

FRENCH PUTTING PROFITS INTO ENGLISH NOTES

Custom Blamed Now for Decline in Value of Franc

INTERNATIONAL BONDS ARE BOUGHT

British and Continental Matters in Letter From London

LONDON, July 22.—A very well-known banker gives me his opinion that the decline in the franc is now largely due to the small French tradesman, who is anxious to convert as much of his assets as possible into a currency other than his own. This banker recently put an inquiry to the leading merchant bankers in the city, asking what proportion of French industry and commerce was, in their view, already on a gold basis. The replies varied, but the average view was that 80 per cent. of the assets of French industry was represented by dollar, sterling, or florin credits, or securities. The small man is now following his more powerful brother, and goes round to his bank twice or even oftener a week, to buy with his profits either Bank of England notes or international bonds.

HERIOT AND HIS GARDENER

M. Herriot, former French Premier, is not only Mayor of Lyons, but an enthusiastic horticulturist. His love of flowers and lack of English brought him an amusing recollection when he was in London two years ago negotiating with Ramsay MacDonald. He took an hour off from official duties to motor down to Hampton Court, where he wandered among the beautiful flower beds in a part of the old palace grounds where normally visitors are strictly prohibited. A gardener who saw him in the office shouted to him to "Keep off the grass," being perfectly oblivious as to the intruder's name and personality. As M. Herriot paid no attention, not understanding the warning, the irate gardener smartly walked over to the French Premier, and asked him, without ceremony, where his eyes and his ears were when he ignored notices and verbal intimations alike. Luckily someone came along who recognized the French statesman, and the gardener's apologies were kindly received.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

The latest volume from the German foreign ministry's archives contains a firm earlier documentary evidence as to the real authors of the Great War. The Count Metternich as German ambassador in London, and Bethmann Hollweg as chancellor in Berlin, both favored Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's efforts for a good understanding. These shadow ministers were arrogantly ignored by Germany's real rulers, the Kaiser and his Junker clique. The Kaiser called Metternich "an old woman," and scribbled on his pacific despatches marginal notes such as "rubbish" and "booh," just as he glowered up the diplomatic correspondence with Vienna over the fateful Serbian ultimatum. In 1911 Count Metternich was told by Mrs. Aquilini that friendly relations depended on the German naval program. But the Kaiser ignored his ambassador in favor of his swash-buckling naval attaché in London, who was all for "giving England a lesson."

WEAKENING INDUSTRIES

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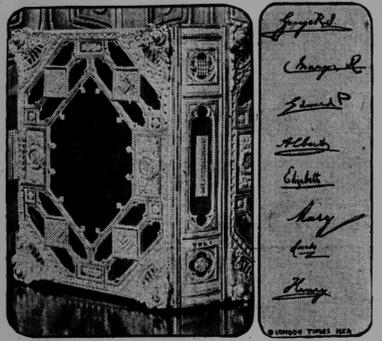
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HOW ROYALTY WRITES



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scandal for nearly half-a-century. Men of all sorts meet at Bisleys on equal terms—generals and privates, admirals and blue-jackets, peers and artisans—and the little sunburned republic is jealous of its fair renown. The trouble was due to the use by two competitors of the long rifle cut down, instead of the short service rifle, which gives special trajectory and less vibration. Sergeant Fulton's King's Prize rifle, though he is in his father's armourer's shop, and therefore by way of being a professional, was quite popular, both for hereditary and personal reasons. Under his pop of curly hair this year's King's prizeman has wonderful eyes like a great judge. He was "in the war." And his unerring aim disposed at long range of a sniper—German officer supply provisioned in an old chateau—who had troubled his battalion much.

TESTING THE TANKS

Army men are keenly interested in the autumn manoeuvres at Quetta, where an elaborate test will be made, as nearly as possible under active service conditions, of the latest tanks in modern warfare. The scheme is that a defending force, strongly entrenched and supported by battery fire, is attacked by another force, only two to one in numerical preponderance, but equipped with a powerful tank section. The old military theory used to be that, for any hope of success under normal conditions, the attacker must be three-to-one as a minimum. Apparently some staff officers think this can, with the proper use of modern tanks, be reduced by a third. Soldiers who fought on the Western front, and remember Neuve Chapelle, Loos, Commercy, and especially Delville Wood, will hesitate to agree. Time and again it was demonstrated, with tragic reality, that one battalion could hold up two divisions. The Quetta trial may demonstrate the tank theory correct—theoretically, and without live shell or ball cartridge—but most live service men will still be doubters.

FLYING FIGURES

The spectacular work of the R. A. F. in the air has been so successful that it has become the average newspaper reader about the real development of modern flight. Far more important in reality than the military phase of flying, which, unfortunately, owing to war needs gave an entirely impractical trend to aviation at a crucial period of its development, is civilian flying. In military aviation success in the long run depend as utterly on civilian flying as the British Navy has ever done on the merchant service. It is satisfactory, therefore, to know that all goes well with the civilian wing. In two years, more than 10,000 cross-channel flights have been made, and passengers numbering 28,000 carried, in addition to regular mail services, a total distance of about 2,000,000 miles. These figures will at once begin to grow by leaps and bounds if the present tests of a new direction-finder prove successful. This is a wireless device whereby a pilot can steer a straight course to regular mail services, a total distance of about 2,000,000 miles. These figures will at once begin to grow by leaps and bounds if the present tests of a new direction-finder prove successful. This is a wireless device whereby a pilot can steer a straight course to regular mail services, a total distance of about 2,000,000 miles.

BISLEY GOSSIP

The baking weather helped to make Bisley a big success. Lord Jellicoe's first chairmanship was marked by a distance of about 2,000,000 miles. These figures will at once begin to grow by leaps and bounds if the present tests of a new direction-finder prove successful. This is a wireless device whereby a pilot can steer a straight course to regular mail services, a total distance of about 2,000,000 miles.

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those spacious overseas Dominions where, with abundant harvests and a sparse population, they "eat what they can and can what they can't." Yet the English canneries are said to be developing considerable business, and to be competing with the Dominion ones for awards of merit. They will be represented at the Holland Park Imperial Fruit Show, and the canned fruit on view will include apples, pears, plums, peaches, and berries.

THE SMOKE TROUBLE

Active preparations are already being made for the holding of a coal smoke abatement exhibition at Birmingham in September. It will be generally admitted by those acquainted with the Black Country that the locale is eminently well chosen, but unless, as everybody hopes, the miners are by that time cheerily back at work again, the season may be somewhat inopportune. For some weeks now there has been a steady increase in the long blessing of an atmosphere infinitely clearer and more invigorating than that of the Black Country. The Government has just passed a bill to assist in checking smoke pollution in this country, but unfortunately Neville Chamberlain did not feel himself enough of a Mussolini to include provisions regarding the domestic phase of the evil. There is no question at all that considerable though the industrial contribution to our smoggy atmosphere may be, owing largely to the natural laxity of local authorities in enforcing even existing regulations, it is the domestic hearth that is the chief offender. In London, the conversion to gas fires

and cookers goes on fairly rapidly; but still, every morning, some millions of suburban chimneys reek into the air. At Birmingham there will be displayed all the latest improvements in smoke minimizers and fuel converters, and it is likely that there is a chance of the exhibition coming later to London.

SHAW AND THE TOURISTS.

Bernard Shaw's residence in Adelphi Terrace, near the Savage Club, is now included in those London sights shown by guides to American tourists. This is not due to original sin on the guide's part, but to the persistent demands of the tourists. Mr. Shaw's flat is well-gated, chiefly against newspaper interviewers, but the hero-worshipping Yankees stand on the pavement outside, gazing up at the superman's front windows. Mr. Shaw will have the time of his life, if some enterprising guide follows the memorable example of one at Oxford in Dr. Jowett's time. This worthy used to show the Master of Balliol's study window, and, adroitly hurling a pebble, would exclaim: "And there, ladies and gentlemen, is the famous Dr. Jowett himself!" What would Mr. Shaw do in that emergency? A young newspaper man, felled in all attempts to get inside, button-holed him outside not long ago, and began to put questions. "G. B.," merely knocked his hat off. Nobody seems to remember that Old Joe, the veteran Life Guard charger whose fate King George has humanely commiserated, has had his academy portrait exhibited. It was two or three years ago, and the painting was by Mr. Munning. Old Joe is a pure white

horse, with what might be called the "circus build, and Londoners knew him affectionately as the slow-stepping drum-beater in many a historic street pageant. That his last regimental duty should be to carry King Charles at Olympia in the Military Tournament is fitting, but it is a shock to know that he was going straight from there to the slaughter-house. The King's action in pensioning off the twenty-year-old servant in Windsor Park captures the popular imagination.

The archaeopteryx, the oldest bird known to science, had teeth in both jaws and claws on its wings.

EX-PAPAL DELEGATE STARTS FOR ROME

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Di Maria, former papal delegate for Canada and Newfoundland, left Ottawa last night, to return to Rome before taking his new duties as papal nuncio at Bern, Switzerland.

Mgr. Pietro Di Maria will sail from New York on Aug. 7 on the Dolores, of the Italian Line, and will land at Naples.

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