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**LONDON GOSSIP.**

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**SOCIETY TRADE UNION.**

With the opening of the season, a determined effort is to be made by a small group of well-known hostesses to exclude from their houses the multitudinous crowd of war-bred profiteers who have taken big houses in fashionable London society. They complain of being inundated with people possessing more aspirations than aspirates, and they have united to make any invitation to their homes conditional on possession of a family tree. This sounds like downright old-fashioned snobbishness, but after all society women are merely reflecting the spirit of the times in forming a trade union to exclude the unskilled.

**"CHINESE" MORRISON.**

Dr. Morrison, the greatest living authority on the problems of the Far East, is, I regret to hear, very ill in London. No Englishman, with the exception of Sir Robert Hart, has ever been so trusted by the Chinese. He made his name there as correspondent of the London "Times." On the formation of the Republic he accepted the post of foreign adviser to the Government, and during all the troublous periods through which China has passed in recent years he has always retained the complete confidence of the Chinese. Probably only one other non-Asiatic has ever occupied a position analogous to his, and that is Henry Dennison, the wonderful man, who for more than a quarter of a century, did so much to shape the policy of the Japanese Foreign Office. Dr. Morrison is an Australian and was intended for the medical profession, but the call of adventure was too strong, and after years of exploration, during which only his great physical strength saved his life, he settled down in China.

**A WELDED SHIP.**

British naval architecture will reach another milestone in its wonderful progress when Cammell, Laird and Company, of Birkenhead, launch the electrically welded ship which they are completing. During the war an electrically welded barge, suitable for cross-Channel work, was completed at Richborough. The Mersey ship, however, a self-propelling, sea-going vessel, her engines being of the Cammell, Laird-Fullagar-Diesel type.

**BRITAIN TO BUY IN EUROPE.**

The wind is blowing up in very diverse quarters in favor of British traders avoiding as far as possible making purchases in the United States as long as the exchange value of the pound is being deliberately forced down against us, and buying as much as possible in Europe, where the exchange is in our favor and our goods are in great demand. Strikingly enough, they also are in demand in

official use are, in spite of everything, a very considerable number, and their managers are just as anxious to do business on better terms as is the landlord of the average house. But they all pronounce the same verdict. Somebody else has anticipated you, and you must either pursue the quest elsewhere or wait until the popular craze for public dinners and houses are gone the way of the jazz. A few hotel managers are prepared to book dinner functions for dates in the second half of May; but it seems impossible to secure accommodation before then. The demand is attributable chiefly to social reunions and regimental celebrations inspired by the war. It is enormously greater than ever it was at the height of the dining season in the old days, when caterers did most of their business between Easter and midsummer.

**DANCING A LA MODE.**

Everyone in the West End is still dancing—children, young girls, and matrons. "Only one dance to-night," grumbled a pretty debutante. "Isn't it awful? I've been going to five in one evening." At the smart clubs the jazz is certainly dead as Christmas, and inquires fail to show much enthusiasm regarding "The Scissors," which one well-known teacher described as "grotesquely ugly." The valse is coming into favour again. In the suburbs at least half a dozen dances are regular features of the programme, which would be completely unknown to the East End habitues. The Maxina, the Waltz Quadrille, the Canadian Three-step, and the Military One-step are four of the better known and older of these. At some halls in the suburbs an instructor first performs such dances with some selected partner to show how the steps should be executed. It is a vastly solemn business, during which the other dancers stand agape with admiration.

**UNMUZZLED, BUT DEMURE.**

London dogs have now been unmuzzled for three days, but their demure is still marked by the tight-lipped sedateness which acceptance of the muzzle brought after they grew tired of protests and futile scratching. A long course of muzzling seems to have the same lowering effect on the spirits of dogs as an industrial school has on bad boys.

**DEMAND FOR SCENT.**

The perfumers' expectation that the demand for perfume oils would decrease has proved. Lemongrass, a pungent scent from South India, which is the basis of so many perfumes, including rose, synthetic violet, and the majority of the exotic and strangely-named scents of fashion, has never been so heavily in demand as now, in spite of the fact that it is only procurable at 10d. (20c.) an ounce, as against 2d. (4c.) before the war. This is the oil which gives sharpness and character to a perfume, and modulates the sickly sweetness of the fuller flavored scents. It plays a part very similar to that of salt in cooking, bringing out the subtler fragrances of the other ingredients. Experts were of the opinion that high prices and the national need for economy would restrict the import of perfume oils, but the scent and soap industries at present ask for more than the available supply.

**Hair Soon Too Short to Do Up.**

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**Mainly About People.**

Frank A. Munsey paid \$4,000,000 cash for the New York Herald and its Paris edition. He has merged the Herald with the Sun. Mr. Munsey is a newspaper and magazine publisher, a hotel man in Connecticut, the proprietor of a chain of grocery stores, and is known on Wall Street.

The youngest old member of the New York Stock Exchange is J. H. Whitehouse, whose admission dates back to 1867, when he was one of 633 members. He is now 90. He is a world traveller, and keen follower of sports. W. T. Colburn comes next. His membership dates back to 1866.

**Eskimos Prefer Snow to Civilized Concrete.**

The movement to modernize the Eskimo by providing him with concrete huts in place of his picturesque snow "igloos" as suggested by an official of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, would be the death of the denizen of the icy north, in the opinion of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer. Not only is the Eskimo devoted to his age-long habitation as the South Sea Islanders are to their traditional garb of flower garlands and fresh smiles, but he is far healthier, warmer and more comfortable in his domed mansion of snow blocks than he could be in any modern house of concrete.

The statement that the natives of the Froblof Islands were about to discard their snow huts for modern concrete huts, finding the gales of the Behring Sea too strong for the intended change of Eskimo habits was based, Mr. Stefansson characterized as too silly for discussion. The explorer said that the Froblof Islanders had never lived in snow but in wooden huts and that further north, where the natives do live in snow houses, it would be next to impossible to convert them to any other dwelling.

"Their igloo serves as a home for two or three weeks. Then they build a new one. Because it is new it is clean and sanitary. It is as warm and comfortable as your library. A candle gives as much illumination as three electric lights, because of the intense whiteness of the snow. The snow house will stand under any conditions. In all, the igloo is as comfortable a home as a man could wish.

"The concrete hut, like the wooden hut, must be uncomfortable and unsanitary. Wherever the natives have changed from the snow to the wooden home there has followed pneumonia and typhoid and a tremendous increase in the death rate.

"The Eskimos are a migratory race. Contact with civilization has affected them and they are dying off. They must soon be extinct and the concrete hut hastens that extinction. The Eskimos are like the gypsies. Try to keep a gypsy in a house of concrete and see what happens.

"Still, the Eskimos might be converted to the concrete hut," went on Mr. Stefansson, smiling. "If it becomes the fashion. Should concrete homes become fashionable, all Eskimos would soon be living in them. Human nature is the same the world over. Let some one introduce the wearing of furs as a fashion, in the Zulu Islands, and the natives there would wear furs. Women wear furs in California and Florida, where the climate is just as hot as on the Zulu Islands. So you see, you never can tell."

**The Chinese Flag.**

Old Nation Possesses a Very Young Standard.

The history of the national flag of the Republic of China (Chunghua Mingkuo) dates back, says the Christian Science Monitor, to 1912, when the five-colored, or rainbow flag, was adopted by the Republican Government as its national standard.

During the existence of the Manchu dynasty the yellow dragon was the national ensign of the Taiting empire. While this yellow ground represents the imperial color, the dragon symbolizes the personality of the emperor. Such imperialistic signs was, of course, not adaptable to republican ideas and institutions.

On October 10, 1911, the revolutionary war at Wuchang raised as its military standard a flag of blue ground and white centre, signifying a white sun in the blue sky. A flag with five horizontal stripes of five different colors was, however, used by the provisional government, which was set up at Nanking on January 1, 1912. But when the north and the south were united on February 12 at the abdication of the Manchu dynasty, the yellow dragon finally passed out of existence, and the rainbow, or five-colored flag, became the national ensign of the newly established republic, representing the unity of the five great races which live within its territory. The five colors are red, yellow, blue, white and black, representing respectively the Chinese (Hanren), the Manchus, the Mongols, the Mohammedans, and the Tibetans. The five stripes of five different colors are also interpreted to mean the five fundamentals of Confucius, namely, benevolence, righteousness, courtesy, wisdom and faith.

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