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## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Feb. 14, 1920.

### THE TEST.

Now that Estonia is at peace with Soviet Russia the Baltic ports of Riga is open to the trade of the world, or will be when the ice breaks. Through Riga the goods of the world will pass to Russia, with Estonian merchants as intermediaries. Estonians are our friends and worthy of trust, so we cannot blacklist their firms at this time of day if they trade with Soviet Russia. On the Black Sea the Bolsheviks themselves have now the opportunity to prove to Europe their willingness to undertake honest trade. They occupy Odessa. Six steamships owned by Russian co-operators and filled with goods for Russia are lying at Constantople with steam up. Will the Bolsheviks allow them to berth at Odessa without flagging to the crews or cargoes? This is the test which the British Government is watching. Others are watching also. The re-opening of trade between this country and Russia will scare the Chicago wheat pit and meat firms, and in consequence with the promise to balance our Budget will improve our exchange in Wall Street.

### RED SOCKS FOR CIVILIANS.

It seems rather a shame to buy socks and flannel underwear that the women of Australia and New Zealand made for their wounded men in the Red Cross Hospitals of France and England, but an Australian tells me that we need have no compunction in acquiring these goods, which are offered to the public in London shops just now. To transport them back to Australia would cost more than they are worth, while by selling them here Australian Red Cross people build up a fund from which they allow returning Australian troops some little luxuries on the voyage and pocket money to spend in ports of call. Long-funnel garments, often hand sewn, at prices so low that some housewives purchase them to pull to pieces for the sake of the flannel. The thick hand-knitted socks have been largely bought for skiing and winter sport. I am told many are made of handspun wool. When war cut Australia off from the Yorkshire mills and the few Commonwealth mills were all making khaki, the women set to work with the old spinning wheel and spun the soft merino wool for socks.

### NOT SLEEPING SICKNESS.

"Encephalitis lethargica" is now officially described as an epidemic in this country, but that is a doctor's term, and does not mean that people are catching it from one another. Last week 16 new cases were reported, but they were discovered in 24 different medical officers' districts; so it can be

seen there is no centre of infection. The doctors say that the disease has been associated with previous epidemics of influenza, and that it generally appears as the world course of the influenza is ceasing. Encephalitis is described as an obscure disease of the brain, but it has nothing at all to do with cerebro-spinal meningitis, the deadly spotted fever which came here from the Rocky Mountains, nor with the sleeping sickness of Africa, a lethargic disease, caused by the bites of flies not found here.

### FIRST WOMAN WIRELESS OPERATOR.

Those who are anxious to see women excel in new roles will be interested to hear it just announced that Miss A. C. Rainie had the honor of being the first woman wireless operator in Great Britain. She took her certificate from the North British Wireless School in Glasgow, and was on duty in nearly every air raid "somewhere in London." She picked up the Armistice message at 5.30 a.m. on November 11th, 1918, and later relinquished her work to demobilised men from Dunkirk. A trying experience of hers was one night when she was taking a message from a ship at sea, and rats were gnawing round her lower. The gnawing disturbed her more than the rats. She found that Monday mornings were good days to receive messages, and came to the conclusion that other needs a seventh day of rest like workmen's tools and human beings. The still hours of the night were also excellent for taking long-distance messages. Miss Rainie has spoken through wireless waves to air pilots and heard their voices distinctly. "Once an airman recited Kipling's 'If' back to her by telephony. Her most exciting message was an S. O. S. call from a steamer foundering off the south coast of Ireland. It is the hope of this girl that one day women wireless operators will be attached to every steamer and be as necessary as the woman steward is on board to-day.

### STRIKE AGAINST PETROL TRUST.

London was restless one day this week as a protest against the increase in the price of motor spirit, and the disappearance of the 5,000 cabs led to such a marked diminution in the traffic blocks that many people must have wished they had passed out of sight for ever. Walking the streets became almost a pleasure. The stoppage was probably unique in its origin. It was what a bewildered station porter described to a disappointed traveller as "a sort of a strike, but not a strike really." Actually it was a one-day protest, as I have said, against the increase in the price of motor spirit, but at various meetings on the day

one or two domestic matters cropped up. The old "growler," of course, came back to reap a short golden harvest, but horse cabs and hansoms are so scarce that their presence makes no perceptible difference. It is difficult to see what result can be expected from the stoppage. Much play was made with a demand that the Government should deal with motor spirit prices, but it is not clear what the Government can hope to do with a trust primarily operated from outside the country, and dealing in a commodity which we cannot very well decline to accept.

### THE CITY OF DREADFUL NIGHT.

In spite of the fact that there have been six unexplained murders in as many weeks, and that highway robbery is spreading in a most alarming way, Sir Neville Macready, in his annual report as Police Commissioner, daringly sets out to prove by cold arithmetic that serious crime is no more prevalent than usual. His view has not had a very popular reception, and a serious affair a day or two ago at Acton, on the fringe of London's western suburbs, where a station robber shot two policemen, is already threatening to intensify the public demand for a very rigid tightening up of the whole police system. London after nightfall is becoming a dangerous city. Anyone, man or woman, who leaves the main thoroughfares for the by-ways runs almost perilous risks. Minor cases of people being held up and relieved of a pocketful of small change are becoming a nightly occurrence. Even the central streets are not always safe. Only a few evenings ago a man leaving a hall at Convent Garden Opera House was lured round the corner in search of a taxi cab, and within a few yards of the crowded entrance thrown and robbed of his jewelry and money. There have even been cases of men being intimidated in the Strand. In the circumstances it is not surprising that a large number of people are terrified. Tighter police regulations are urgently necessary, and rigorous punishments will be required before the new peril is stamped out and the town is again as safe as it should be.

### NICKEL COINAGE.

Recently the shares of the Mond Nickel Company enjoyed a sharp burst of attention on the strength of the rumor that the company were negotiating with the Government for a contract to supply nickel for a proposed issue of nickel coinage. This was followed by a denial on the part of the directors. It was expected in some quarters that long before silver reached its present level—fully one shilling and ninepence per ounce above the price at which the Mint can produce silver coins without making a loss—the Chancellor of the Exchequer would have been driven to provide a substitute for silver currency in the shape of either small-denomination paper notes was strongly urged by Austin Chamberlain and is shared by business men. But it was known that such notes or nickel coins in this country, evidence that the Chancellor's ideas of dealing with the problem are running on different lines is provided by his notification to introduce a "bill to amend the law in respect of the standard fineness of silver coin in the United Kingdom and other parts of His Majesty's dominions." Presumably the proposal aims at enabling the Mint by reducing the fineness of silver used in the coinage to continue its output of silver coins without incurring so great a loss as that in operation at present involves. This proposal appears to put nickel and small paper notes out of court for the moment.

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Eucalyptus trees planted on tropical mountain sides would produce fuel at the rate of twenty tons, dry weight (sixty pounds to the cubic foot), per acre annually. This in perpetuity, the plantations when cut reproducing themselves without further expense. Such is the declaration of a scientist who says that by this means the sun's heat in hot latitudes can be economically stored, the dry eucalypt timber being heavier than coal and possessing more heating power, bulk for bulk. An acre of eucalypt in the tropics, he asserts, would produce the equivalent of at least twenty tons of coal per annum, the only requirements being powerful sunshine and heavy rainfall to insure rapid growth. So, with such a possible resource available, why worry about the threatened exhaustion of the coal mines?—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Merchant Gives Facts About His Case to Public

Feels It His Duty To Tell Others How Well Tanlac Has Made Him.

"I feel that I am only doing my duty when I recommend Tanlac, for it is the direct cause of my being in better health to-day than I have been for years," said Elijah N. Thomas, Lower Sackville, Halifax, Nova Scotia, who is well known in that locality, having been in the general merchandise business in Lower Sackville for the past eighteen years. "For the past six years I had suffered from a bad form of stomach trouble, and although I had tried many different treatments and medicines I never found anything to help me until I started taking Tanlac. My appetite was so poor that many times I would get up from the table without touching a bite and when I did eat a little something I would have a terrible distressed feeling in my stomach, gas would begin to form and press against my heart causing it to palpitate dreadfully and I had great difficulty in breathing. I was constantly belching up sour undigested food, suffered with heartburn nearly all the time, and there was always a bad taste in my mouth. Then, too, I would have terrible cramping pains which at times were so bad I could not straighten up when walking and would have to go around all humped over. I go so almost every morning with a dull, mean headache, which would stay with me all day. I felt tired and worn out all the time, and often was in such misery and felt so badly I just had to leave the store and go home and lie down. I was losing weight all the time, gradually getting weaker, could get but little sleep, and when I started taking Tanlac was in such a miserable run-down condition it is impossible for me to describe it.

"I saw so many statements from persons who had been benefited by Tanlac I decided to try it. I will have to say, however, I was rather disappointed with the results of the first bottle, and was on the verge of giving it up, but Mrs. Thomas persuaded me to try another bottle, reminding me of the fact that my case was of long standing. I am now certainly glad she did, for while I have taken only five bottles, my stomach is in good condition and I can eat just anything I want without having the slightest discomfort afterward. I am never troubled with that distressed feeling in my stomach, gas or heartburn, and am entirely rid of those terrible cramping pains. I sleep fine, never have a headache, and that tired, worn-out feeling is all gone. Yes, sir, I think Tanlac is a grand medicine, and I would advise anyone to give it a trial."

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At first the pearls he had been able to produce by this means were small, and of little worth; but, as he himself remarked, they were real pearls, not mere globules of mother-of-pearl.

## Cynicisms.

The two great Commandments of Society: "Thou shalt not be poor," and "Thou shalt not be found out."

Girls are queer creatures. One will try to keep it a secret that she is engaged, another tries to keep it a secret that she isn't.

When one woman asks another her opinion about a man, you may be sure she has already quite made up her own mind about him.

A woman will spend two hours dressing to see her lover for two minutes, and then declare without a blush that she never expected to see him.

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## Heligoland To-Day.

(From the New York Sun.)

The fortress of Heligoland, whose great guns and solid concrete battlements held the Allied navies at bay during the war, is now a mass of harmless ruins. All the batteries have been dismantled and the destruction of the harbor works and other fortifications is proceeding rapidly. This Gibraltar of the North Sea was built at a cost of more than \$175,000,000, and was considered impregnable. So formidable were its batteries

that the possibility of an assault upon them by a battle fleet was never even considered. Throughout the war they afforded not only a safe barrier for the approaches to the Kiel Canal, to Hamburg and to Bremen, but a base from which cruisers could go out to raid the British coast and submarines to war upon the merchant marine of the world. Heligoland has not inaptly been likened to a pistol pointed at the head of Great Britain. As this grim fortress was symbolic of the German policy of blood and iron, so will its destruction be accepted as a promise that the old Germany is gone forever.

Its black, dreary shores, its ruined ramparts stand as a warning against the ambitions of princes and the folly of militarism. As the merchant vessels of the new Germany pass the island, while plying back and forth in their efforts to build up the shattered prosperity of their country, they should see in its desolate ruins not only the inevitable fruits of the old imperial policy, but a promise that that policy will never again be revived.

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