

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND * "MME. LA PRESIDENTE" OF FRANCE

'Airshipitis' Upsets Nerves of So Called Stolid Race

England Cannot Quite Get Over the Scares She Has Had in Regard to Tales of Hostile German Military Air Craft Hovering Over Her Coast and Her Home Gibraltars.

A CUCKOO STORY THAT ILLUSTRATES THE CASE

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. ENGLAND is suffering from another bad attack of "airshipitis," which is another word for "nerves." Every day for the last fortnight the newspapers have been full of stories, communicated by "eye witnesses," of strange apparitions in the air, of airships with red lights, green lights, searchlights and star lights, North, south, east and west these ghostly visitants have been watched with open mouths and scared eyes. The same nervous cry has been raised as a year or two ago that they were German Zeppelins spying the land, and the government was accordingly denounced for not taking up the matter with Germany and asking for an explanation.

But the government has been away enjoying itself, every member of it recuperating on the Continent, leaving the government of the country to the suffragettes, pillage, plunder and incendiarism.

As the excitement grew "experts" sought to prove by long discourses in the newspapers that a Zeppelin had visited England upon a certain night. They noted the Berlin to have left its base, steering in the direction of the North Sea, and when it returned, estimating that the time required for the voyage was just sufficient to complete a flight and pass over that part of England at which it had been observed.

At first Germany laughed; then she got angry and wanted to know why the British government did not contradict the silly stories. It was said in the German official newspapers that no Zeppelin could undertake a flight across the North Sea and return between sunset and sunrise. Nor could any useful purpose be served by a night flight; nor, if such were the case, would a hostile airship reveal its presence with port and starboard lights.

Another more moderate view is that the airships are smugglers, raking their lives for commercial ends, it already having been admitted that the question of smuggling by air may take the place that smuggling by sea once occupied, with the necessity for a new type of excise-man. At present, the aerial route being comparatively clear, the landing of dutiable goods is easy. But the airships are neither Zeppelins nor smugglers. As on the first occasion of the scare, they existed only in the imagination of frightened country people, whose nerves had been first by fears of invasion, as in the old days of the Napoleonic wars.

One airship, for instance, was seen crossing the hills of Aberdever, in Wales, showing a port light. Suddenly there was a grinding noise and the port light changed to starboard. It was only a railway steam train clearing the line for an approaching train. Another great airship which has been causing anxiety and which carries a very bright light and always disappears in the west, which is the route to America, nor Germany, has been exploded by Sir Norman Lockyer and Mr. W. C. Jenkins, the well known astronomers. It is only Venus, after all. She is never seen after ten o'clock and always disappears in the west. So do the phantom Zeppelins.

But a ruined fire balloon on the Yorkshire moors has led to the discovery that some practical jokers have been sending up a series of fire balloons night after night, enjoying the sensation they caused; and this is regarded as a better solution of the "Zeppelin" mystery than either Venus or changing railway signals.

Only a few weeks ago great excitement came to zoologists in a report which was substantiated by conclusive evidence, that the cuckoo had been found in the woods at Hampstead, a month before its time. Such an early cuckoo was unprecedented. Experts tried to explain, and cited remarkable recorded cases of February cuckoos. Even Mr. Lydekker, the veteran zoologist, joined in the controversy and sided with the "sayer" until it turned out that the cuckoo was only a ventriloquist's milkman. Both stories have the same moral.

TO MAKE THE GLORIES OF THE ELYSEE REFLECT THOSE OF THE TUILERIES



WIFE OF THE NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT, "MME. LA PRESIDENTE"

Mme. Poincaré, wife of Mr. Raymond Poincaré, President of the French Republic, who took up office the other day, is of Italian origin and was known before her marriage as Mile. Henriette Benucci, famous in Parisian society for her beauty. She is a hostess of much charm and tact, and without question is likely that Mme. Poincaré will be 'proved.' In that case the Elysee may burst into gaudy and splendor, a reflection of the Tuileries under the Empress Eugénie. On the other hand, the necessity that the President shall be democratic may make it impossible, or at least improbable, that his wife will bring about such a social innovation.

King and Queen to Attend Many Functions This Season

Busy Week for Royal Pair, Who Take Part in Dinner Parties and Other Social Activities—Duchess of Marlborough and Other Peereses Work for the Albert Hall Festival.

DENMARK'S KING AND QUEEN TO VISIT LONDON

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. ALL indications point to an unusually successful season here. No social lion has yet promised to come to London for May, June and July, but engagements already have been made by the King and Queen which will insure their presence in London and at many functions for by far the greater part of the season. Proprietors of fashionable hotels are looking forward to a golden influx of transatlantic travellers.

The King and Queen have just passed the busiest social week which they will see until well after Easter, when they will be at Windsor Castle. Twice they had dinner with friends, and they also gave several dinners at Buckingham Palace. They made a start by attending the large party given by Lord and Lady Iveagh in Grosvenor place, where Lord Iveagh has turned two large houses into one, the same as the Duke of Bedford has done in Bedford square.

Other persons to be honored by the sovereign and his consort will be the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Derby, Lord and Lady Lansdowne, the Earl and Countess of Grand, who are now in the Alps Maritimes and will pass a few days in Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. Ogen Mills.

The Duchess of Marlborough, who is one of the Americans whom the Queen has singled out for special favors, is going about almost everywhere in London looking more beautiful than ever after her holiday abroad.

Unfortunately Lady Cheselmore will not be much in London this season. Last week she gave one of the few entertainments she proposes giving in her town house, in Princes Gate. This took the form of a dinner party, followed by a dance, which ended with a cotillon.

The King and Queen of Denmark will arrive at Buckingham Palace, about the third week of May, and in the course of their sojourn King George will hand the order of the Garter to his royal cousin. They will subsequently pass a few days at Sandringham with Queen Alexandra.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester are among those going to the Italian capital.

General Sir Arthur and Lady Paget are issuing invitations to a full dress ball at the Royal Hospital, in Dublin, on April 2. Lady Paget is another American who is especially favored by the friendship of the royal family.

Some anxiety is again felt for the Empress Eugénie's health. She is suffering from a return of the bronchial attack which prostrated her a few weeks ago and is confined to her room.

Mr. Henry Payne Whitney has taken Burley House, in the Cotswolds, district of Leicestershire.

What promises to be a very brilliant fête will take place at Albert Hall on June 11 in aid of a London charity. Queen Alexandra will be present. The fête has been arranged by the Duchess of Marlborough, the Duchess of Portland and Lady Granard.

Lady Maidstone, as lovely as ever, is passing the spring quietly in Grosvenor street.

Mr. Francis Ellis Campbell is stopping with his sister, Mrs. Campbell-Bailey, at No. 14 Chesterfield street, Mayfair. Mr. Campbell is on his way to South Africa.

New Fashions in Jewels and in Complexions Too

Latest Caprices of the Woman of Fashion Are Entertainingly Described in a London Despatch—Yellow and Mauve Are the Colors of the Day for Those Who 'Make Up.'

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. NEW fashions in jewels and complexions are the latest caprices of the fashionable world. The fashion of making up the face with diamonds and pearls is in question. The use of platinum as a setting has permitted a delicacy and grace previously undreamed of. But this new quality has its disadvantages. The use of platinum being harder than either silver or gold, making the most secure of settings.

Inquiries made from the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths' Company show that the jewels handed down to bygone days are being transformed into designs which far surpass the ordinary heavy and uninteresting styles. Everything is flexible, the old rigidity is gone, and with the change the jewels gain, for the constant movement means a greater play of light on the facets of each stone.

The wreaths and ribbons of an artistic Empire necklace would have been impossible to the jeweller who did not use platinum. The employment of very small stones in favor nowadays and they are greatly enhanced the beauty of the more imposing jewels with which they are grouped. Lace is not more delicate than some of the platinum backgrounds upon which these diamonds flash like stars in a cobweb.

It is said now to often to show nothing but the stones, and the fine 'milligraine' setting which looks like a row of microscopic beads has made this almost a reality. "said the manager of Elkington's as he drew attention to a diamond and emerald pendant. The stones were connected by bars of platinum so fine as to deserve their name of "knife edges." At a little distance the bars were practically invisible, while allowing the stones they held to move with every breath their owner drew.

The newest style of jewelry is expensive, for it entails much more work than the old, and it is only the masters of their craft who can do these wonders. But taste has improved, and people are ready to pay for beauty. Platinum, too, is dearer, more than three times as costly as eighteen carat gold; so that though it goes a long way it may still amount to a considerable price in a single gram.

Complexions of yellow and mauve are the latest fancies of those women who "make up." The mauve is for the blonde, the yellow for the brunette, and dark women with their faces carefully painted and powdered the color of yellow ochre may soon be a familiar sight in London.

The desire in "making up" in this manner, the complexion for which were obtained from an Eastern bazaar, is to look peculiar and brilliant in the case of the fair woman and interesting and strange in that of the dark beauty. The yellow complexion can be applied also to have the effect either of a dark Eastern skin or the dark olive complexion of the Spaniard.

"The woman who makes dark eyes and

Oyster Crop of England Poor

Therefore There Will Be a Greater Demand Than Ever for the American Bivalve.

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. THERE will be a greater demand for American oysters this year than ever, and perhaps for some years to come, the demand will grow. English oysters are some good ones and in decent numbers will be nothing like last year's.

"That such an idea might be advisable and that the American field might prove profitable to me, was first suggested to me by Mrs. Benjamin Guinness, of New York, who, in company with Mrs. John Astor, I met some time ago at a party at Dewart Castle, which is near Lochbuie. My contract has been arranged in principle, the details only remaining to be settled. I have had a little experience of the oyster in England, but up to now I have hidden my real name and purpose from all but my most intimate friends."

Maclaine of Lochbuie's Christian name is Kenneth Louis Douglas. He served in South Africa during the Boer War and has been a civil servant in the Board of Agriculture. He is unmarried.

Maclaine of Lochbuie Tells Why He Is Going Into Vaudeville

Owner of 35,000 Acres Needs the Money in Order to Save His Vast Domain.

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. AS already told by the Clan Maclaine, and owner of 35,000 acres in the Isle of Mull, and grandson of the Duke of Argyll, who is uncle of King George of England, he has decided to go into the vaudeville stage in America. He will do this in order to earn enough money to save his estates, on which stands the historic castle of Lochbuie, and which were inherited by him four years ago, heavily encumbered. He means, if successful in his vaudeville stage, to go to the United States and put into practice such musical talents as I may possess.

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CANADIANS TO BRAVE PERILS OF ARCTIC

Score of Scientists to Accompany Dr. Stefansson in Explorations North of Banks Land.

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. THE government has received an offer from Canada to send a party to the Arctic to recover the bodies of Captain Scott and his companions, and convey them to England. This is similar to the Australian offer, and will probably be declined for the reasons given in that case.

What the Canadians have decided to do in the case of Dr. Stefansson's Arctic expedition is known only in a general way, but full details may be expected from the explorer when he arrives in London to deliver a lecture before the Royal Geographical Society.

The definite object of the expedition will be the unexplored portion of the Arctic Circle north of Banks Land, and fully a score of scientists have arranged to accompany Dr. Stefansson. He is 29 years old, a whaler, the Karolik, will make the boundary of Prince Patrick Island, 500 miles north has ever gone beyond that point in this region.

Dr. Stefansson has said that he was told of the land which he hopes to discover by the blond Eskimos at Cape Griffith Prince Albert Island. He also says that he has seen Eskimos who are white men has ever gone beyond that point in this region.

JEZREEL TEMPLE UP FOR AUCTION SALE

The Jezreel Temple, perhaps the most extraordinary building ever erected since the Tower of Babel, and which stands on the Chatham Hill, in the London and Dover road, put up for sale at the Mart, Tottenham York, was withdrawn after \$19,500 had been offered for it, the auctioneer remarking that about \$250,000 had been spent on it.

KAISER'S PICTURE ON PLAYING CARDS

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. SOCIETY is indebted to the German Emperor for a novel and distinctive idea in the design of playing cards which has already become highly popular in the West. The Kaiser recently gave to a distinguished Englishman one of the packs in use at the Imperial Palace at Potsdam.

In this the Queen of the four suits represent the Kaiser's Majesty, the Queen of Italy; the King and the Empress Elizabeth of Austria. The ace are represented by four of the most famous German Emperors, the Emperor William I, the Emperor Frederick III, the Emperor Wilhelm II, and the Emperor Frederick III.

Birds Imitate Rippling Water

Ingenuous Idea Is in Operation in London to Teach Feathered Songsters to Sing.

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. CANARIES and bullfinches trilling, tweeting and carolling, owls hoo-hooing, doves mourning, parrots chattering in foreign tongues, is the riotous, exciting babel of noises that greets one on entering an extraordinary house hidden away in the heart of Brompton, where are collected from all parts of the earth birds to be trained for the amusement of London's daughters of wealth. One wall is banked to the ceiling with tiny white cages of sumptuously colored songsters, whose ceaseless music sounds like a vast orchestra of treble instruments tuning up.

"These," said the keeper and trainer of the birds, "are our newest sensation for our London patrons. They are called piping bullfinches, and they come from Germany. They are, after the nightingale, the most skilled singers we know of, and they sing very high notes. We call them our 'operatic singers,' because the Germans teach them famous operatic arias. They get the name 'piping' because they are taught by an instrument which the Germans call the 'water pipes.'

"A series of reeds is so adjusted that when water is run through them from a reservoir they can be made to repeat the song notes of any bird, or, indeed, to play any operatic or popular air, with variations inserted, which only the throat of a finch is capable of producing. When the water pipes are properly adjusted a number of these finches is placed near them for a sort of preliminary rehearsal. About one in a dozen is found to possess talent enough to make it worth while to continue his education.

"The gifted birds are then singled out and made to attend a daily rehearsal of a given aria from the water pipes. Soon they are interested in the succession of notes, hop about nervously, try a stave or two of their own wild song, and then suddenly burst into exact harmony with their bird conservatories."

From the mass of cages he drew out one labelled "Caruso, Primo Tenor," and placing it against the wall began nodding his head and uttering warbling and cooing words. The little singer, clad in white and golden raiment and capped with a sooty hood, hopped toward the wizard's face, puffed his feathers out nervously, gave his shabby bill a preparatory wipe right and left on its perch, and sang. It was a thoroughly recognizable rendition of the famous melody, and sang it with all the wild sweetness of the voice of the nightingale.

"Other 'artists' were brought forth and launched into their novel specialties. One did "La Donna e Mobile," from "Rigoletto;" another "The Evening Star," another as a study called "Water Bubbling," and one even managed the tune of "Grandfather's Clock."

But, of course, bird song is in this highly artificial form is available only to those who live in the regal homes which rise in stately rows south of the Serpentine.

Strange Tale of Order of Monks

Decision of 'English Benedictines' to Leave the Church of England Recalls Origin.

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. THE decision of the "English Benedictines" of Caidy Island to withdraw from the Church of England and seek union with the Order of St. Benedict recalls the interesting story of this curious institution.

About twenty years ago a medical student who had not yet become qualified for his profession lived in the Isle of Dogs and did church work. One day he thought he would like to be a monk, and he set about gathering round him several other youths who sympathized with his ambition. "Presently they said to themselves: 'We will be Benedictines,' which is as if a company of lay persons should say, 'We will be Knights of the Bath.' However, they banded themselves together, assumed the Benedictine habit, and adopted the Benedictine rule of life, but, of course, without any sanction from above.

For some years the community went on merely as a "freak," and no one took very much notice of it. Then a very odd thing happened.

Archbishop Temple, who was then a very old man, gave them a charter, signed and sealed, recognizing the English Benedictines and giving them leave to choose an abbot. The medical student who was the founder of the affair was chosen and became "Father Adelard, Abbot of Fains Thorpe," a place in Yorkshire, to which they had removed from the Isle of Dogs.

A few years ago they wanted larger quarters and heard of Caidy, an island which had been bought by an old barrow man as a place to retire to. The place was larger than he wanted, and he was delighted to sell it to the monks. The "Abbot of Caidy" got himself ordained and has frequently preached in London churches. Father Ignatius' order, which was started about 1850, died out, and the two properties now come together.

Former Well known Popular Brantfordite is Dead at Vancouver

The funeral of a well-known form Brantfordite is taking place in Vancouver, B.C., this afternoon. The person of the late Joseph Inglis, who passed away in the hospital the last Friday, after an illness of several weeks. His death will come as a great shock to his friends in the city.

Colin Campbell D.D.

NEW YORK, March 24—Colin Campbell, Minister of Public Works in Manitoba, arrived here today from the tropics on the steamship "Albatross," suffering from a severe case of malaria, which he had contracted in Kingston, Jamaica. He was met by the pier by his wife, who will accompany him home. Mr. Campbell has been two months in the West Indies and Central America when he was taken ill.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Thursday, March 27—Back by man—Jas. M. Gaiter, again present. JOHN HYAMS, LEILA McLELLAN and original company of "THE GIRL OF MY DREAM" with the same superb cast of principals, big beauty chorus and pony ballet, special orchestra. Note—This attraction having played season and as company is exactly the same as here before, the management of Grand guarantees. The girl of "Dream" to be one of the very best musical shows which has played Brantford. Prices: 5 rows, \$2.50; 10 rows, \$1.50; 4 rows, \$1.00; 3 reserved, \$1.00; balcony, 25c. See Tuesday.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR ROYAL ASCOT

[Special Despatch.] LONDON, Saturday. Viscount Churchill, who is the King's representative and senior steward at Ascot, will have a hard task this year in choosing the most desirable people from the many thousands of applicants for tickets admitting to the royal enclosure at Ascot. Requests for tickets are already pouring in, though the staff which deals with the work will not commence to work until May.

Viscount Churchill himself examines every application, and his work is the more difficult owing to the fact that certain persons with distinguished names, but everything else doubtful, have sold their tickets for large sums of money to "undesirables." This year the strictest investigation will be made into the character of every applicant.

Simplified Cincinnati Enquirer

"Is Douglas a society man?" asked recently "The Evening Star," another Cincinnati Enquirer. "I think he belongs to the N. K.," replied the Enquirer. "And what is the N. K.?" asked "The Knights of Columbus," replied the Enquirer.