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## HOW LORD CURZON GOT AWAY TO ASCOT RACES

(Continued from page 7.) It is tantalizing to think that one has to wait so long for the revelation of the kind of relations which exist between the prime ministers and the sovereign. Even without the purely affectionate and Even without the purely affectionate and non-business side of the Disraeli-Queen Victoria correspondence the letters are extraordinarily interesting as giving an indication of how business is carried on. Things have been made very much more easy for ministers in recent years, especially by King George himself, who not only spends a far larger part of his time in London that even King Edward did, but who will take the trouble to come up from Windsor for the day to Buckingham Palace, to meet the prime minister, if public business should make it difficult for Lloyd George to go down there.

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In a sense, since Disraeli's premiership there has been no case of relations so close as at the present exist between Downing street and Buckingham Palace, as the king's action in going to the railway station to meet the prime minister on his way back from Paris last year bore witness. Correspondence, however, between them is still carried on in the old form: "Mr. Lloyd George with his A Popular Fallacy Exploded.

One of the most prevalent of the popular fallacies about the war was the long-eared theory that our submarines showed up very poorly compared with the Hun U-boats. The facts are, as revealed by Admiral Sims, that the most effective anti-submarine weapon we possessed was the submarine. While 500 allied destroyers sank thirty-four German U-boats and 3,000 auxiliaries of all types accounted for thirty-one, just about 100 allied submarines sent twenty to perdition. This is, as Admiral Sims points out, a curious commentary of the points out, a curious commentary of the accepted naval theory that submarines accepted naval theory that submarines could not possibly fight submarines. Another fact that emerges from Admiral Sims' interesting article is the tendency of American ammunition to be "dud." He mentions cases in which actually an American naval torpedo got right home on a German U-boat, and an American bomb was dropped direct on the conningtower of another, and both proved harmless "duds"! Our submarines operated under most appalling conditions. They kept under water mostly, having no need, like the Germans had, to economize electrical power, with the result that the temperature of the very seasick boats, in which the air was often so bad that a cigarette could hardly be kept alight, was that of the surrounding wintery North Sea, with no possibility of artificial heating. Admiral Sims confirms our naval experts in the theory that the German super-U-boats were a mistake. And he shows the fallacy of the popular belief that U-boats are essentially underwater craft. They are primarily surface craft that submerge only to attack and escape.

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### CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN JAPAN

Scene One Not to Be Witnessed in Any Other Country.

Japan is just now in the delights of cherry blossom time. The scene is one not to be witnessed in any other country, writes the correspondent of "The Nebraska State Journal." All Western ountries have their wealth of orchard blossoms in the Spring, but in Japan it is all so different. Here the streets of towns and villages are canopied by oceanclouds of filmy-misted bloom, and from any eminence one gazes over the city lying buried in bloom as in an ocean of ethereal light. All squares and parks are simply a mass of bloom, and under the trees assemble numberless groups and parties, all in gala attire, eating rice cakes, drinking sake, and doing hanami. Hanami means flewer-viewing—from "hanna," a flower, and "mi" to view. Have you done hanami? is a question on the lips of every friend you meet, and to reply in the negative is ever a severe humiliation, for who would neglect to go flower-viewing? All classes, high and low, rich and poor, prince and peasant, old and young, go to see the blossoms annually without fail, holidays being given in schools and factories to fulfil this duty.

The centres of greatest concourse in cherry blossom time are the great parks, like Uyeno, and along the river bank at places of note like Mukojima, where crowds have gone for centuries to behold the blossoms at their best. But all the more picturesquel streets of the capital are lined with cherry trees, under which ssoms in the Spring, but in Japan

more picturesque streets of the capital are lined with cherry trees, under which the street cars pass as through a tunnel of flowers in the cherry season, which is from April 1 to 15. To witness the crowds, especially the endless throngs of pretty children in their vari-colored bimores playing under the trees is a kimonos playing under the trees, is a scene never to be forgotten. As even-ing draws on the effects of the day's sake drinking begin to appear, and, while the women and children commence to scatter homeward, men are seen still





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