

SOME INSIDE GOSSIP ABOUT MOVE IN RUHR

London Comment on French
Invasion and Some
Possibilities

The Forthcoming Royal
Wedding—Farewell to the
Famous Dreadnought—
What They are Talking
About in the Empire Cap-
ital.

(From our own correspondent)
London, Jan. 22.—At the outset of the new French move into the Ruhr I mentioned the sinister suggestions current in reputable and well-informed quarters in London. What these amounted to was that France had deliberately made impossible demands on Germany with the simple object of setting a pretext to dismember her, and this banish for some generations, what ever the ultimate historical sequel, the haunting shadow of Teutonic revenge from French frontiers. At the same time I mentioned the remarkable suggestion that Herr Stinnes, the German super-capitalist, whose vast interests are mainly in the Ruhr neighbourhood, might be a tacit party to the French stroke, one possibility of which is a close economic entente between the Ruhr coalfields and the Lorraine metal fields. These things are well worth bearing in mind today, when one of the ablest journalists in London, closely in touch with Lloyd George and writing in a journal controlled by the ex-Premier, puts forward some grave deductions about the trend of policy in Paris.

A Rhine Protectorate?
We all remember the famous mission of M. Franklin-Bouillon as confidential agent of the French Premier in Angora, and the results of his work. A similar confidential mission to the Ruhr has been undertaken for M. Poincaré by another suitable representative, M. Darnis. That gentleman has emphasized in his report, openly and without making any bones of it, the advantages of a great economic combine between the Ruhr and the Lorraine, and also the benefits that would follow the creation of an independent Rhineland Republic, under French and Belgian military protection. The blunt suggestion

Miss Canada Furs On Special Sale



Here, where Miss Canada came to complete her winning troupeau, the fairest of the Furs appear for Carnival Week at Close-Out Prices.

Russian Muskrat with Alaska Seal border, collar and flared cuffs. 36 inches and the lustrous dark Russian Muskrat wears wonderfully. Brocade satin lining and \$375 worth for \$250.

A belted Canadian Muskrat sport model with four felt border and satin lined. \$45 off at \$195. A 40-inch one of four-stripe border, furs cuff and abawl collar. Swine silk lined. \$120 off at \$180.

A wide-sweeping Raccoon having three-stripe border and satin lining was \$450—for Carnival Week, \$295. Another also of 40-inch length, but double bordered—was \$300 and now for Carnival it is \$195.

Two 42-inch Pony Coats—one with Australian opossum trimming and blue satin floral lining—was \$160 and is \$85. Trimmed with Alaska Sable and fancy silk lining of black and white with tiny Mauve motifs—Was \$225, and is \$125.

H. Mont Jones
EXCLUSIVE FUR DESIGNERS
92 King Street.

made by this able London publicist in Lloyd George's own newspaper is that, deliberately or not, with conscious vision or inevitable drift, this is the policy of France today. In view of all the circumstances, as well as the tremendous gravity of the issues, it is impossible to ignore the sensational disclosure. A proper understanding of it is essential to intelligent appreciation of current events.

ANOTHER PROBLEM.
It can be readily understood how the great Ruhr magnate might benefit by

an arrangement which cut him adrift from Germany's financial abyss, with the mark rapidly emulating its Austrian and Polish compeer, and linked up the Ruhr industries under favorable terms of working agreement with the Lorraine. These two areas present profitable counterparts, the one dependent on the other, which might launch forth successfully on a basis of franc, it is also obvious how the detachment of the Rhineland from Germany would solve France's most nagging problem of Germany's overwhelming population.

It would also coincide precisely with roose's stubborn strategic plan of a military frontier on the Rhine. The question now being asked in London, of course, in view of the publicity given to this reconstruction of the European map, is how far Lloyd George may have received unofficial hints of such a coup from France before he left Downing street. M. Poincaré is thoroughly cognizant of the Lorraine-Ruhr possibilities, because he was, I understand, for years the legal adviser of the French interests in Lorraine. Altogether it is a very sensational denouement of post-war politics.

The Royal Wedding.

The Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon have been paying a visit to Sandringham. During the week-end the wedding arrangements were discussed in detail, first between the King and Queen and the bride's parents, and afterwards with the young people themselves and their parents. I hear that it was decided to have the wedding at the end of April, probably on the 29th or 30th, and that it will take place in the Abbey. The bride's people rather favored a quiet affair at the Chapel Royal, but the King, mainly in consideration of popular interest and convenience, desired Westminster. It was also settled that the future home of the duke and his bride will be in consideration of popular interest and convenience, desired Westminster. It was also settled that the future home of the duke and his bride will be in consideration of popular interest and convenience, desired Westminster.

Prince of Wales' Dinner Jacket.

The fact that the Prince of Wales rather favors the dinner jacket as against full evening dress, whenever he appears reasonably permits him to be commented on, but without causing any wild turmoil in London. In takes very seriously, and the president of the National Association of American Merchant Tailors, Wilbur W. Stewart, has made a poignant protest on the subject. This authority is dead set on strict etiquette, and lays down the sartorial law like a modern Moses. A dinner jacket is "unthinkable," according to Mr. Stewart, if it is worn in evening dress. He expresses himself so strongly that obviously he regards the presence of a dinner jacket where the ladies are décolleté costumed as a positive indecency, and he refuses to believe that the Prince of Wales would do it. But this hard and fast rule would bar the dinner jacket at the theatre, or even at a big box match, at which there are sure nowadays to be ladies in evening dress, and the Prince certainly does not carry convention to that degree.

Oblivious of the storm in America, H. R. appears in a comfortable dinner jacket on all occasions which are not definitely "full dress" occasions. And most of the smartest men about are following his example closely enough.

The Dreadnought Passes.

After being built sixteen years ago at a cost of a million and three-quarters, the famous battleship Dreadnought has been sold for about 40,000 to the shipbreakers, and is now being broken up. She was hopelessly outclassed by her giant progeny when the war broke out, but even so she sank the enemy ship in action, which was more than any other battleship of her standing could boast. It was when she was flagship of the "wobbly eight," that strange collection of obsolescent battleships at Sheerness, and was flying the flag of Sir Doveton Starke, the victor of the Falkland Islands, that the Dreadnought was leading the line up Channel one winter's day. A submarine hunting for unarmed merchantmen blundered into the squadron of ancient battleships and the thick weather, and before it could dive, the ponderous mass of the Dreadnought swung round and cut the little U-boat in half. After a due interval a destroyer was dispatched to look for survivors, but there was none.

Courtier and V. C.

Last Sunday that "grand old man" of the court, Sir Dighton Probyn, entered his ninety-first year. Few men are so beloved by their intimates, fewer attain his age, and fewer still of those who attain his age can look back on a career so distinguished. He entered the Bengal Army seventy-four years ago, won his V. C. in the Indian Mutiny, and between 1860 and 1872 there were hardly any of our Asiatic campaigns in which he did not participate. For more than fifty years he has been a courtier, becoming equerry to the late King Edward (then Prince of Wales), and the other appointments he has held about the court are too numerous to mention. Since the death of King Edward he has devoted himself to the service of Queen Alexandra, being controller of her household. Sir Dighton shares the title of the Hon. Charlotte Knollys the complete confidence of Her Majesty, and is her inseparable companion. The weight of years has bent his stalwart figure of late, but it is safe to say that, so long as his royal mistress needs him he will be at her service—and Queen Alexandra's affectionate nature never has been equal to dispensing with tried friends.

The sentence on the two Courtiers, who at the Old Bailey got three years apiece for shooting at the Sabini brothers of race-gang fame, will rob the all-night clubs of two of their most familiar and characteristic figures. The all-night or breakfast clubs are still the night rendezvous of London's worst elements. Last year a police drive put several out of business; but others run by the same notorious proprietors—several of whom are women—have sprung up in the shady west-central districts. One I was taken to the other night was a fantastically decorated cellar, in which were installed a jazz band and a bar. The bar closed at midnight, but in an upstairs room bad whiskey could be bought all night at two shillings a small glass. About a hundred people—green and yellow men among them—

were jacking on the dance floor. Admission was by ticket, and tickets could be purchased for 15 shillings each in a small dingy room across the road. Such club members as the well-known toughs and race course thugs merely nod to the stalwart door attendants and walk in. This particular all-night jazz hunt opens at 11 p. m. and closes at 6.30 a. m., breakfast being served in a room above the cellar ball-room from 3 a. m. onwards.

Naval Carelessness.

A curious story lies behind the Admiralty announcement that the memorial tablet to Jack Cornwall V. C., from the light cruiser "Crested" is missing. "It is small enough," says this official statement, "to have been stolen easily by some unauthorized visitor to the ship before it was handed over to the ship breakers." The implication in this sentence is wholly false. The tablet was left in the ship when the naval authorities handed her over to the ship breakers, and nothing more would have been heard of it had it not been seen by a well-known public man napping in the ship breakers' office. He immediately asked the Admiralty about it and received the usual evasive reply. The Admiralty played for a time in the hope that the tablet could be recovered and the negligence of the Navy covered up, but since the first enquiries were made the tablet has disappeared altogether, and the Admiralty has now admitted the loss.

Exit Cornishians.

The forty-five thousand spectators who thronged the Chelsea Ground, to see the third match between the Cornishians and Brighton in the first round of the English Cup, included a surprising proportion of amateur supporters. The sympathies of the crowd were distinctly inclined towards the Cornishians, but the match was a narrow one, and the Brighton centre forward, seemed to be off side when he kicked the winning goal—the only score in the match—and, when

Dugart, the amateur's surest goal-kick, was favourably placed just outside the penalty area, down he went to a palpable trip. But though they were to this extent the victims of bad luck, the Cornishians never impressed one as a brilliant winning team comparable with the amateur side that smashed Bury, the Cup-holders of that day, by ten goals to three in 1904. Had they survived their third trial with Brighton, they must have been knocked out pretty certainly, by one or other of the strong professional sides, long before the final. But if the amateurs keep up their present strenuous programme for a few seasons, and attract rising stars from the great soccer schools, they may be able to match the best professional sides in the country again.

BLIGHT ON TEA PLANTATIONS.

In India, and to quite an extent in Ceylon, the two largest tea producing countries in the world, the tea crop for the current year has been disappointingly small, largely owing to the labor troubles fomented by the "non-co-operation" doctrine of Gandhi, but also to a considerable extent due to climatic adversities. Drought at times, excessive rains at others, coupled with bad blights in some districts have very seriously affected the output of good tea this year. Prices for all grades are very high now, but all indications seem to point to still further advances very soon.

Inspector John Cartan, of the Chicago police force, arrived here yesterday at noon and left on the 4.30 train for Chicago with Solomon Weininger, an Austrian Jew, who is wanted in the western city for theft. It will be remembered that Weininger was arrested on Saturday just as he was preparing to sail on the Melita for Europe with his wife and child. They stayed over, however, and accompanied the inspector and his prisoner back to Chicago.

Rheumatic twinges-ended!

The basic cause of most rheumatic pain is congestion. Apply Sloan's. It stimulates circulation, breaks up congestion—pain is relieved!

Sloan's Liniment
—kills pain!

Made in Canada

For rheumatism, bruises, strains, chest colds



LONDON GAINS 500,000.

Population increases to 7,480,201 in a decade.

The London correspondent of The Nation's Health says that it is shown in the Register General's Blue Book issued a short time ago embodying the results of last year's census that in Greater London area there are more than 800,000 more inhabitants than there were ten years ago, the present figure being 7,480,201. The most remarkable feature is the preponderance of women, the numerical excess over males now being 341,365, an increase of 72,362 over 1911. Of course, this is partly due to war losses among the male population.

Incidence in sex proportions, however, lies mainly in their incidence on the marriageable population. The ratio of unmarried females per one thousand unmarried males has increased from 1,188 to 1,287 in the age group twenty-nine, and from 1,418 to 1,886 in the age group thirty to thirty-nine. In regard to housing, the average number of families per occupied dwelling has decreased from 1.61 in 1911 to 1.20 in 1921. Whereas the number of

private families has increased by 9.3 per cent. in that period, the growth in the number of occupied dwellings has been only 16.1 per cent.

The Board of Governors of the St. John Health Centre has elected Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell as a member of the board.

Simple Way to Get Rid of Blackheads

There is one simple, safe, and sure way that never fails to get rid of blackheads, that is to dissolve them. To do this, get two ounces of peroxide powder from any drug store—sprinkle a little on a hot, wet cloth—rub over the blackheads briskly—wash the parts and you will be surprised how the blackheads have disappeared. Big blackheads, little blackheads, no matter where they are, simply dissolve and disappear. Blackheads are simply a mixture of dust and dirt and secretions that form in the pores of the skin. The peroxide powder and the water dissolve the blackheads so they wash right out, leaving the pores free and clean and in their natural condition.

SPECIAL SALE OF SMP POTATO POTS

TODAY ONLY—These splendid SMP Potato Pots will be on sale at the leading hardware stores. This size holds 5 Imperial quarts. Other sizes also at reduced prices.



SMP Pearl Ware
Special

\$1.09

This is that hard, long-wearing, pearly grey and white enameled ware. Has two coats of special SMP enamel. Must not be confused with cheap, one-coated wares. But sure it carries the SMP trade-mark.

SMP Diamond Ware
Special

\$1.49

This is that lovely sky blue and white mottled SMP Enameled Ware, lined inside with purest white. Like Crystal Ware, has two coats of special SMP Enamel. Known as "The prettiest enameled ware manufactured."

SMP Crystal Ware
Special

\$1.79

The new SMP Enameled Ware, Crystal has three wonderful coats of pure white enamel inside and out, with Royal Blue trimmings. Very handsome and decidedly economical in use of heat. Crystal Ware is gaining rapidly in popularity.

SMP Lumino Ware
Special

\$2.19

This is made of Lumino—the new aluminum. Handsome in appearance, well-shaped, strongly made. Has extra cool handle. Every SMP Lumino utensil has name Lumino and SMP trade-mark stamped on bottom.

No Burnt Fingers or Scalded Hands

Once you've used an SMP Enameled Ware Potato Pot, you will never boil potatoes any other way. You can strain off the water through the strainer spout, while the lock handle prevents the pot cover coming off. It means no burnt fingers or scalded hands. You can drain off the water right to the last drop without spilling potatoes. And the large spout permits filling with water without removing the cover. This sale is a splendid chance

for you to obtain an SMP Enameled Ware Potato Pot at a special price. Remember—at any up-to-date hardware store.

Always Look for the SMP Trade Mark

The SMP trade-mark is important to you. Never buy a cooking utensil that does not carry the SMP trade-mark in the shield shape label.

The **Sheet Metal Products Co. of Canada Limited**

Montreal
Edmonton

TORONTO
Vancouver

Winnipeg
Calgary

Get Your Potato Pot at

Emerson & Fisher

and one of the 2 Quart, \$1.00 Aluminum Double Boilers.

Your Potato Pot Awaits You in the Kitchenware Department of

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

Your Potato Pot is Here

D.J. BARRETT

155 Union Street

The Economy of the Ostermoor Increases its Wide Popularity

IT would hardly be natural if someone now and then did not suggest to Simmons the idea of cheapening the quality of the Ostermoor.

They whisper that people in Canada do not want quality—not realizing that the steady sale of Ostermoors throughout the Dominion gives the lie to this. People always want quality—doubly so when quality means economy.

Simmons has steadfastly refused to lower the high standard of the Ostermoor. Cost of production has greatly increased.

Yet the price of an Ostermoor is only \$25. The highest mattress value—the lowest cost per year-of-service to be had anywhere.

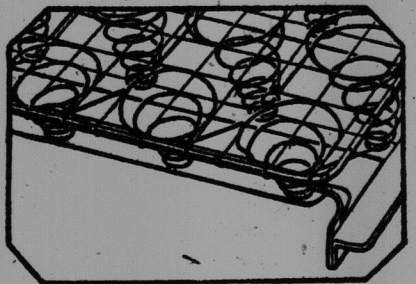
There are countless Ostermoors throughout Canada today in A1 condition after 10—20—30 years of service.

An Ostermoor is built, not stuffed. Soft and springy. No lumping—no matting.

Built for sleep. Like every Simmons Mattress. Of clean, new, sanitary material.

Simmons Mattresses—Built for Sleep
Ostermoor \$25.00
Also—Red Label—Green Label—White Label
at prices to suit every purse.
Simmons Springs—Built for Sleep
\$5.50 to \$50.00
Simmons Beds—Built for Sleep
\$2.00 to \$75.00

Be sure to see the Simmons Label on Bed, Spring and Mattress before you buy. The Simmons Label is your assurance of sleeping equipment built for sleep. All genuine Simmons Beds, Springs and Mattresses have it. No others have.



The Simmons "Banner" Spring
Built not to sag or sway. Relaxes muscles and nerves. Sleep comes quickly and naturally—deep, round, refreshing sleep.

SIMMONS
BEDS, SPRINGS AND MATTRESSES
Built for Sleep

Horlick's
Malted Milk
Safe Milk
For Infants & Invalids
A Nutritious Diet for All Ages. Keep Horlick's Always on Hand Quick Lunch; Home or Office.