

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, June 18th, 1917.
CLAUS AND THE WAR.

From time to time Jacob Epstein's work as a sculptor has made a great deal of talk, but not more than seems likely to be occasioned by his exemption from military service upon the score of his genius. It has raised in a direct form a question which has troubled many since the war began, without finding a wholly satisfactory answer. Probably in no war since the world began have so many young men of the highest promise, many even of high achievement—poets, painters, men of letters, scholars, men of science—gone to their deaths and left the world in many respects the poorer. Should they have been permitted to go, or should they have been retained to minister by their work to the delight of their own and possibly future generations? At least one may be glad to think that they themselves had no doubt as to the answer. The younger men of ability and genius who made the great sacrifice—one may take Rupert Brooke as an example, though there were many more—after all left behind them something of more ultimate value to the world than any conceivable work they could have given it in any form of art. One does not look for any rival to their inspiring example in the best imaginable products of Epstein or in the film records of Charlie Chaplin.

THE HEALTH MINISTRY.

The favourable consideration the Cabinet is giving to the idea of constituting a Ministry of Health is subject to the important qualification that before any definite step is taken the insurance, health, and friendly societies shall have been found on enquiry to be favourably disposed towards that course. As the approved societies are widely thought to be lukewarm on the matter—to put it no more strongly—this may mean a decided delay in settling a point which those who have studied it most closely think to be of great urgency. While officials haggle, the children die; and though it is obvious that any system which may be set up will disturb a number of vested interests, these would not be allowed to stand in the way if the problem were openly discussed. The method now adopted, however, will give every chance to the vested interests without the public being a whit the wiser; and that is a condition of things which will need a very strong determination on the part of the promoters of a Ministry of Health to overcome, so powerful is the vis inertiae in such a case.

DEATH OF MAJOR REDMOND.

Major William Redmond, whose death in action adds the tenth name to the House of Commons roll of honor, was a gallant, fearless, generous-hearted Irish gentleman. His bitterest political opponents liked him above all for his humor—no one could match him in the House of Commons for real impromptu wit—civility—also for his downright honesty of purpose. Willie Redmond, as his friends at Westminster always called him, had the long record of 34 years as a Nationalist Member of Parliament. He was a little more than a youth when he entered Parliament, and he had taken a part in many stirring scenes and incidents in the long course of Irish Nationalist politics. When the war broke out he, in spite of his 53 years, joined the army and set a fine example of patriotism to his countrymen. He was convinced of the righteousness of the war, and his attitude did a great deal to win round public opinion in the direction of trying to reconcile Irish differences. His greatest Parliamentary achievement was the speech which he delivered on March 7 last, during leave of absence from the front. Speaking straight from his heart, and

with a natural eloquence, he appealed for a new and friendlier era between the two countries, pleading with the Government to seize the opportunity to make Ireland happy and contented. The speech made a profound impression, which was accentuated by the remark that that might be the last occasion on which he would speak in the House of Commons. There is little doubt that his last great effort on the floor of the House did something to set in motion the present attempt to solve the Irish difficulty by means of a Convention of Irishmen. The death of Willie Redmond may still further encourage Irishmen to forget their old strifes, and build up new and friendly relationships on a durable basis of common sacrifice.

ANOTHER BANNED PLAY.

Three plays which were formerly banned by the Censor are now running at the West End of London theatres, namely Ibsen's "Ghosts," Brinley's "Damaged Goods," and "Three Daughters of M. Dupont." I now hear that Gladys Cooper has obtained permission to produce at the Playhouse a fourth hitherto forbidden play, "The Yellow Ticket," by Michael Morton, part author of the very different and wholly delightful comedy, "Remnant." Morton's work is made available to the public by the recent changes in Russia. It is a powerful emotional drama, dealing with Russian police espionage, and the distresses of a heroine who is grossly persecuted because of her Jewish birth. The part of the heroine—the girl with the yellow ticket—is a fine one.

FOOD PRICES.

Parliamentary members' postbags contain just now more correspondence about food prices than on any other subject. From all over the country come letters urging members to press the Government to take action to check what the public evidently regards as the undue and preventable inflation of prices; and it is these protests which have led to the demand for a day to discuss the subject. The Cabinet, I believe, has had the matter under consideration, but the problem is encompassed with difficulties which have still to be surmounted, before steps can be usefully taken. Ministers are well informed of the dissatisfaction that exists and of the widespread suspicions of "profiteering" entertained by consumers. London members discussed the whole question last week and resolved to seek an interview with the Prime Minister to place before him two proposals. The Government, they will urge, should (1) to examine both stocks and books of all parties from the producer or importer through the middlemen to the smallest retailers, and (2) to ascertain how far the increasingly high prices are due to profiteering or other avoidable causes, and take drastic measures to effect an immediate remedy.

MORE PATROL WOMEN WANTED.

There is immediate need for 10,000 women to do police patrol work in all parts of the country. Mrs. Carlen, who is head of the whole women patrol organisation, told a women's meeting that in Central London alone, where four hundred women patrols are employed, there is a demand for one thousand, while the present number is ten thousand. The idea is to form a force of 2,500 must be brought into the London districts where they are already doing invaluable work. I hear that at last the Commission of Works has consented to the appointment of six women park-keepers in the Metropolitan area. Three of these will be selected from the women police and three from the women patrols. Their appointments will

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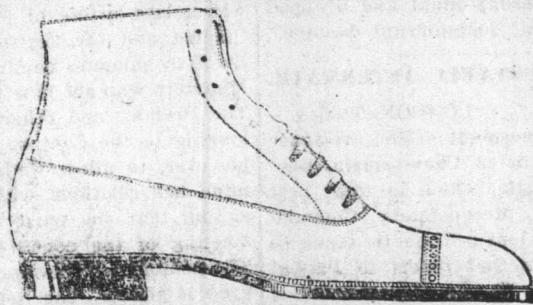
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RESUMPTION OF RACING.

The Cabinet, I learn, has now arrived at a definite decision to permit the resumption of horse-racing on a limited scale. An announcement to this effect is anticipated on an early date. Members belonging to all political parties, meeting at the House of Commons, resolved to press for "an early

resumption of racing" on the lines agreed to between Sir Albert Stanley and the Jockey Club on February 6. A deputation consisting of Admiral Sir H. Meux, Colonel Hall Walker, Denison Pender, John O'Connor, and T. London, was appointed to lay this decision before the Prime Minister, and also to request the Government to issue a statement making clear to the public "the essential relation of racing to horse breeding and to the supply of light horses for the Army."

Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



THE BELLS.

(A rainy day verse in the Sport Department, with apologies to Edgar Allan Poe.)
Hear the telephonic bells,
Drated bells!
What a world of bother to the sporting editor
Foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle!
As fans ask "If there's a game?"
"If the grounds have stood the sprinkler!"
"If the sun's rays soon will twinkle?"
For the question's e'er the same.
There it goes. Well, well!
Aint it? Yes, it's H—!
Oh, that tintinnabulation that so ceaselessly does swell
From that telephonic bell, bell, bell—
On the sport ed's roll-top desk; yes, I wish it
Was in—Hellsopot.

NEXT GAMES.

The much-longed forward to Wanderers-B.I.S. game had to be postponed owing to the inclement weather conditions yesterday. It will now be played the week after next, as the preliminaries for Mount Cashel for the cup presented by Mr. H. D. Reid must be played next week. The games will be:—

Tuesday Night.
Wanderers—Red Lions.
Thursday Night.
Cubs—B. I. S.

As a rule a pitcher is not a good hitter, but the rule does not hold good in the case of Max Carey. He can hit a batter almost every game he pitches. A certain young lady who professed to be a baseball fan but knew much less of the game than she believed she knew, was present at the Travellers—City game on Wednesday afternoon, in which the pitcher for the visitors was being hit almost every time he shot a ball over the plate. Learning over toward her escort she exclaimed, "Isn't Halg wonderful! He hits their bats no matter where they put them." "Please give your decision on the following: Man on first base. Batter hits to first baseman, who touches first before runner gets there. In the meantime the man on first starts for second and stops half way between. The first baseman makes a return throw to the second baseman, who touches the second before the runner arrives at the base and then throws the ball back to the pitcher. Meanwhile the runner who is between first and second reaches second and stays there. Does that man need to be touched to be called out?" "Kindly give answer in your column to settle dispute.—J. V."

Runner was not forced and he had to be tagged to be retired. Force out ceased to exist after out was made at first base. This same play occurred in one of the games last year, and the above was the "Chief" Chessman's ruling on it.
The way some catchers throw to second base you'd think second base was in centre field.

Lewis Regains Title.

"Strangler" Ed Lewis, of Kentucky, regained his title of world's heavyweight wrestling champion, catch-as-catch-can style, when he defeated Waldek Zhyzsko, two straight falls out of three in the tournament recently at the Braves' Field, Boston. Zhyzsko won the first fall in 57 minutes, 45 seconds, weakening his opponent with the toe hold.

Waldek wrestled in his bare feet, as usual with him, but when the men came out for the second, Lewis insisted that Zhyzsko put on his shoes. It was claimed that their absence rendered the securing of the toe hold more difficult for Lewis. His opponent finally yielded the point, and on went the shoes.

Lewis did a lot of the forcing in this round, and applied the toe hold most viciously. While Waldek succeeded in breaking these holds after fierce tussles about the matting, which threatened to part his foot from the rest of his frame, he was repeatedly trapped. After about 10 minutes as Lewis came down he landed on Zhyzsko's right arm, injuring it. They continued working, however, and about the 24 minute period Lewis shot Waldek through the ropes and out onto the field.

Zhyzsko landed with a thud which half knocked the breath out of him, but on being pulled to his feet tore back into the ring. He had not recovered from the fall, and was immediately nailed by Lewis, who lifted him high and then slammed him to the canvas. It was several minutes before he could get up.

Waldek was carried off the field, and after an extra 20 minutes rest period allowed him through the courtesy of Lewis, he came back to the ring. Zhyzsko was all in, however, and a few minutes later his manager threw up the sponge.

Cyclone Burns and Gardini, the Italian champion, wrestled a 3-minute draw without either scoring a fall.

The Cold Storage Plant

A large set of Toledo scales for weighing fish was installed at the Cold Storage plant this morning. Up to noon to-day only a few quintals of fish were delivered at the floating stage near the Long Bridge. The company purchased their first dog fish this morning. While it is not yet definitely decided if this practice will be continued, we are informed that the company will purchase the same from their regular customers when buying codfish, and on no account will they buy that kind of fish from others. The price paid for dogfish will not exceed three-quarters of a pound for the present. Another ten ton car of turbot is expected to-day from Trinity. Work is progressing rapidly on the building and visitors are struck with the cleanliness of the floors and recesses before being placed in the freezing rooms. While the officials are most obliging, visitors should not expect to be shown through the plant during the rush hours.

St. Bon's Re-Union.

The St. Bonaventure's Re-union will take place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. His Grace the Archbishop will preside and two Bishops will also be present. The occasion will further be marked by the attendance of many of the teachers attending the school in town and of a number of returned soldiers and volunteers.

TWO STEAMERS FOR THE SHIP-BUILDING CO.—We understand that the whaler Hawk has been purchased by the H. Grace Shipbuilding Co. and will proceed to the second city immediately, under command of Capt. Simonsen. The Co. have also purchased a new steamer off the stocks in Nova Scotia, which is five hundred tons and will also be employed in the business connected with the company.

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Casualty List.

(Received July 12.)

Killed in Action July 7.
2nd Lieut. Stanley Green, St. John's. (Attached to 57th Squadron Royal Flying Corps.)

Previously Reported Died in Hospital, Douai, April 19.—Now Reported Cause of Death Shrapnel Wounds Head.

21719—Lt.-Corp. James B. Grant, 66 Bannerman Street.

Previously Reported Died in Hospital, Douai, April 17.—Now Reported Cause of Death Grenade Splinter Left Side.

2632—Private Thomas Rodgers, 7 Barron Street.

Improving Slowly.

1940—Private Leo M. Shortall, 141 Gower Street.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Fatal Accident at Bell Island.

DENIS POWER, OF BAY ROBERTS, KILLED.

EAST WABANA, to-day. Special to Evening Telegram. Sad accident occurred in No. 1 Slope of Dominion plant this morning in which Denis Power, of Bay Roberts was killed. Power was engaged driving the air hoist and must have left his position at throttle to make repairs while engine was in motion, his clothes evidently got caught in the winding rope which carried him over the drum crushing him to death.—Cor.

Boy Stole Watch.

A ten year old school boy was arrested last night for larceny. A silver watch in an automobile attracted his attention and he went and "lifted" it, the ticker being found in his possession. The lad appeared before court to-day and pleaded guilty. His Counsel, Mr. R. T. McGrath, begged the leniency of the court, for his young client, pointing out that it was his first offence. After considering the circumstances Judge Morris ordered that the father enter into a bond of \$100 of the future good behaviour of his son; also the lad was cautioned by the Judge that if he committed the offence again he would be birched.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Baine Harbor at 5.10 p.m. yesterday.

The Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 12.30 a.m. to-day.

The Dundee left Wesleyville at 2.05 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie left Bonne Bay at 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

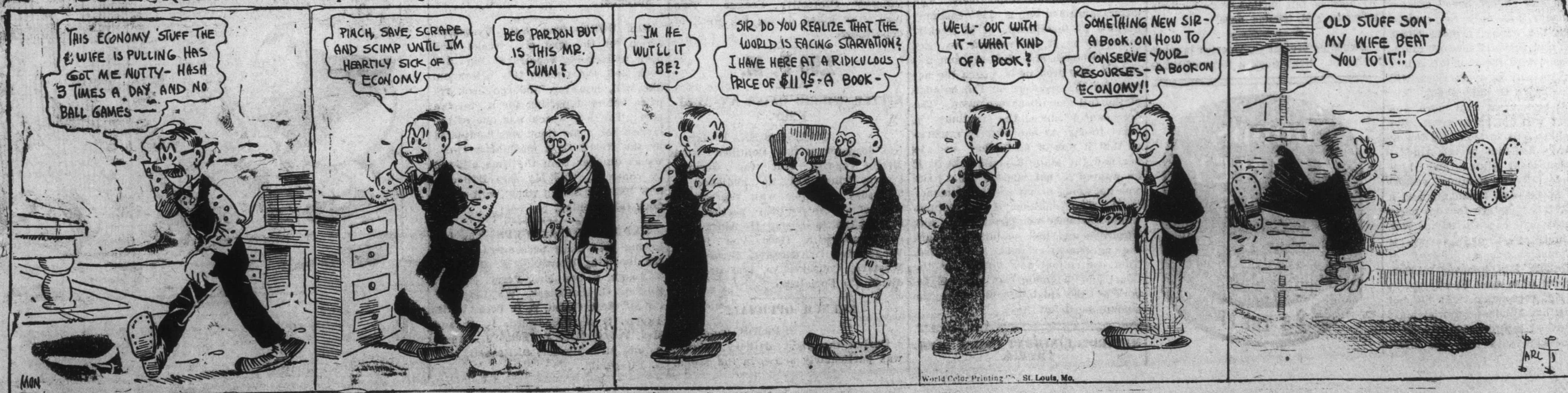
The Glencoe left St. Jacques at 6.20 p.m. yesterday.

The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

The Wren is leaving Clarendville to-day.

The Thetis left Indian Tickle yesterday coming south.

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