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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, March 19th, 1917.
ROMANCE OF LORD FRENCH'S FAMILY.

The sad news of the death from wounds of Viscount French's sister, Mrs. Harley, caused a good many newspaper biographers to realise how little is known of the family affairs of the victor of Ypres. Mrs. Harley was one of five sisters; John French was the only son. Their father and mother both died while the children were young, and the sisters clubbed together to educate themselves and the brother. Mrs. Despard, the suffragist, is one of them, and she has lively recollections of what she described as the French family's "little republic presided over by my eldest sister, who was still quite a girl." Although they were born into a good social position, they had little money. Mrs. Despard speaks of her "rough school life" and of the unsatisfactory existence of the six orphans "full of ungratified aspirations." The future Viscount in those days inclined towards the church for his future profession, and often used to don one of the girl's petticoats and regale his sisters with a "sermon."

LONDON WITHOUT BILLS.

Bagdad falls without a newspaper contents bill! It will of course be understood by the reader that all contents bills are now forbidden by the Government whilst all ordinary posters are to be reduced to a size of 20 inches by 30 inches. That is the tragic side of the thing to Fleet Street, which feels that the new order might be waived for such an event. The absence of contents posters seems almost stranger to-day (March 11) than yesterday for they were the only secular sights on the Sunday streets. People are recalling famous posters of the past, and the one that sticks best in memory is the "Star" bill to tell people that it was the merry first of May and that an epidemic of colds

that the co-operative societies shall have some share in the working of it, and now it appears that the guarantee of minimum prices is to be extended over six years, as the Irish party recommended. Although the 10 per cent. increase in tillage is nominally compulsory there has been no disposition to prosecute unreasonably where the intentions are good and difficulty great, and the landlords' fear that the scheme will in some way or other be exploited for "political purposes" has not yet been realised. In some parts of the country farmers obey the order with actual enthusiasm.

RESTRICTION OF RAILWAY TRAVELLING.

Although urgent representations against the 50 per cent. increase on railway fares has been made, both in and out of Parliament, on behalf of commercial travellers there is no hope that the Government will agree to any modification. The same national necessity applies to commercial travellers as to other citizens. Provision in various ways must be made for the needs of the Army in France, and this involves a very large reduction in railway accommodation. Commercial travellers form a considerable portion of the habitual users of railways, and the restriction therefore must fall upon them equally with others. In fact, one of the declared objects of the Government is to diminish commercial travelling. The Board of Trade considers that in the prevailing war conditions no great hardship will result beyond the unavoidable temporary tax on men who work on commission, because traders can transmit their orders direct to the manufacturer or wholesale firm. It is hinted that further measures of a restrictive nature will shortly be announced.

"ENEMY" PEERS.

Drastic powers for dealing with Peers and British Princes "who have during the present war borne arms against His Majesty or his Allies, or who are of enemy nationality or domicile," are contained in the Government bill presented to the House of Lords. It empowers the King to set up a committee of the Privy Council to inquire and report into such cases. This committee may act on any available information, and is not bound by any rules of evidence, while its findings are final and conclusive. The report is to be published in the "London Gazette," and, if it include the name of any Peer or British Prince, sent to the Clerk of the Parliaments. Thereupon the Peer or Prince loses his titles and dignities, his rights and his privileges, and if the title be hereditary it is lost to his issue. The bill does not affect the survivor to estates and property.

FAR EASTERN FASHIONS.

Spring fashions borrowed from Far Eastern lands—China, Japan, and India—are expected to meet with great favor. Swathed turbans of brilliant-colored silks and draperies, held in place by a gleaming jewelled cabochon, which have been seen for some time, marked the new trend in fashion, and now that the spring hats are displayed, they, too, subscribe to the prevailing vogue. One hat is almost an exact replica of that worn by a Chinese coolie, the fitting bandana being made of fancy straw, and the crown of flowered or gaily-patterned silk. A Japanese effect is to be seen in the new blouses and gowns, which are not only cut on Japanese lines, but are embroidered in harmony. The girdles of the new tunic blouse is another Japanese feature.

ALFRED UP TO DATE.

I heard a story, which is also perhaps a true one, of the Prince of Wales at the front. At the hotel of one of our best known Duchesses somewhere in France, a V.A.D. had been asked to superintend the baking of some cakes. She was doing so when a young officer arrived and asked to see the Duchess. Her Grace was not in. "Won't you wait?" said the V.A.D., going on with her appointed task of taking the cakes from the oven. "Those look very good—I wonder if I might have one," said the young captain. He had one, and presently departed. A month or so later the Prince of Wales was expected at the hotel, and the staff, including the V.A.D.'s, were drawn up in line to receive him. To the amazement of the baker of cakes, when the Prince arrived, he went straight up to her. "I have not forgotten your cakes," said he.

GENERAL SARRAIL TO MARRY A FRENCH NURSE.

The interesting news comes from Salonika that General Sarrail is engaged to be married to Mlle. de Johannis, a member of the corps of French nurses in Macedonia. A lady of that name, also a nurse, is the heroine of a touching incident in Lieutenant Herbert Ward's book entitled "Mr. Pollu," an admirable lit-

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erary and pictorial record of the author's experiences with an English ambulance convoy among the French in Alsace. This book, by the way, is sold for the benefit of the London Committee of the Croix Rouge Française. "Late one night," writes Mr. Ward, who was then lying in a military hospital, "about midnight, Mlle. de Johannis came and asked me to lend her an electric torch. An hour or two later when she returned it, she said that she had been with her sister, the chief nurse of the Casino Hospital, to gather since wild flowers to place on the bodies of men who had recently died, and who were to be buried the following morning at dawn. Surely a beautiful picture! I imagined I could see the two white-clad figures of those two noble sisters stumbling about the hillside seeking wild flowers—the sweetest imaginable symbol of true sympathy."

A PAPER LEG.

Paper-mache has played a great part since the war as a substitute for missing limbs, but it has remained to a Danish doctor at the Danish Hospital in Paris, to invent a cardboard leg which can be made on the spot, can be used a fortnight after amputation, and obviates altogether the need for crutches. "How simple the leg is can be judged from the fact that under the instruction of the inventor," writes my correspondent, "I was able to cut out, fit, and complete one in a little over half an hour. The work took a day to dry, and it was used the next day by a patient." The materials are two sheets of cardboard about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, and bandages soaked in a starch solution. When measurements are taken—and this has to be done with care—the cardboard is cut into what looks rather like two peg-tops, which after being soaked in the bath, fold round each other and are secured with bandages. The principle is that of an egg in a cup, in consequence of which the patient can wear the leg long before the wound is completely healed, and can thus get air and exercise usually impossible at this phase of his convalescence. Also he has to suffer none of the laboriousness of crutches, a stick supporting his weight. The leg, properly treated, lasts from six months to a year, by which time the properly articulated limb can be ready. The inventor said that he had made no fewer than 250 legs since his sojourn at the hospital, each at a cost of rather less than half a crown.

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