

## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Jan. 12.  
PRINCESS MARY AND THE TAM O'SHANTER.

Princess Mary has set a seal on the popularity of the Scotch tam o'shanter as headgear, she is often seen about in this dainty form of hat. That is why, perhaps, a number of society girls are wearing them too; and it has almost become a compulsory fashion to wear them in the park. They can be seen in all colors, from the dour gray to the heather blues, in rust-yellow and reds, not only in the streets of London but in Paris as well, for Paris knows a good thing when she sees it, and out of memory for the jocks she wears their tartan headgear, only in a different way. It is slightly more tilted there, slightly more fetching, a little more chic, and it is worn with an air. The Bond Street milliners display great taste with these Scotch caps, and though they may appear inexpensive and simple to make, large sums are paid for them. A knitted tam o'shanter in a draper's shop may only cost five shillings, but the Parisian made one costs nearly ten pounds. Princess Mary does not pay these absurd sums for her tam o'shanter, for the Queen has set her face persistently against extravagance in every way, and what the Princess pays is a sum that many daughters of parents in lower social position might consider insufficient.

## STANDARDISED DAYLIGHT.

Why not standardised daylight? The proportions of the component rays of daylight vary at different times and under different atmospheric conditions. No one "daylight" can be referred to as an absolute standard of color sensation—a thing very much needed by scientific and business men, who often require to refer to an absolute color sensation. Such a standard of color sensation is offered by the Sheringham daylight lamp, which has been on view at the Imperial Institute. An ordinary electric light is used, silvered at the bottom. The whole virtue of the new lamp is in the reflector, which is decorated with small colored squares, and serves to correct the color balance of artificial light. The reflected rays give a balance over the whole visible spectrum which is the mean of daylight observations and approximates to the light of a blue sky at noon diffused by white clouds and coming in at a north window. Certain ultra-violet rays not visible to the human eye are missing, but the light bears a close resemblance to daylight rays. "Sheringham daylight" is the work of George Sheringham. At the demonstration colored objects were shown under artificial and then under the corrected light and delicate variations in color that could barely be distinguished under artificial light became clearly differentiated under the rays from the Sheringham reflector. I am informed that several West End of London theatre managers are considering refitting their stages with the Sheringham lamp. There are, of course, difficulties to be overcome. Roughly, half the original light is absorbed, which would mean a substantial increase in the lighting bill—even now a heavy item in theatre expenses. Another difficulty is the provision of a reflector that can be easily cleaned when it gets dirty. Smooth glazed reflecting surfaces are impracticable. They must be dull, and the colors on them must remain clear. A cheap form of retil, the inventors think, can probably be provided. Whatever the cost, however, there seems little doubt the patentees will find a brisk demand for their invention, not only from shops where colors have to be displayed and matched, theatres and business houses, but even from artists who under camouflaged artificial light can paint by night as well as by day and examine pictures of quite delicate tints.

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## PRODUCTION OF BRITISH WAR MEDAL.

Although considerable progress has been made with the manufacture of the British War Medal, ex-soldiers are not likely to come into possession of it for some time. It is not the intention of the War Office to set up the organization that will be required to undertake the distribution until there is a prospect of making a more or less complete issue. The number required is in the neighborhood of eight millions. The manufacture, which is being done at the medal factory at Woolwich Arsenal, is proceeding as rapidly as possible. At present the rate of output is about 67,000 a week, and it is hoped at an early date to increase this to 120,000. The work has been undertaken by arrangement with the Mint, which supplies the plain silver discs and holding bars. These discs and bars go through some 27 processes before each finished medal and bar are placed in a special container for return to the Mint for storing until delivery is requested by the War Office. About 300 men are employed at the Arsenal in the manufacture of the medal, and of this number a large proportion are ex-soldiers, work which ordinarily would have fallen to be done by women being undertaken by disabled men. The staff is also engaged in the production of the bronze Mercantile Marine Medal. In this case the medal is prepared from the raw metal, and goes through all the processes and stages at the hands of the Woolwich staff.

## WAR OFFICE WOMEN'S PROTEST.

"Why was it necessary to discharge all these girl clerks with a week's notice at most?" I asked a War Office authority whom I met in Whitehall, while a thousand discharged women followed by a rowdy labor element filled Downing Street (where is the official residence of Lloyd George) to force their demands on the attention of the Premier's representative. He replied "We promised a month's notice to all temporary employees receiving more than £800 a year because they were not entitled to the unemployment donation. As those with salaries below that figure were entitled to the donation they only needed a week's notice. That was stated in their contract so they have absolutely no grievance." Seeing that the donation is abolished the argument seems callous, even for the War Office.

## THE COMING TRADE BOOM.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, M.P., the head of the Department of Overseas Trade, said, in an interview last week, that 1920 promises to be the greatest year in the history of British trade—that is, barring strikes. The only limits to British trade overseas, added Sir Hamar, were the limitations of human and mechanical production. This view is confirmed in conversations I have had with leading manufacturers and officials of commercial and trading organizations. All over the country the order-books of firms are so full that they are unable to execute the work fast enough to keep pace with the demand. Those in close touch with trade and business are largely of one mind, that the principal need for the coming year is peace in the industrial world, so that no opportunities for continuous production may be lost. Manufacturers, too, are keen that they should be left free to cope with the situation unshackled by the fetters of bureaucratic control, which still exist in some instances as a legacy of the war.

## GREEKS AND THE TURKISH SETTLEMENT.

Needless to say, Greek opinion is seriously alarmed at the pro-Turkish sympathies now being manifested by the bulk of the Paris press. And Greeks all the world over are fervently praying that Lloyd George and the British Cabinet will stand firm in the matter of ending once and for all times Ottoman misrule over the non-Turks, whether Christian or Moslem. On the subject of the Turkish settlement I was privileged to have a chat with the Greek Minister in London, M. Caelamenes. Apart from such arguments as might be described as humanitarian, Christian and Allied, his Excellency impressed upon me the more strictly political case for the eviction of Turkish rule from Europe. When Turkey first threatened to enter the war against this country she was promised the maintenance of her integrity if she refrained. She did not so refrain. Later she was assured of relative integrity if she would give up the German alliance. She declined, thereby lengthening the war by two or two and a half years. She was thus twice given her chance, but would not take it on either occasion. It is now suggested that she should enjoy comparative immunity? If so, she will infer that, in the future as in the past, whatever crimes she may commit she can commit without fear of punishment. At this moment, under the nose of the Armies of Occupation, she has resumed her regime of Christian per-

secution in a slightly less overt manner than of yore.

## THE BLACK DRAWING-ROOM SUIT.

A woman correspondent writes:—For some time black pyjamas have been worn by fashionable women who thought this garb threw up the fairness of their skins. The latest develop-

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## HELPING ALONG.

There are always many chances to improve this vale of tears, as a delegate advances down the highway of the years. There are burdens you might carry, to relieve some weary jay, who would like to rest and tarry, for a season, on his way. There are luckless gents aplenty who are deep in divers holes, and some kind words, nine or twenty, well might stimulate their souls. Oh, some little chunks of kindness bring relief to those who sigh, and we walk in moral blindness if we let a chance get by. Just a pleasant morning

greeting, as we strut along our way, to the citizen we're meeting, brightens up that fellow's day. Just a gossip with a kiddy as to school she toils along, in her tucker and her middy, fills her youthful heart with

song. Oh, a mug that's always pleasant, with a five-by-fourteen smile, makes the future and the present seem to faded gents worth while. We can make this world a daisy as we toddle to the tomb, if we're not too all-fired lazy to dispel some yards of gloom.

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