

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, April 22, 1918.

NEW MAN AT VERSAILLES.

General Rawlinson's successor on the Supreme War Council at Versailles is the Hon. Charles Sackville-West, a fair-haired, distinguished man of forty-seven, an excellent specimen of the Englishman, with a ready expression of countenance and a commanding respect and confidence. His twenty-nine years of Army service includes heavy experiences in Manipur and in Burma, the Boer War, and in the present war he has several times been mentioned in despatches, and he was promoted to the rank of Major-General in November, 1916. General Sackville-West became heir-presumptive to the title of Lord Sackville in 1908, on the death of his uncle, the late Peer who was British Ambassador to Washington in the 'eighties. The General is one of the oldest in England, and his ancestors fought bravely with the Third Edward in the battle of Tewkesbury, and against the Scots under James IV. Another, the seventh Earl, was knighted at the battle of Spurs, and a third fought at Waterloo.

ROMANCE OF INDUSTRY.

One of the romances of our war career is the career of J. A. Whitehead, the founder of the famous aircraft firm to whom G. H. Roberts, Minister of Labor, paid so eloquent a tribute at the Savoy Hotel, and from practically nothing—his original capital was £500 (50 cents) piece and the rest with which he painted his own factory wall—Mr. Whitehead has been able in a few short years to contribute more than one share to the tremendous development of aircraft construction in time of peace as in war will be the British supremacy in the air. The Whitehead concern does not stand alone. All round there has been a remarkable advance in aeronautical science, and at a rate which can be measured in machines we can now more than hold our own.

MINIATURE NAVAL WAR.

Some of the finest stories of the war come out casually in the minutes at meetings. At the Colonial Conference a few days ago, Commander G. B. S. Simpson gave the detailed account of the destruction of the German flotilla on Lake Argenta, at the end of 1915. One of the most interesting details is that the smallest expedition—only 28 men—was sent out, and it was the expedition that came back with a single casualty. The two boats were sent out after a sea journey of 8,000 miles had a land journey of 1,000 miles. They were dragged over a range of mountains, some at a temperature of 160 degrees.

The German vessel Kingari sailed mysteriously into the bay where our boats were, in complete ignorance of the British navy being on the spot. She was chased into the lake, and after being badly mauled hauled down her flag. The Kingari then resumed her career under the White Ensign as the Efa. Early in February the Hedwig von Wissmann turned up. Fifi and Mimmi chased her thirty miles, until at 5,000 yards Fifi got the range with high-explosive shells. "In a few minutes the Hedwig von Wissmann burst into flames, up-ended, and went down." Her ensign was picked up, and was the first enemy ensign captured in any sea battle in the war. The Kingari was the first German warship brought into harbor as a prize. The remaining German boat, the Graf von Götzen, stayed in harbour. A seaplane flew over and roused her with a few bombs. The Germans then filled her up with cement and sank her. Altogether a complete and satisfactory wipe-up.

THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S FLIGHT.

While the Kaiser is hastening to assure his Austrian Imperial brother that he does not believe a word of the French Government's allegations against him, and the Emperor Charles has said something about Alsace-Lorraine, but not quite what Paris has attributed to him, two members of the British House of Commons have instinctively assumed that Paris is truthful and Vienna lying by putting down questions to the Foreign Secretary accepting the French version of the transaction. What words are to be attached to German or Austrian official statements about public documents is contemporaneously revealed by Reuter's exposure of the fashion in which the Wolff Bureau, the German accredited telegraphic agency, falsified by omissions the most recent speech of President Wilson. Such a device is an old accomplishment of Wolff's, but it used to be done less clumsily. More than once while Viscount Grey was Foreign Secretary his pronouncements on international affairs in the House of Commons were misrepresented in the news services controlled by Berlin, by the simple but effective process of giving in full the less important passages and summarizing those which were vital. Some of the summaries were done so artistically that they conveyed an utterly wrong impression without telling any lie that could be directly fastened upon, but there is less art displayed in the process adopted now.

MEETING THE AMBULANCES.

The most interesting of all the scenes in London just now is the bleak little place at the exposed end of a Charing Cross platform where a band of workers is on duty day and night waiting for the ambulance trains to bring men from the great battle. They have been there for years, freezing in north winds, carrying on through air raids, always ready with tea, coffee, and cocoa and biscuits for the men, who by the time they reach the end of a journey, are grateful for what is often the first cup of tea they have had since leaving France. The bad cases in the ambulances are served by the orderlies, but the walking cases gather around the buffet, admiring the flowers with which it is decked and which are distributed among them, and find time to tell the serving ladies how such a welcome to Blighty pleases them.

WOMEN PHARMACISTS.

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Zeebrugge Raid.

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THE SYBIL IN THE MOTOR BUS.

People who collect war wonders are recalling one of the best street stories of the war. The tale is that a few months ago a young girl travelling in a London motor bus shifted her seat to avoid sitting near a shabbily dressed old woman. "You needn't be so proud," said the old woman; "after all, you've only got eighteen-pence in your purse." The astonished girl acknowledged this was true. "That's very strange," said a man opposite; "can you also tell how much money you have in my pocket?" "Seventeen pounds twelve shillings and eight-pence," said the old woman, "and five pounds ten shillings in postal notes." The man examined his pocket book and change. She was right. "Perhaps, since you know so much," he suggested, "you can tell us when the war will be over?" and promptly the old woman answered him, "It will end in April in a great battle in a snowstorm." "Whereupon, although the good lady did not specify which the man took the sybil's name and address, promising that if the prophecy came true he would send her seventeen pounds twelve shillings and eight-pence—all the money in his pocket. This present April is getting on, and the believers who were looking out anxiously for snow had no lots to gratify their eyesight. Nothing, however, has happened as yet to justify the prediction, but, as I have indicated before, the sybil did not state which April she referred to.

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King Spud.

Besides being an invaluable article of food, it may surprise many people to learn that the potato contains quite a large amount of alcohol, and when chemically and properly treated in bulk, can yield fine results. Alcohol is used for many other purposes besides producing beverages. After being extracted from the potato it can be used as a substitute for petrol. It has for some time past been rumored that the surplus of the year's potato crop may possibly be utilized for the making of alcohol, which, in turn, may take the place of petrol as a driving power, and also for heating and cooking purposes. Scientists and chemists agree that it may be a common sight in the future to see cars, buses, motor-vans, and taxis driven by alcohol from the potato. When you choose your percale dress choose a dotted one.

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