as is known in the African Equatorial, nor will he describe it as encephalitis lethargica. He likens it to a form of influenza of which he had a full experience while serving with the Salonika Expedition. It is a variety of influenza accompanied by drowsiness, and thereafter an imperative obligation to sleep. If the patient will yield to this and go to bed, he will probably sleep for the greater part of a couple of days and nights, and find himself quite well again. There is nothing dangerous about the affection. What is peculiar about it is its spread among a population which, outside Hounslow town itself, lives in most favorable health conditions. The higher medical authorities of the Ministry of Health are studying the outbreak locally.

WHOLESALE DRAPERS' LOSSES.

During the past few months the wholesale drapery trade, and particularly the mantle branch, has suffered to an exceptional extent from the practice among retailers of throwing back on the merchants goods which had been ordered, but for which, when delivered, there was found to be very little or no demand. One London

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wholesale firm has had stock to the value of over \$8,000 (\$32,000) returned in this way in a single department during the past three months. In this practice, which is known to the trade as "cold-pilging," there is nothing new, as it always has been a grievance with the who'saler, but it has especially bad effect at the present juncture. Formerly much of the returned goods could at once be shipped abroad, but this outlet for unwanted stock is for the time closed, as foreign countries are not buying, even at knock-down prices. Accordingly the wholesaler has to bear nearly all the loss, and it is no wonder, therefore, that one trade association after another is making a determined stand against the delectable dish known as "Cold pig."

PILFERING A MILLION A YEAR.

Pilfering on British railways has become a gigantic evil and is the more inexplicable inasmuch as the railwaymen enjoy high wages and good conditions of work. I have been authoritatively informed that the railway companies are paying over a million pounds a year in compensation for pilferage. Traders themselves are often to blame, because of faulty packing, which puts temptation in the way of the railwaymen. The broken package gives the pilferer an opportunity he is not slow to grasp. The system of "Nominated loading," the object of which is to concentrate small consignments of traffic and obtain a sufficient quantity to load direct to destination, is steadily becoming more general; and as the scheme expands it should go far to restore the prestige of the railways by eliminating opportunities for the sneak thief. Every through load obtained minimises the risk of damage and loss, and reduces the number of claims against the railway companies. "Nominated loading" has evidently come to stay. It is being used extensively on the principal railways. But the private trader does not always recognise the system. Making as it does, for improved transport is for his benefit. He is too apt to suspect any suggestion of change coming from the companies as a bureaucratic scheme to upset his time-worn habits.

CLIPPING THE PROFITS.

Hair-dressers are up in arms at the invasion of their professional work by amateurs, armed with mechanical clippers, who cut hair for what, in the opinion of the fraternity, is an inadequate fee, and thus keep prospective customers out of the saloons. It is apparently in the North that this dire evil is at its worst, and

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In the words of a prominent member of a Sheffield society of hair-dressers, "the grievance of our worthy fellow-craftsmen has reached an acute stage." In factories and workshops, amateurs, unskilled in the traditional methods by which large sums are exacted for shampoos, shaves, and bottles of hair wash from people who ask for hair cut, are wielding clippers for very small charges. Anyway, the outraged hair-dressers are demanding that cutters of hair, whether with scissors or clippers, should forthwith be licensed, and that only the holder of a license should be at liberty to remove hair.

Saved by Sister Ship.

Disabled Liner Towed Through Fierce Gale.

How a sister ship went to the rescue of a disabled liner is the subject of an exciting story. The Furness Withy liner *Sister Range*, reported on Jan. 31 that she was disabled in the Atlantic with the loss of all blades of her propeller. An S.O.S. sent out by her when off Rockall islet, west of the Hebrides, was picked up by the same company's steamer *Digby*, then 500 miles distant. The *Digby* steamed to the distressed ship and took her in tow, but owing to high seas and a violent gale the wire hawser parted, and it was impossible to make fresh connection for 12 hours. A second and third time the towing cables snapped, but Captain Chambers of the *Digby* stood by the disabled vessel, and ultimately for the fourth time a towing cable was passed to the *Sister Range*, and a course shaped for the North Channel.



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As the result of experiments carried out by the naval authorities at Spithead, the ex-German super-dreadnought, *Baden*, has been sent to the bottom. One of the most modern warships surrendered after the armistice, the *Baden* was towed out of harbor to a ledge between the Isle of Wight and the mainland, where tests were carried out by gunnery and torpedo experts. The vessel was also used as a target for bombing aircraft. The *Baden*, a vessel of 25,000 tons, was in the scuttling of the surrendered German fleet at Scapa Flow in 1919. It was one of the few vessels which did not sink, being towed into shallow water. It is understood that the Admiralty will save the ship in preparation for a further series of experiments.

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