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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Nov. 9th, 1918.
IF THE KAISER COULD SEE.

The last time the Kaiser showed himself to the London crowd was at the unveiling of the Victoria Memorial, when he stood in shining armour on the marble steps staring proudly down the Mall. If he could have been on the same spot this afternoon he would have enjoyed the sight of long double rows of captured German guns stretching all the way down without a break from the Memorial to the Admiralty Arch, at the entrance to St. James's Park. The contrast symbolises the tottering fall of his own fortunes and that of his mighty army—supreme in the world then, to-day bargaining with Marshal Foch for peace. Much the biggest show of spoils of war that England has seen—and they are, of course, only a fraction of the whole—they are enough to provide a token for every town square in England. These guns date chiefly from the early days of August and the great break-through on the Somme—shell-battered and mud-stained just as the German gunners left them when they made off with the breeches. On every one of them is written in chalk the name of the regiment that claims it, and some are inscribed, "Home, peace," and others "Blighty." There are all kinds of vicious looking trench mortars and howitzers, fine anti-aircraft guns still nosing the sky, and hundreds of the ordinary field gun, camouflaged in green, yellow and black.

A TAILORING ROOM.

One of the minor results of the prospects of peace is a big stir in the tailoring trade. Many civilians have been breaking their old habits in regard to new clothes during the war, and have made their old garments do service as long as they reasonably could. But there is a limit even to war economy, and the war has lasted so long that customers are now finding that they are compelled to revisit their tailors, high prices notwithstanding. It is not, however, from such quarters that the tailoring trade are expecting the great boom to meet which they are busily preparing. The demand for new clothes as soon as peace is declared will be enormous on the part of officers and men who are returning to civil life. Even if

there is enough labor to cope with the needs of the great mass of officers and men who will find that they have hardly a wearable civilian suit to their name, the shortage of material is likely to constitute a tough problem.

THE GOVERNMENT AND LABOR.

It is understood that the Government is giving very serious consideration to the position that is likely to arise in regard to labor. As is well known, a large number of committees have been sitting for many months dealing with various aspects of the subject, but it is to be feared that several of these which were entrusted with the exploration of some of the more important of the problems were counting upon at least another six months for deliberation. In the new situation a strong committee of Ministers, including Austin Chamberlain and George Barnes, Dr. Addison and Mr. Roberts, is now sitting daily, and it has reason to believe that, with a view to co-ordinating the work of the different committees, and putting a scheme into operation almost at once, it has been resolved to appoint with large powers a Director of Demobilisation.

MORE TOBACCO.

The recent shortage of tobacco, which at one time almost threatened to revive in a minor form the evils of the queue of waiting customers, has now been in great measure remedied, and while the present supplies may not be all that could be wished they are at least sufficient to meet immediate wants. The situation, too, is steadily improving, and there is no reason to anticipate a setback. The Tobacco Controller took active steps to ascertain the requirements in each district—he sent a special representative to all the big cities—and to meet their needs. The scarcity which existed was principally in the cheaper brands, particularly the "thick black" beloved by the industrial worker. This fact lifted the whole question from the level of a mere luxury and gave it an aspect of great significance, for it was felt that if the worker was to remain contented his pipe must not become empty. I understand that there are ample supplies of tobacco in the country now, and that the difficulties which were experienced in

maintaining the supply of the manufactured article were attributable to lack of adequate machinery and labour.

WHAT WE OWE TO HUCKS.

To Captain B. C. Hucks, who has died in his bed from influenza after seven years of constant daring in the air, the British air service owes several of the "stunts" which have figured constantly in the tactics of air-men fighting the Hun. Hucks was the first Englishman to follow Pegoud, the originator of looping the loop and upside-down flying, which some time before the war he told me he was convinced had a great value apart from exhibition flying. I met him frequently in those days, and he was always urging on our Army and Navy the importance of flying, and maintained that looping the loop should form the basis of the training of officers of the Flying Corps. The war soon proved the soundness of his doctrine.

THE PEOPLE AND THE WAR'S END.

It is strange going about the town just now, meeting one's friends and looking into the faces of the thousands of people one sees in the streets, trying to seize what is strange and abnormal in them. What is the reaction of the people of London to the mighty events of this week of destiny? The one thing one notices everywhere is the absence of exultation. It would be almost impossible for a stranger to know that he was in the capital of a people at the moment of victory after four years of terrible war, with the issue hanging in the balance until a couple of months ago. The town is full of people who have lost their dearest relatives and friends, and who have sustained themselves by the excitement of the war. When that excitement is withdrawn I think there will be a great reaction, and many will realise for the first time how barren their lives have become, just as people "keep up" till the day after the funeral before they realise the empty home.

SIR ROSSLYN.

Sir Rosslyn Wemyss—Rosy Wemyss as he is called in the service—is in some ways typical of the naval officer of the period, for he is scientific, not talkative about service matters, can tell very excellent stories, and wears an eyeglass, a habit which some civilians who have been brought into touch with the navy for the first time during the war have found a little irritating. It was a business man who had to do some work on a station where Sir Rosslyn was early in the war that came home swearing that he should dream for ever after of impenetrable naval officers fixing eyeglasses at him and "telling him that everything would be quite all right, you know," when he tried to "push things in his own way, and if the German delegates have been telling our representatives that our demands are impossible, one can quite imagine Sir Rosslyn fixing them and remarking casually, "That will be all right."

ALSACE-LORRAINE PROBLEM.

Among the peace settlements that of the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine will be among the most important, and France already is making it clear that she will not entertain for a moment the idea suggested at German instigation in some international Socialist quarters as a compromise that the question shall be submitted to a plebiscite. Certain Labor leaders, accustomed to judge these matters by phrases rather than facts, have been induced to lend some countenance to the idea. They forget that all Frenchmen, except a Leninist section among the Socialists, reject the idea of accepting a plebiscite of the German inhabitants of their despoiled provinces as settling the question. The enemy in the course of nearly fifty years has driven out of Alsace-Lorraine all Frenchmen of independent

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thought and planted Germans in their stead. The French view is that to accept the verdict of these "squatters" as the voice of the democracy is to juggle with words, and the British Labour Party months ago was made aware that such jugglery would antagonise French Labor opinion in a highly marked degree. The Republic's Under-Secretary for War (M. Jeanneney) spoke the national view in Paris when he described the idea of a referendum as now offered to Alsace-Lorraine as only a ridiculous and impracticable snare, and easy-going English folk would do wisely to note his words.

Souvenir Smuggling.

Mementoes of War Brought Home by the Boys at Great Risk.

Amongst the papers that are handed to the fortunate recipient of Blighty leave is one wherein he is forbidden to take souvenirs, with the exception of German helmets, caps, buttons, and shoulder-straps. Why these particular articles are mentioned to the exclusion of other German articles is not clear, but the fact remains that a continuous stream of other articles, both British and German, enters this country.

Many of these are intended for the Imperial War Museum, or some other officially recognised purpose, and are authorised by the Inspector-General of War Trophies. But a great many are not so authorised, and a considerable amount of ingenuity is exercised to ensure their delivery.

The official rule is that anyone found attempting to board a leave-boat whilst in possession of forbidden articles will forthwith be returned to his unit and his leave cancelled. As a matter of fact, such vigilance as is shown by the authorities is generally exercised at the rest camps, and possession of any reasonable souvenirs seldom results in anything more than their confiscation. The adjutants' offices at the rest camps commonly have a quite imposing collection of ornamental brasswork. Many beautiful articles can be made from shell cases, and these are amongst the favourite forms of souvenirs.

But though the extreme penalty is not always imposed, it sometimes is, particularly when the souvenir collector "cuts up rough." It is not long since an indignant brigadier-general had his suspiciously-heavy baggage searched, with the result that he was indignantly packed off back to his brigade.

Detected by His Walk.

On another occasion a sergeant was observed to be walking curiously stiffly, and investigation proved that he had used his trouser-legs as a hiding-place for a German bayonet and other small articles.

A German breastplate forms an interesting, if somewhat unwieldy, souvenir. The writer once attempted to pass one by packing it with other articles in a valise but, unfortunately, the valise was left behind. Another officer went one better and wore a breastplate.

Perhaps one of the most enterprising souvenir collectors was the padre who carried a 5-9-inch German shell with his trench-coat strapped round it. Although the danger arising from shells is slight, there are many who would not risk carrying a live shell, so do away with all danger by having them emptied.

Such articles as are permitted may be sent by post, and after the first visit of a battalion or a big draft to the front, the post orderly commonly has a busy time carrying German helmets and various small packets of souvenirs, generally sewn up in sand-bags, back to the post-office.

Thought the strictest rules should be kept as regards explosives and materials of which there is a shortage, the practice of bringing home German souvenirs seems likely to be useful in arousing interest in those at home.

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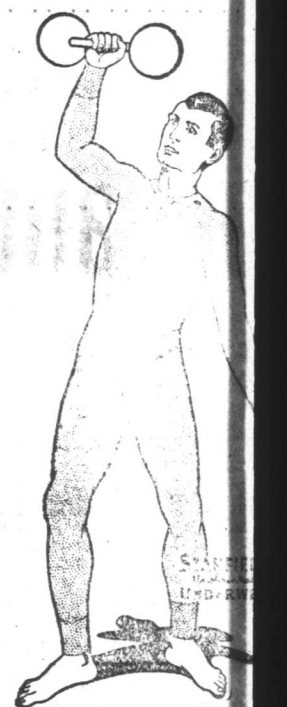
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