

LONDON GOSSIP.

THE KING AND QUEEN.

LONDON, July 10th, 1920.
The departure of the King and Queen and Princess Mary from Euston Station on their journey to Edinburgh was marked by a number of unheeded incidents. The King and Queen were at the station fully ten minutes before time, and took great interest in the impromptu reception given them by several hundred youngsters who were waiting for a train which was to take them for a country excursion. Some waved cricket stumps and bats, others their butterfly nets. All cheered their best, and the King and Queen were obviously delighted. The Court will be away from London for over a fortnight, and in the meantime Edinburgh, the Clyde, the Isle of Man, and Wales will be visited in turn. Most of the time after Edinburgh will be spent on the Royal yacht, which is already off the Scottish coast.

RE-OPENING OF THE TATE.

At last the Tate Gallery, which is situated not very far from Westminster Abbey, is to be re-opened to the public after having been closed since the early days of the war. Many changes will be discerned by those whose memories take them back to the gallery in 1915. The gallery is being gradually converted from a place exclusively given to modern British art to a gallery of British art in which the development of the national school from the time of Hogarth can be studied up to the present day. The finest example of the British masters, however, will be shown at Trafalgar Square (the National Gallery), but, on the other hand, the Tate has received many pictures that were formerly at the National Gallery. Thus we shall be able to study the eighteenth century in gallery 1, Blake and early English water colors in gallery 2, Constable, Crome, Cotman, Wilkie, and Ward, and artists up to 1850 in gallery 3, the Pre-Raphaelites in galleries 4 and 5, and the Turners in the Turner wing. Since the closing of the gallery a remarkable number of important new pictures have been acquired by the Tate, chiefly examples by Alfred Stevens and the Pre-Raphaelites, some of which have not been exhibited for thirty years.

THE NEW SILLY STORY.

Like the story of the German governess with the bombs in her trunk, the silly story comes in the first instance from the Garden Suburb, but other versions of it reach me from other parts. A lady in the Garden Suburb who had forgotten to take the poker out of the fire until it was red-hot had just noticed it and drawn it out when she heard a sound behind her and found a man in a mask in the room. She was alone in the house. As the man came towards her she pushed

at him instinctively with the poker, which struck him on the wrist and burnt him. The robber, with a cry, rushed away and disappeared. Much shaken, the lady went to the nearest house and asked the lady if her husband could come, as a burglar had been in the house. The lady said that her husband could not come just now, as he had just burnt his wrist rather badly. The poker lady, after thinking it over, telephoned to the police. The man was arrested, and the swag of five other burglaries, in the district was discovered. Of the other versions the one I like best comes from Fulham, a south-western suburb of London. Three maiden ladies lived in a flat, and the couple next door became friendly, the man offering assistance at any time they might need it. One of the sisters was alone in the house, and had over-heated her curling-tongs when she heard a sound. She went to the door and saw a hand coming through the letter box and groping for the handle of the door. The lady pressed the hot tongs on the wrist of the intruder, and the hand disappeared. After that she fainted away, and on recovery she remembered the kind people in the next flat and rushed to their door. When it was opened she went in, and then saw the man binding up his wrist. Then there is a Pinchley variety of the story, where the robber fell through the skylight and cut his wrist and ran away. The story in its main lines is, of course, quite an old one, but it has got new life and has taken the place of the various circumstantial and convincing stories about the letter from a survivor of the Hampshire, then a prisoner in Germany, saying that Lord Kitchener was in the same prison camp.

AUSTRALIAN COAL FOR EUROPE.

I have had a talk with an Australian official who is intimately acquainted with the export trade of the Commonwealth in coal regarding the transaction made by a Middlesbrough firm, whereby vast quantities of coal are to be shipped from Australia to Sweden within the next six months. My informant has grave doubts as to the permanent economic possibility of fetching coal from Australia to any part of Europe at a reduction in cost as compared with British prices for export of coal to Sweden or any other country in Europe. The merchant vessels belonging to the Commonwealth Government are more than fully occupied with the other and normal branches of Australia's export trade to Europe, and they are not likely at any time to be available for the transport of coal. Special steamers will require to be chartered for the coal trade, and the time taken to cover the voyage, which, it is said, could hardly be less regularly than two and a half months, would greatly increase the cost. Officially in Commonwealth

The Week's Calendar.

AUGUST—8th Month—31 Days.

- 16.—MONDAY. Capture of Bomarsund by Allies (Crimean War, 1854). First spike driven in Newfoundland Railway, St. John's to Harbor Grace, 1881.
17.—TUESDAY. First cable message crossed Atlantic, 1858. Tyne champion rowers, with their boats, en route to St. John, N.B., arrived by steamer, 1870.
18.—WEDNESDAY. Battle of Gravelotte, (Franco-Prussian War) 1870. Naval engagement at Riga, Baltic Sea, 1915.
19.—THURSDAY. Belsize died 1850. H.M.S. Canada with Prince George (King George V.) on board, arrived 1883. Italian success on Isonzo, 1917.
20.—FRIDAY. Italy declared war on Turkey, 1915. Regatta prizes presented by Lady Harris, 1919.
21.—SATURDAY. Moon in first quarter, a.m. Battle of Vimiera 1808. Mendelssohn singers arrived from Boston, 1878. U.S.S. Kearsage arrived in St. John's, 1879. Hon. R. A. Squires announced his leadership of Opposition to Government, 1919.
22.—SUNDAY. 12th after Trinity. Three days Regatta on Quidi Vidi Lake begun 1858. Great sculling race on same lake between Squires (St. John's) and Ferguson (Nova Scotia). The former won. 1874. Battle of Charolais, 1914. Battle of Thiepval, 1916.

circles the proposal is characterized as utopian. But the supply of Australia's coal is relatively unlimited, and developments in the direction of export are anticipated, especially by the Queensland Government. In the past coal has been exported to countries within conveniently economic range of the Australian coal-fields and seaports.

ENGLISH HORSEMANSHIP.

Walter Winans stated publicly the other day that "the knowledge and love of horses is extinct in England nowadays," and that "with the exception of a few of our cavalrymen riding is deteriorating in this country." This is his considered opinion; given after watching the brilliant performances of the foreign officers who were winning all before them at the International Horse Show, and it is challenged by a large number of Englishmen who have some authority to speak. While the great skill of the Continental officers at Olympia is admitted, it is pointed out that show-riding is an art in itself which has never been practised to any great extent by Englishmen, who prefer to hunt or play polo. On the other hand, Continental officers have always specialised in it. They have no facilities to hunt, they do not play much polo, and it is their greatest recreation. This show-riding, which demands long training of both man and horse, is a feature of the training of all the Continental cavalry schools. It is, in fact, a drill. It is not specialised in at the British cavalry schools or with the Royal Horse Artillery, and officers do not get the same facilities to become as perfect as the Continental rivals to whom they have had to give best at Olympia. Englishmen regard the true test of horsemanship as the ability to pilot a horse safely and without unduly distressing him over a severe hunting country. If Mr. Winans wants an object-lesson, let him go abroad and watch an amateur rider's steeplechase, and then compare the horsemanship shown with that displayed at an English race meeting.

JAPAN IN THE MELTING POT.

Japanese opinion in London is very concerned with the scant but disturbing news received during the past few weeks from Eastern Siberia. The military censorship in Japan is very stringent, and there is more than a suspicion that it is being used by the army chiefs to propagate their own views to the exclusion of political and civilian opinion generally which, I am told, is energetically opposed to the desire of the militarists for the quasi-permanent occupation of Russian or ex-Russian territory. The average Japanese now thinks in terms of commercial rather than of territorial expansion. The country is becoming the world's carrier in all the Eastern seas, even as Germany just before the war, and regards military adventures as unremunerative work. There is, in fact going on in the Japan of to-day very much the same struggle as was being waged between the German militarists and peaceful penetrators during the quarter of a century prior to the cataclysm of 1914. Such, at least, is the opinion of a very distinguished Japanese personality now in London.

Given Shelter.

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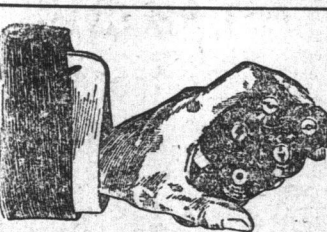
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