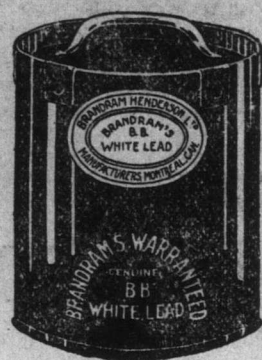


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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Sept. 10th, 1917.

NOVELISTS OF TWO SEASONS.

The two most successful novels of the spring were H. G. Wells's "Mr. Britling Sees It Through" and Stephen McKenna's "Sonja." One reason for their success was their human relationship to this time of war. It happens that two of the early novels of the autumn will be by Mr. Wells and Mr. McKenna, and both are awaited with real interest. "Conscience and Religion and the Real Troubles of the Life" are, in Mr. Wells's words, the subject of his novel, which has the title "The Soul of a Bishop." The incidental comedies of the war form the theme of Mr. McKenna's story, which bears the title derived from the war "Ninety-Six Hours' Leave." It is a title of the same order as Ian May's "First Hundred Thousand."

BELGIANS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

I hear that the British, United States and Canadian Governments are considering proposals which have been submitted to them for carrying out a big scheme of colonization in the Province of British Columbia, the States of Oregon and Washington. It appears that in Holland there are one million and a half of Belgians, for the most part very poor, and a burden to the country and upon private benevolence. In Belgium in the past the majority of the rural population were horticulturists, whose operations were conducted on principles of intensive cultivation. A percentage of them were versed in the principles of mixed farming, always on the lines of small holdings. The promoters of the scheme have developed elaborate plans for utilising these people in horticulture, mixed farming, flax grow-

ing, and beetroot culture. Each colony will be on the co-operative plan, the association supplying all the capital for the purchase of land. It is understood that the scheme is being financed by the association as a business proposition.

WOMEN AND SICK HORSES.

This summer has seen a great increase in the number of women drivers employed by the big London firms and contractors, and one hears much also of their success when employed as grooms. Now I notice that Messrs. Macnamara, who do most of the London postal work and who have between thirty and forty women drivers for the mail vans, have put women in charge of their horses' hospital. Mrs. Parry, the superintendent, who is the wife of an officer serving in France, gained her experience in South Africa, and is extraordinarily clever with sick animals. Her hospital is a news not far from the city, and there thirty horses, at a time are treated for all sorts of complaints and casualties. The men who have been replaced by Mrs. Parry and her staff were very sceptical about the new arrangement, prophesying that the women would never be able to manage the most bad-tempered patients. The worst tempers, however, reformed, for if the girls did not adopt the tactics of the lady in "Punch" and melt the horse's heart with sentimental tears they had new methods of sympathy and cajolery, and now it is said that they can do anything they like with even nervous, painful cases. It is heavy, sometimes very disagreeable work that only people who cared very much for animals would enjoy, but the horses are grateful and companionable, and no doubt even, after the

war this career will appeal to many women.

A WAR-TIME REVIVAL.

With a view to providing a less strenuous form of exercise than cricket and football for wounded soldiers in their convalescent period, an attempt is being made to revive the old English game of stoolball, which is still played in the towns and villages of Sussex, in the South of England. In its modern form stoolball is a mild sort of cricket, the wickets being boards a foot square raised on pedestals of wood 4 ft. 8 in. high and standing 16 yards apart. The bat is a kind of battledore, and the ball generally used is that commonly known as best tennis No. 3. Under-hand bowling only is permitted, and the field is set as in cricket with a preponderance of players on the "on" side. An exhibition game was given at Lord's (the famous London cricket ground), this, it is stated, being the first time for 200 years that stoolball had been played in London. An eleven from the 2nd London General Hospital opposed "Ye Ancient Lawyers" and the performance was witnessed by a fair crowd. The object was to popularize the game and to raise money to send outfits to military and naval hospitals. One who made the journey to Lord's has given his impression that for the proper enjoyment of stoolball one thing is necessary—plenty of leisure. He calculated that the military eleven, who had first innings, might be out by the time the war ends. Those acquainted with stoolball as played in sleepy Sussex say it is a splendid game, and though belonging to an age when time was not of so much account as to-day, is admirably adapted for those recovering from wounds or illness.

TRIPLE MILITARY DECORATIONS.

To receive three military decorations for gallant service at the hands of the King in one day constitutes a notable record. Captain W. A. Bishop, of the Canadian Cavalry and the Royal Flying Corps, was decorated at His Majesty's Palace with the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross. The possession of the three coveted awards, however, does not constitute a record. Another intrepid member of the Royal Flying Corps, the late Captain Albert Ball, won all three distinctions, but he was not invested with them all at one time. Indeed he did not live to receive the Victoria Cross in person. About a month ago, after his death, the King handed it to the father and mother of the gallant officer. Double decorations such as a D.S.O. and an M.C. are increasing in numbers as the war proceeds, and I noticed in a recent "London Gazette" that one officer had won the Military Cross three times, the second and third achievements being donated by bars. Some of the officers who attended the last investiture at Buckingham Palace were in the category of those whose bravery has been recognized a second or third time.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE LABOR.

There are now a good many thousands of natives from South Africa at work in Europe, relieving men from railway transport and dock work for immediate service in the fighting line. When the whole number required are enlisted there will be four times as many. Excellent reports are reaching this country as to their value. Making and repairing roads, building and repairing railways, driving animal and mechanical transport, they are proving themselves to be handy men for every kind of labor. Under severe climatic conditions their good

health is well sustained. The chaplain who accompanied them from South Africa speaks well of their general behaviour, and the men themselves are highly gratified at the way they are treated. A letter written by one of them—a Matabele—says: "Plenty much cold, plenty skoff, plenty blankets, plenty well and plenty happy."

THE NEW ADMIRALS.

Admiral Sir Edmund Slade, who has been placed on the retired list at his own request in order to facilitate the promotion of junior officers, was for some time the British Navy's most prominent oil expert. Early in 1912 he went to the Admiralty to organize the supply of liquid fuel, and on the formation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company two years later he was the Admiralty's nominee on the board of directors. Vice-Admiral Sir Sackville Carden, whose promotion is announced, was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Fleets at the Dardanelles from February 19 to March 16, 1915. Vice-Admiral Stoddart was Rear-Admiral with his flag in the Carnarvon in the action off the Falkland Islands, and Rear-Admiral Green, captain of the New Zealand in the Battle of Jutland. The new flag officer fought his ship in that action "with great skill and gallantry," and for his services was made C.B. (Companion of the Order of the Bath) and also decorated as an officer of the Legion of Honour.

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Pte. R. Voisey.

Private Richard Voisey, a Gallipoli and France veteran, who has been at the General Hospital receiving treatment for his wounds ever since his return from the scene of war several weeks ago, is, we are glad to say, on the mending hand. He has undergone quite a number of operations here at the hospital for treatment to his leg, one of the bones of which was somewhat decayed. Dick recounts some interesting reminiscences of the war before being put out of commission in France. He is the son of our fellow townsman, Cabman Thomas Voisey.

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