

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, July 1st, 1918.
NEW ARMY COMMANDER.

I now hear it said that General Sir William Birdwood is to take over the command of the Fifty Army, whose last chief was Sir Hubert Gough. I saw General Birdwood chatting to the Queen at the Grafton Galleries during the Royal visit to inspect the famous Red Cross pearl necklace and he looked very fit. Talking of this Red Cross necklace reminds me that 2,500 pearls have been so far collected for it. In the above-mentioned show at the Grafton Galleries each is exhibited apart on a silk thread against ivory velvet, with the name of the donor attached.

A GREAT GARDEN PARTY.

By their unpaid work for war charities the London actors and actresses are said to have raised something like three million pounds (\$15,000,000). It is only fair that they should have had a chance at the theatrical garden party on June 25th to get some money out of the public for their own special charity, the Actors' Orphanage. The garden party—it was in the Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park (in the north-western district of London) again this time—has proved to be the hardest survival among London frivolities, and now that the race meetings have become attenuated business events it is not surprising that the noisy and gaudy avenue should be overcrowded—so much so that one was almost immune from buying anything, as there was no room to sell. Princess Mary made the round, the popular actor, Gerald du Maurier, acting as showman. The stars were working harder at being funny than they do in the theatre and if the humor was primitive there was a good deal of it. The effect was rather like that of a well-dressed Hampton Heath on Bank

Holiday, with such artless turns as that other famous actor, Arthur Bourchier, as Ole Bill biting Treasury notes to see if they were good, and the revue called "Too Awful for Words," which really seemed to be a more than average good specimen of the kind. It was the most light-hearted garden party there has been during the war, but on the edge of the bright parterre there were plenty of men from hospitals and soldiers in khaki who will never fight again.

MEAT.

It is a cheerful sign of improved food conditions that we are now grumbling at the quality of our meat. Only six months ago our anxiety was lest by this time there would be little or no meat to grumble at. I hear that the Food Ministry is giving serious attention to the complaints about the unequal quality of the imported frozen meat which is still the staple at the butchers'. The quantity at Smithfield meat market in London grows steadily larger, but at the same time there are reports that many people are not using their ration coupons owing to the poor quality of what is for sale. The official defence is that, while the general level of quality is improving, the imports last week included one very inferior cargo. The dissatisfied people are those who bought bits of this shipload. The real grievance is that there seems to be no equitable distribution, some butchers getting only poor meat to sell, others getting the best. The Ministry of Food is now working out a scheme to remedy this state of things.

KITE BALLOONS.

The kite balloon is, I hear, now coming into its own at sea. The splendid work of the navy in the matter of convoys for cargo-carrying vessels is well known, but few people

have heard of balloons being taken in tow so that a keener look-out could be kept for the German submarine. Observers from the balloon basket have been able to sight the periscope of a hostile submarine long before it could have been seen from a ship. The news passed by phone from a balloon basket to ship's bridge, the range is soon found by the gunners, and the submarine is fittingly saluted. In patrol work the observation balloon has proved a great asset to the navy. The records of British kite balloon officers would prove very interesting to the general public.

GERMANIFICATION OF RUSSIA.

An influential neutral authority in the course of conversation has given some interesting evidence concerning the progress of German plans for the commercial conquest of Russia. Branches of the leading banks already, he states, have been reopened or established in various parts of the country, and large and valuable concessions and licenses are being negotiated for public and private constructional work. The way for the securing of these is being smoothed by wholesale bribery when necessary, and great quantities of German-printed paper-money are being put into circulation, without apparently any security behind it. The above authority, therefore, is very emphatic in his assertion that if the Allies intend to save Russia, and particularly in her commercial relations, they should move at once.

ANTI-ALIEN POLICY.

To intern all unaturalised Germans, Austrians, Turks, and Bulgarians, to throw on those who have secured naturalisation the onus of proof that they should not be denaturalised under the new Bill and interned, and

to remove from Government departments all officials of German birth or parentage—these are the proposals which Premier Lloyd George is now considering in response to the public anxiety about enemy aliens, an anxiety which the Clapham (a suburb in South-West London) by-election is giving voice. Lloyd George returned to the consideration of the matter after a long conference with the Dominions Premiers on war business, but it may not be possible for the Government to announce proposals before Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, comes back from the conference with regard to exchange of prisoners which is taking place in Holland.

GERMAN MERCANTILE SHIP-BUILDING STOPPED.

According to a report received in an authoritative quarter here an order has been issued by the Government authorities in Berlin under which all work is to be completely suspended as from the first of July on the building of mercantile vessels. Only a sufficient number of hands will be left in the establishments to do such repairs as are absolutely necessary or to keep the yards from falling into a condition of decay, all others being drafted to centres where their work is of more immediate importance, and, therefore, presumably affecting the Imperial Navy. Naturally these steps are not regarded with favor by the heads of the great German shipbuilding and shipbuilding industries, but these have no alternative to obeying the ruling military element, though of late they have become increasingly vocal in protest, particularly in Hamburg.

KERENSKY IN LONDON.

A Russian version of Hilaire Belloc (the well-known British novelist and essayist), paler faced, more intense, and without the humour—that was my impression of M. Kerensky as he stood on Wednesday afternoon on the Labor Conference platform in London, fixedly scanning the mass of shouting delegates before him. I saw what he knew before, that he is a great orator. Is he a great man of action? We may soon know. For the present, however, he is just a Russian citizen, who has managed to get away, reached London just over a week ago, and has taken a house here. Henderson, the Secretary of the Labor Party, brought him to the Labor Party Conference, and despite what Pacifist interruptors said, the Government has no more concern with him than any other Russian politician. As a plain Russian, he brings good news of the growth of national feeling, of a desire for secure government, and of resentment against Germany. I imagine that his was the authority on which Premier Lloyd George on June 25th announced the peasants' war in the Ukraine. As Germany hoped to get not only grain, but recruits from Russia this autumn, these first fruits of the Brest-Litovsk are satisfactory to the Entente by themselves. And although the Entente can give no effective help in Russia until some party emerges with a claim to speak for the nation, yet we can say already that the danger of our former ally willingly aiding and supplying Germany is now past.

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BIG WAGES.—A number of shipwrights leave to-morrow for Nova Scotia where they will receive \$185 per month and board. The demand for skilled labor in the shipping yards of the Maritime Provinces was never so great as at present, being made to complete vessels now under construction as speedily as possible.

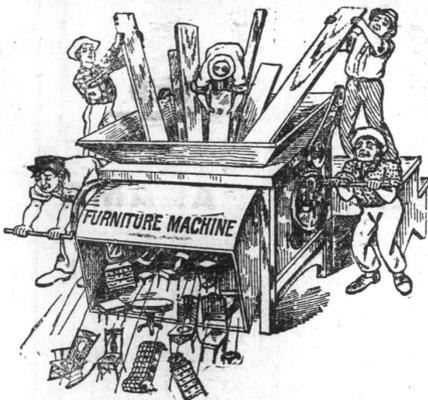
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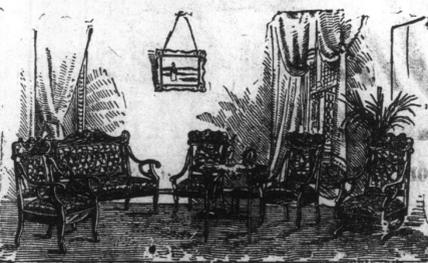
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