

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 1917.
A BUST MONARCH.

No one is more constantly employed on war work than King George, who is engaged in State business and inspecting war work institutions and hospitals. Take last week for example. State business and discussions with Ministers filled up Monday. On Tuesday His Majesty was over the Hendon Aerodrome. An atmosphere for war heroes was the subject of Wednesday's programme, and these functions, which sometimes scores of decorations are personally handed over to gallant winners, involve no light physical strain. Thursday saw King George at Watney with the Irish Guards. On Friday State business again commanded his attention, and on Saturday munition works in London were visited. These inspections were no mere perfunctory walk rounds of the first royal inflections. In fact, special preparations involving time and cost are to be made on account of the royal visit. The King has a practical interest in all he does, and his questions show a surprising acquaintance with the subject. Furthermore, the King's life is lived strictly on rations, even at formal functions, with guests attending the same restrictions apply. He may, like Lord Bessborough, have lost weight on war duty, but he certainly looks none the worse.

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR.

The organization entitled "The Heroes of the Great War," having for its object the establishment of a strong comradeship among all who have served in the sea, land, and air during the struggle, already has been able, I am told, to set up between twenty and eighty posts and branches. These are chiefly in the neighbourhood of London, but the movement is to be carried vigorously into the provinces. Meanwhile, an encouraging feature displayed here is the co-operation of great commercial and industrial firms, a number of which have undertaken to give facilities to their employees for joining the organization, and in some cases providing suitable clubrooms on their premises. It is the confident hope of the general committee that similar encouragement will be found among employers in the great provincial cities, such as Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Bristol, activities for the extension of the movement to Lancashire, indeed, already are in progress, the County Palatine, as it is called, having been divided for the purpose into two parts—the eastern and western—and more of such organized efforts are hoped to follow.

TRACKING HUN BUSINESS INTUITION.

The War Trade Intelligence Department, now placed under Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, has a complete and world-wide list of businesses

with German origin or associations. It can trace every step of the intrigues by which German banks and agents won control in neutral markets. The department can tell just when and how the Germans captured the Argentine electrical industry, or have their banks placed in Italian companies directors whom they nominated. This country has the strings in her fingers now, and the war has provided the chance of understanding and unravelling them.

RUSSIA'S REPUTATION OF FOREIGN LOANS.

It is not clear yet whether the Bolshevik Government mean to persist in the proposal to repudiate all foreign loans. If they do so, French, British, and American investors will suffer seriously. Before the war British investors had lent to the Russian Government probably not less than £200,000,000, while French investments in Russian Government securities must have been much higher. Apart from pre-war investments there is the important question of British advances made to Russia during the war. The United States, too, have lent to Russia for war purposes at least £50,000,000. Before the war Germany also held an appreciable amount of Russian stocks, which were sold heavily in the weeks preceding the war, and there have been attempts to unload stock during the war in neutral countries. If Germany is still a considerable holder she would hardly permit repudiation in a peace arrangement between Russia and Germany. The whole plan of repudiation, little short of economic suicide. After the war Russian recovery and development will depend greatly on foreign capital available. Any repudiation will destroy Russian credit abroad and entirely stop the flow of investment into Russia when peace arrives.

"PERE" JOFFE.

The suggestion that the name of "Pere" Joffe may be included in the roll of the immortals of the French Academy is an interesting indication of the all-absorbing influences of the war, for the ranks of the Academy have been strictly confined to men of letters. The Académie Française to-day can claim an apostolic succession from the original Academy, which was founded in 1635, and like so many other things, came to an end in 1793, for the first secretary of the existing Academy, which was established as part of the Institute of France in 1795, had been a member of the older society. The number of members is, and always has been, limited to 40, and though it is often pointed out how many illustrious French writers (including Pascal, Molière, Rousseau, Balzac, Michelet, Daudet and Zola) never attained the dignity of membership, yet the Academy has almost always been representative of what is best in French literature and thought. No more unexpected honor could fall to the famous French Marshal than the election to this close corporation by one



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who describes himself as a "rough old soldier," and whose words, if telling and emphatic, have not been numerous. If Joffe should enter the sacred portals of the Academy he will have effected a greater revolution than the revival of the title of Marshal, which he alone of living Frenchmen bears.

CLOTHES AND THE GIRL.

It is putting it very mildly to say that the young ladies in the Government offices here do not exactly welcome the scheme to put them into uniform. The first suggestion is that they should wear khaki, and form, in fact, a sort of reserve to the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. But that has gone by the board, and it is now said that the girls will have to wear a grey uniform. They feel about it as the Volunteers used to feel when they contrasted their grey with the soldiers' khaki, and they are just as contemptuous, if not as emphatic. But they may still hope, for no decision which can be regarded as final has been come to, and therefore there is time yet for a dozen variations of the original scheme. In the meantime, the official mind may concern itself with something else. For the moment, however, the girls are mutinous, and declare that no uniform in the world will alter their status as civil servants, though, as some of us have discovered at times, not too civil.

GERMAN ECONOMY ON ESPIONAGE.

A certain degree of relief over the Russian situation is believed to be entertained in the financial department of the German Foreign Office, for the reason that a great portion of the vast amount disbursed in Petrograd through secret agents in Petrograd for purposes of propaganda and espionage will now for the time be saved. This method of economizing much-drained and sorely-needed resources is spreading in Germany. It is an interesting symptom of the times to learn, according to a report which has reached a well-placed neutral here through Amsterdam, that the Secret Service Department which Krupp has for so long maintained in connection with their works at Essen is being closed down—either permanently or at least for the duration of the war. As it was estimated in 1913 that this department cost the firm over £200,000 a year, the extent of its activities may be appreciated, and its close relationship with the Wilhelmstrasse may be gauged from the fact that all the members of the staff not of military age are now being transferred to the Foreign Office in Berlin.

Halifax Relief Fund.

Amount previously acknowledged	
James Myron	2 00
Katherine, Margaret and Ruth Davidson	3 00
Arch. Lindsay	5 00
Harry Pack	5 00
Bert Pack	5 00
Ned Pack	5 00
Thos. Pack	1 00
	\$1,052.22

Acknowledgment.

We have received from the Rev. C. W. Hollands, Carbonar, the sum of \$15.00 for the Imperial Red Cross Fund from the Mission of Carbonar, made up as follows:—
St. James' Church . . . \$11.40
Spent Cove School Chapel 2.14
Bristol's Hope . . . 1.46

\$15.00
We have handed the amount to the proper officers.

"Vandalism."

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—I read in an article in your popular paper the other evening a complaint of damage to the trees on West End Promenade. I entirely agree with him. I go further when I say that the spirit of vandalism and destruction of trees and nature's ornaments is manifest in this city to an alarming degree. Even to the destruction of private property has this tendency to vandalism come to. But any one can observe in our public parks, etc., this "spirit". On Le-Marchant Road, in fact anywhere the "mob" can find a thing of beauty to deface and destroy they do so. How many trees were planted on Le-Marchant Road, and how often? The planting and the guard-boxes cost money, but if a fully armed sentry had been guarding each tree they would be destroyed despite of it. Observation in Bannerman Park for many summers past has led me to believe that there is not one sentiment approaching the love of nature and its beauty of flowers and trees shown by 99 per cent. of the visitors, hangers-on and hoodlums who frequent the Park, the area of rest and recreation. We have seen the trees fringing the Park used as a camouflage for lovers—half-clad, silly mademoiselles with their minny cigarette bleached cavaliers using these beautiful trees as the circus acrobat uses the trapeze, or to try and support their failing energies. Even the grass is used Nebuchadnezzar fashion. As they saunter along the walks underneath the lovely shady overhanging foliage—of which there is far too little—these Goths and Huns reach for the upper branches and pull. Down comes the leaves, etc., to be left to wither. How one would like to have "six months hard" imposed—without option of fine—on such a "vandal mob." In spite of the vigilance of the uniformed Park Policemen, and he was faithful and vigilant, in spite of the printed notice of the penalties attached as punishment for infraction of rules and regulations, yet the spirit of youthful St. John's is vandal to the core. Men in the uniform of both branches of His Majesty's forces are equally to blame, with the civilian boogian and blushing silly hoyden. And furthermore, any check from a respectable lady or gent would meet with such an answer as would indeed show what these creatures be when they defy the law itself. What is the use of painstaking efforts, expense, etc., to beautify our parks and public places when the labor of weeks is destroyed in a night under the cover of darkness, when a tree whose growth of years is killed by a system of tearing off branches. Such a class of creatures is found nowhere else in civilization. Go from the gate on Military Road, use the short cut to the lower streets by using the street opposite, and behold near the public fountain is an old building nearing its finish. Is it the elements alone that is the cause of buildings being destroyed? No, it is human destructive aid, when no one is watching. Can visitors class us as civilized? No, they keep by all means in their power their public properties in beauty and constant repair, and dare one lay a careless or violent hand on a city's ornaments. Erase this spirit of destruction from the young and teach them to appreciate nature's beauty, teach them to respect property of all kinds, and let them enjoy park flowers by eyesight and smell alone, and not to touch, taste or handle what is not theirs, only as a unit of a common body of citizens. We are a white race, let us keep white.

Thanking you for space,
I am, yours, etc.,
Jan. 10th, 1918. ARBOR.

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Dandruff, and Hair
Stops Coming Out.

Save your hair! Make it thick, wavy, glossy and beautiful as once.
Try as you will, after an application of Danderine, you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair, and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy a first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.
A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is immediate and amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance, the beauty and shimmer of true hair health.
Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment. A small trial bottle will double the beauty of your hair.

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The Late Sergeant John J. Sheehan.

In view of the pathetic circumstances of the death of Sergt. John J. Sheehan, who was buried a few days ago with full military honours, his fine personal record, and the rare patriotism of his parents, who have lost another son as well, we have pleasure in publishing the following expressions of sympathy, from His Excellency the Governor, Hon. R. A. Squires, Colonial Secretary, and members of "the first five hundred," comrades in arms of the dead soldier. Mrs. Sheehan desires us to thank sincerely the numerous friends who have shown her sympathy in her loss, and particular Major Montgomerie for his personal efforts and interest on behalf of her son when he was in Halifax and after his death.

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
31st December, 1917.
Dear Sir,—I enclose, by His Majesty's Command, an expression of His and Her Majesty's deep sympathy with you in the great loss that you have sustained in the death of your son.

I want to add my personal heartfelt sympathy with you in your bereavement, though I think it must be a consolation to you to feel that your son, Sergt. John J. Sheehan, did actually give his life for a glorious cause, his King and his Country.

Yours faithfully,
C. ALEXANDER HARRIS.
Mr. Edward Sheehan,
5 Howe Place.

29th December, 1917.
Dear Sir,—Let me take this opportunity of extending to you an expression of deepest regret at the loss of your son, Sergt. John J. Sheehan, who was reported as having died of

Pneumonia at Halifax, N.S., on December 27th.

The official notification you have already received, but I desire to personally assure you of the sympathy which goes out to you from the Government as a body, and myself individually, in your bereavement. Our country mourns the loss of many of our best and bravest lads, but while we all mourn with the immediate relatives and friends of those who have gone, we all, nevertheless, feel proud that Our Island Home has produced men of the sturdy stock which fears no foe, men who do honour to Our Empire, Our Colony, their relatives and themselves in the conflict.

Your noble boy has earned for himself and you an unperishable memory in the annals of this great struggle, and has won for himself a Crown of Victory.

I am able to sympathize with you all the more deeply and join with you in your sorrow the more intimately, because a number of those nearest and dearest to my own life have given their all on the fields of France and Flanders.

May He who is the God of War as well as the God of Peace be with you in your sorrow.

Sincerely yours,
R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Edward Sheehan,
5 Howe Place.

St. John's, Nfld.,
January 7th, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Sheehan,—We, the undersigned members of the first five hundred, beg to tender you on this sad occasion of your son's death our sincere regrets and most heartfelt sympathy. The accompanying wreath is an inadequate token of the esteem that we held for our late comrade.

We pray that the All Wise Father will grant you strength to bear this heavy blow.

Again assuring you of our deepest sympathy, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

W. F. Rendell, Major; G. T. Carty, Major; G. G. Byrne, Lieut.; H. M. Maddock, 2nd Lieut.; Chas. C. Oks, C.Q.M.S.; John Robinson, Sergt.; J. Daley, Sergt.; P. Brian, Sergt.; F. Vaughan, Sergt.; E. S. Hennebury, Sergt.; — Cleary, Sergt.; W. Tibble, Corp.; Peter Mansfield, Corp.; F. O'Neill, Pte.; W. Kearney, Pte.; R. C. Grieve, Pte.; G. Green, Pte.; J. Burt, Pte.

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Fads and Fashions.

Quilting appears for ornamentation on some of the new evening wraps. Tweeds and chevrons are very smart, but they are worn entirely for sports.

An evening cap of gray trimmed with a deep collar of squirrel has great charm.

The evening frock of black tulle should be generously trimmed with crystal beads.

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