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Lecture Tour In States By Mrs. Asquith Talked Of

Return of the Prince of Wales—The Jenny Lind Centenary—Girl Carries Off High Honors in Medical World of London.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, Oct. 22.—An announcement that Mrs. Asquith is going across to America next December, was inevitable. Every prominent or distinguished personality on this side of the Atlantic whose gifts lie any way in the direction of publicity, has either done a lecture tour in the United States or been invited to undertake one. Among those who have refused the invitation, it is said, is G. B. Shaw, on the rather characteristic ground that the American continent is as yet insufficiently ventilated intellectually to attract him.

The "Black and Tans"

I make it a rule, so far as I can, to avoid politics in these notes, but it is impossible to deny that the main topic of conversation is the "Black and Tans." A great many of these men go far beyond, if reports now circulated in London are true, the excusable desire to avenge atrocities and murders committed against the ordinary police. It may be said that though Sir Neil Macready has the sympathy of everybody in his desire to maintain the king's government, the best friends of the Union Jack as against the tricolor of Sinn Féin do not wish it to be spoiled by blackguardism, however strongly provoked.

The Prince's Return

It hardly looks as if the Prince of Wales would get to Scotland after all. He is due for a state entry into London

on Oct. 11, and his house is now ready for him. By that time, however, the king will be back to town, and after a family welcome and a semi-state banquet at Buckingham Palace, it is probable that the prince will go off for a rest of the athletic type to which he is accustomed, by taking a hunting holiday in the south Highlands. Every effort is to be made to give him the complete rest from public ceremonial of which he is badly in need, and the Duke of York will continue to take his place at all but completely unavoidable public functions. It is likely that in the course of the winter he will make a short trip to Paris as the guest of Lord Hardinge and greet President Millerand on behalf of the king. The Princess Mary will also this winter pay her first visit abroad, going to Norway to visit her aunt, the queen, and afterwards to Denmark. In the former of these countries she will have the chance of following the winter sports, which are even more attractive there than in Switzerland.

The Brussels Conference

Before I left Brussels the other day, two international financial conferences there had begun. We are represented by Lord Chalmers, late head of the treasury, who, owing to a certain urbanity and shrewdness of manner, used to be known in other government departments (all of whom hate the treasury) as "the treasury butter," by Lord Cullen, who used to be called by the much more romantic name

of "Sir Brian Cockayne" and by Henry Bell of Lloyd's Bank, who conceals under the exterior of the typical English banker all kinds of accomplishments of an unexpected kind. Mr. Bell writes humorous verse of a very deft kind which is already apparently amusing his colleagues.

Theatrical Items

Of theatrical news there is little to record except the success of Lennox Robinson's "White-headed boy," Mr. Robinson, who is the tallest and skinniest man who ever came out of Ireland, is the son of a Protestant vicar in the disturbed area of Cork, but he has a really fine sense of the romantic and comic aspects of his unfortunate country. He gave us the former in the Parrell play "The Lost Leader" which, helped by the fine acting of Norman Mackinnell and Arthur Whitty, had such a fine run last year at the Court. In his new play, which is a farcical comedy, he has to help him the cream of the old and brilliant Abbey Theatre Company, including Mr. Sidney Morgan, Miss Sara Allgood and Miss Marie O'Neill. I hear that Mrs. Patrick Campbell is offering to play Lady Macbeth with the American actor, Mr. Hackett, when he begins his season at the Abbey. Mrs. Campbell has not played Shakespeare for many years, but she did Lady Macbeth with Sir John Forbes Robertson some years ago.

Foret to America

My golfing friends tell me that 1921 is to be an even greater "boom" year than 1920. And the rivalry between golfers on either side of the Atlantic threatens, as our American friends might say, to "bring the whiskers" into creation. On this side, the American challenge occasions more trepidation in our amateur golfers than in our professional ranks. During the war, perhaps, the American golfer had more leisure for practice than our own golfers had, but whatever the cause, it is undeniable that a very fine school for amateur golfers has now grown up under the Stars and Stripes. Many people think that Mr. Gardner was a little unlucky in not beating young Mr. Talley in the final of the championship this year, and if he comes over again next summer with "Click" Evans, Mr. Quinnet and others of our amateurs will have to look to their laurels.

But the challenge is not to be all on one side. It is practically settled, I hear, that George Duncan and Abe Mitchell will both visit the States in 1921, and I shall be greatly surprised if one or the other does not repeat the success of Ted Ray. Nor will our challenge stop there. Quite a number of our prominent lady golfers, with the redoubtable Miss Cecil Leitch at their head, are making arrangements for an American golfing tour, which will enable them to take part in the American ladies' championship. In this case, also, I should imagine that it is odds on that we shall annex the premier honors.

The Jenny Lind Centenary

Few still living heard Jenny Lind sing, and yet the memory of her splendid voice lives despite the fact that the centenary of her birth is being celebrated this week. It was on October 6, 1820 that the "Swedish nightingale," as she afterwards came to be known, was born in Stockholm, and this anniversary is to be remembered there; in America where she had some of her greatest triumphs, and married; and in England, where she made her home in her last years. Special concerts are being organized, at which the music she interpreted so magnificently is to be sung. It is a curious fact that although it was many years before she could be persuaded to sing in England, once she did so she was charmed with her reception, and made so many friends that, after she married, she insisted on making her home here. Mendelssohn, her great friend, wrote the soprano part of his oratorio "Elijah" specially for Jenny Lind, but even he failed to induce her to come over to England to sing at the first performance of his great work. After the death of the composer, however, she gave a performance of "Elijah" in London, and with the proceeds, founded the Mendelssohn Scholarship. Arthur Sullivan was the first recipient of this prize, which has done so much to educate the young generations of British composers. Her name is commemorated in many towns, for she sang generously for charities, while her teaching work at the Royal College of Music, which she assisted in forming on the invitation of the late King Edward, has left its own memorial in her pupils who are now well known in the world of music.

Dr. Cissie Cooper

The feminists in London—and there are now monstrous regiments of them—are exceedingly date over the triumph of a girl student at the Cross Medical School. For the first time the governor's gold medal for the ablest clinical student has been carried off by a woman, and the young lady in question, Miss Cissie Cooper, is as charming and pretty feminine as she is manifestly clever. Her success is remarkably popular at the school, and the vanquished male medics show no symptoms of sex hostility in this matter. Miss Cooper is herself quite pleased at her own success, becomingly modest about it, and her only worry is her Christian name. She cannot visualize the traditional professional brass plate with "Dr. Cissie" on it. Miss Cooper is medium height, plump, with vivacious eyes of brown, and very wavy brown hair. She has won, for the first time in more than 100 years, for her sex, the coveted gold medal awarded after a most searching test.

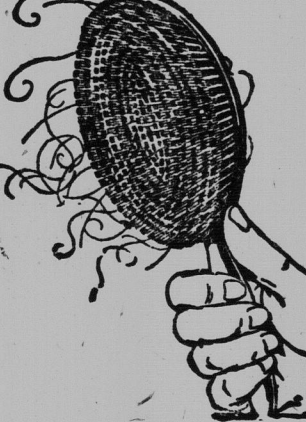
LAUNCH TWO SHIPS

Commander and Leader Slip Off Ways—Odessa Trade Soon.

(Montreal Star.)
A sudden increase in shipbuilding activity in Montreal is indicated today in the announcement made to The Star by the Canadian Vickers Company Limited, namely that another 8,400-ton vessel, the Canadian Commander, will be launched October 30. The new freighter is built for the Canadian government Merchant Marine.
The Star also learned from the general manager of Canadian Vickers that the Canadian Commander will be followed a fortnight later by the Canadian Leader, also for government service, and of the same tonnage. It was feared some weeks ago that owing to the slow delivery of steel plates and other material from the United States, there would be no further launching at the local yards this season.
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governments are also on the stocks, but will have to be held over to the spring of 1921. The launching of six vessels of over eight thousand tons each in one season, is easily a record for any Canadian shipbuilding yard.

Trade to Russia

Local shipping circles are now waiting with interest for the advent of Canada into direct Russian trade, both in the carrying of immigrants to this country and in the interchange of national commodities. In big business circles all eyes are upon General Wrangle.
It was stated by a marine authority to The Star today that a decisive victory by Wrangle's forces, followed by a

strong peace, such as Poland has signed, would mean the immediate opening up of steamship routes from Canada to Odessa, in the Black Sea, and Costanza and Varna—Odessa, is the big distribution point for wheat, oil and cotton, all South Russian products. The European railway transportation system is now too decrepit to handle the swarm of immigrants, whose eyes are fixed on the New World.

Instead of Antwerp, Hamburg and Havre, the logical ports of embarkation are now Odessa, Varna and Costanza, the latter being the Roumanian outlet on the Black Sea. All ships trading to these ports would secure cargoes both ways.

St. Catharines, Oct. 21.—"Perhaps the worst year we have ever had in our whole history as fruit growers," was the "way a prominent fruit grower summed up the situation in the Niagara fruit belt. This year's crop has been the biggest on record, yet the growers claim they have made hardly any money on the great output of peaches, cherries, plums, etc. The growers claim their interests in regard to transportation have not been properly looked after before the railway board by the men expressly appointed by the government to do so. It is likely there will be some strong criticism of existing conditions voiced at the annual meeting of the Niagara Peninsula United Fruit Growers' Association.

"We sent one man to the railway board from our association, but what could one man do when not backed up by the men appointed by the government to look after our interests?" said Secretary Carl Fisher of the Fruit Growers' Association. "We couldn't ship fruit in the ordinary cars supplied, and so that was the cause of thousands of dollars' loss."

This year the growers of the Niagara belt will lose thousands of dollars by reason not only of the poor transportation facilities, but also of the scarcity of baskets, scarcity of help, etc. Much fruit from here reached Montreal in such bad condition this year, because the cars were not properly loaded, that it was a total loss, and the fact discouraged the growers.

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