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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, April 20th, 1916.

HEALTH OF KING'S SECOND SON.

The health of the second son of the King and Queen, Prince Albert, is arousing some anxiety. This very attractive and clever boy is so ill that any return to the navy is out of the question for a considerable time, and it is on his account that the Court is to make so long a sojourn at Windsor, to begin April 19th or 20th. Quite a number of physicians have been called in to see the lad, who is in a sadly debilitated state, which is aggravated by his worrying at not being allowed to take a prematurely active share in the war. The King and Queen are so much before the public in their charitable work and have such multifarious duties thrust on their responsible shoulders by the war that people are apt to forget that they have the ordinary vicissitudes of family life like their subjects. It is to be hoped that the anxiety which is casting a shadow over the whole Court may soon be lifted.

LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS AND PEACE.

Opinion at Lloyd's (London's central institution for the effecting of everything in the way of insurance from the original marine business down to the latest freak piece of underwriting) is, I hear, rapidly coming round to the view that the prospects of peace are not quite so remote as some pessimists think. Rates are, in fact, hardening against the cessation of hostilities this year. Two months ago the quotation covering the risk was 15 guineas per cent, but now it is not believed that much business of the kind could be done under 35 guineas, while as regards June 30 of next year a higher figure is asked. The odds on peace being made by that date are, indeed, according to underwriters, about six to four.

LIQUID FIRE.

An officer from the front tells me that the liquid fire which the Germans are using so freely against the French at Verdun is really a very moderate weapon of attack. He admitted it was alarming the first time anyone saw it, but within five minutes it ceased to exercise terrifying power. "In fact, it is a spectacular sort of thing, chiefly calculated to impress civilians reading about it. I should

say in war it has the same importance as what used to be called the Yellow Press, but lacks the power of those papers." This officer added that the ability and dexterity of our bomb-throwers in the trenches was a splendid demonstration of the advantages of being a sporting nation. The gymnastically trained, theoretically scientific efficient Teuton is nothing like such an expert with this muscularly propelled weapon.

LEGAL INDICTMENTS IN PLAIN LANGUAGE.

An interesting reform in English criminal procedure has just been established. The Indictments Act came into operation on April 1st, and the technical and rigid forms in which these accusations are now framed will be superseded by a statement and description of offence in ordinary language. The constituent elements of crimes are in no way disturbed. Sir Matthew Hale in his day described an indictment as "a plain, brief, and certain narrative of an offence committed." Actual practice has, however, widely deviated from that ideal. In the past indictments in cases of treason, conspiracy, and fraud have in particular run to extraordinary length and complexity. In O'Connell's case in 1844 the indictment was 100 yards long. Some of the indictments for conspiracy to defraud have even in recent years violated in an excessive degree Sir Matthew Hale's canon of brevity. Broadly speaking, the objection that has been taken to modern indictments is that they have wrapt the charge up in technical and archaic language, which is meaningless to anyone but a lawyer. In actual practice the simplification will probably not mean very much beyond saving the rather superfluous labor and material in drawing them.

OLD FORMS.

Yet the law has cherished these old forms with pedantic affection. For instance in a recent prosecution the rules of procedure required that it should be alleged against the accused that he had been "seduced by the devil." An indictment for murder is incomplete without the formula that the person charged did "feloniously, wilfully, and of malice aforethought" kill and murder. For other offences

certain other expressions such as "feloniously," "traitorously," "feloniously and burglariously," "unlawfully," and so on are prescribed. Under the new Act the accused will be simply charged with "murder," or whatever the crime is, and particulars of the offence will follow. The wrong-doer's refuge in technicalities is gone. Nowadays we wonder at the worship which past generations bestowed on these things. Take the Cardigan case in 1841, for instance. The prosecution failed to prove the full name, as set out in the indictment, of the person who had been shot at in a duel. "Not guilty, legally, upon my honor," said the Duke of Cleveland, qualifying the customary formula of the Peers when they sit in judgment on one of their number. An acquittal followed. The Indictments Act does not apply to Scotland, where the machinery for the prosecution of crime differs entirely from that of England.

DECIMAL COINAGE.

Plans for a scheme of decimal coinage adapted to the present currency in this country have just been drawn up by the Decimal Association. The Committee propose to make the florin, which is a tenth part of a sovereign, the unit coin. The florin is a satisfactory unit in that its adoption would cause little change in the gold and silver coinage of the country. There are at present 96 farthings in a florin, and under the new system there would be 100 cents. The new coins necessary would be made of nickel or bronze, there being 10 and 5 cent nickel pieces of the approximate value of 2½d. and 1½d. respectively, and 4 cent pieces corresponding to the present penny, 2 cents and 1 cent pieces of bronze. The sovereign and half-sovereign would be retained as 10-florin and 5-florin pieces. The florin would be the unit or 100-cent piece, the shilling the ½-florin, and the sixpence the ¼-florin. Such a system of currency, the Decimal Association argue, would not disturb our present coinage, and would be in accordance with the standard adopted in most of the European countries, as well as in America and Canada.

A RUSSIAN ON KUT.

Speaking of Kut, a Russian informant says that in Russian military quarters very little importance has been attached to the operations. Their view is that General Townshend's task was to attract and keep immobilized as many Turkish troops as possible. This they have done very effectively for not only was the Sixth Turkish Army nailed to the Bagdad front, but even the Fourth Army, quartered in Syria, could not move either against Egypt or towards Armenia, being compelled to watch and protect the communications of the Bagdad army, and especially the short railway line, not quite completed, from Aleppo to the Euphrates, by which all the supplies of the Sixth Army had to be sent. Kut, in their opinion, does not present any strategical importance, especially after the Turkish forces which opposed the Russians in the direction of Bitlis were routed a few days ago. The advance of the Russian army on Bagdad is now only a matter of marching capacity. In the view of this authority, even if the Turks capture Townshend's force it would certainly be released soon by the advancing Russian army, which is already nearing Mosul. The Bagdad railway would be so threatened from that place that it is doubtful if the Sixth Army would really become free by the fall of Kut, and it could not link up with the army of Syria without being exposed to a deadly flank attack.

EASTER FLOWERS.

The floral hall at Covent Garden, London's fruit and vegetable market, will be a hower of bloom this week. St. George's day on April 23rd happening to fall within the period of the Easter flower demand, which is always very great. Usually the daffodils or Lent lilies come from the Channel Islands and the sunny Scilly Isles, but Easter being late these supplies are practically over, and the growers in the Home Counties and in Lincolnshire will chiefly benefit. Inquiries made at Covent Garden indicate that supplies will be plentiful and prices more reasonable than usual, despite the large demand. The sunshine of the last few days has brought the flowers under glass well forward. Lilies of the valley, which are always in request at this time, are very scarce; and arum and longiflorum lilies are certain to rise in prices. But roses are plentiful for St. George's Day, and good supplies of carnations and Malmesons, Darwin tulips, iris, white lilac, narcissus, and daffodils will be available.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 12.—Sam Langford, the Boston star baby, scored a knockout over Joe Jeanette, of New York, in a scheduled 10-round bout here to-night. The battling had been about even up to the seventh round, when Langford landed a left hook to the jaw that defeated his rival. These men have met about 15 times since 1905, but this is the first knockout by either of them.



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To the Others.

(By Katharine Tynan, in "The Tablet," London.)

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Your son and my son to the Holy War:
Your son and my son for the accolade
With the banner of Christ over them,
In steel arrayed.

All quiet roads of life ran on to this;
When they were little for their mother's kiss.
Little feet hastening, so soft, unworn,
To the vows and the vigil and the road of thorn.

Your son and my son, the downy things,
Sheltered in mother's breast, by mother's wings,
Should they be broken in the Lord's wars—Peace!
He who has given them—are they not His?

Dream of knight's armor and the battle-shout,
Fighting and falling at the last redoubt,
Dream of long dying on the field of slain;
This was the dream that lured, nor lured in vain.

These were the Voices they heard from far,
Bugles and trumpets of the Holy War.
Your son and my son have heard the call,
Your son and my son have stormed the wall.

Your son and my son, clean as new swords;
Your man and my man and now the Lord's!
Your son and my son for the Great Crusade,
With the banner of Christ over them—our knights new-made.

EMPIRE DAY'S SPORTS.

The Boy Scouts Sports on Empire Day are being eagerly looked forward to. The tug-of-war contest among a team of volunteers promises to be of special interest.

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