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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, July 22, 1918.

WHERE WOMEN RULE.

At John Hodge's invitation, I have just made a tour of the Pensions Ministry's offices in London. The first thing which struck me is the way in which male labor has been eliminated. The Issue Office, which pays out at the rate of $165,000,000 a year now to soldiers' widows and dependents—by the end of the year it will probably be $200,000,000—is staffed by 2,500 women and eighteen men. I saw one department where 150 women work, under the control of a girl of 22. At the Tate Gallery (the home of a collection of modern British pictures), in whose beautifully-lit halls the amount of each widow's pension is decided, the staff of 900 only contains 20 men. Incidentally I heard that the workers in the big galleries of the Tate suffered far less from influenza than the clerks in the ordinary stuffy Government offices and the small rooms of commandeered hotels. Space forbids any account of the system by which the pensions are issued; what I saw convinced me that it is fair, generous, and now almost error proof. One sees queer little sidelights on human nature in the department. For example, there is no known case of a soldier discharged because insane who was so mad that he did not know he was entitled to a pension.

CAPTURED GERMAN ORDERS.

Some of the French papers see in the recently captured German army orders only a subtle form of camouflage. The theory is that they are deliberately printed so as to mislead the Allies. It is just as well to be careful, but there is no doubt that genuine orders have been captured which throw a strange light on the state of discipline in some of the German armies. One of these orders speaks of an alarming increase of open refusals to obey orders. It is perfectly safe for the most cautious to infer from this evidence that in portions of the army at any rate some deterioration has taken place in the German standard of discipline.

A FRUITLESS CITY.

One of the minor hardships of life in London this year—and in the provinces, no doubt—is the absence of fruit. Not a red or a black currant is to be seen on the table or in a greengrocer's window. If there is a restaurant where they are serving gooseberry tart it is unknown to fame. We did without the strawberries this year with scarcely a grumble. That very arbitrary and capable person, J. R. Clynes, now Food Controller-in-Chief, collared the whole crop for the controlled jam-makers, and he seems to have done the same with all small fruits. From all accounts it is a bad fruit year in the orchards of the South of England. Small fruits have not done badly, but of pears there are none and apples very few. And there is no prospect of importations in quantity. Oranges and bananas are to be had at fourpence or sixpence (8 or 12 cents). But we Londoners live in hopes that our mulberry trees will fruit well. There are still some in the very heart of the City which were planted there by merchant folk in the days of the Stuart Kings, when the City man lived over his warehouse and had a bit of garden and planted mulberry trees as homes for silkworms.

THE HARVEST OUTLOOK.

The week-end reports on the harvest prospects are extremely cheerful. The last few days o rain have removed all danger to the potato crop. There never was a time in British agriculture when there was a bigger acreage under wheat, barley, and oats. The wheat on the lighter soils suffered somewhat from the dry spell, but generally these crops are very promising. The labor outlook for the harvest is more dubious. Up to the present time a quarter of a million men have been taken from the land into the army, and, as we all know, the process is still going on. The farmers are now almost pathetically anxious to get any kind of labor that they can. About 300,000 women are now on the land, but the Women's Land Army is in urgent need of recruits especially educated women who can take on supervising work. A great need at the moment is for women in dairy work. The official reason given for the splendid achievement on the land in spite of the steady drain of labor is the much greater use of machinery. Roughly speaking, the farmer has made up by machinery what he has lost in labor, and there is a big supply of new machinery ready and at the disposal of the Food Production Department for this summer's harvest.

LETTING THE WORLD KNOW.

We do not hear much of this country's efforts at propaganda, but I am told that they are far more successful and extensive than most people at home imagine. By film, the printed and the spoken word, the charge that we are doing nothing to let the world know of our efforts in the war is being very emphatically refuted. America, too, has thrown any amount of energy into this work of propaganda, and the British Ministry of Information is co-operating with the well-known men from the States who are arriving here by the dozen to direct the American campaign.

SWISS BANKS AND BULGARIA.

A very interesting item of news has reached an authoritative quarter here from Berne to the effect that the Swiss banks which for the past two years have been in the habit of making periodical advances to Bulgaria under certain guarantees forthcoming alternately from Sofia and Berlin have now declined to continue those advances in the absence of more valuable security than that provided by German, Austro-Hungarian, or Bulgarian Government bonds. On two occasions this year, apparently, the Bulgarian Government have failed to repay the loans within the specified time, while the balance of Swiss exchange against the Central Powers is becoming more pronounced with every succeeding month.

NO GERMAN COLONIES.

How the Dominions shall be represented here when peace offers come along is a matter still under the consideration of the Imperial Government and the visiting Premiers. But, as Prime Minister Lloyd George has indicated, they will act with us, and may shortly make a formal arrangement for that purpose. That does not indicate any possibility of their allowing the fate of the German colonies to be re-debated. We have finally accepted their veto on any return of these colonies to Germany. We have no power to do otherwise.

THE "FLAPPER" ARMY.

The 7,000 Girl Guides who marched past Queen Alexandra on the Guards' parade ground at Hyde Park, London, on Saturday may be regarded as the reinforcements of the army of women war-workers, and they ranged from the 1922 class to the 1930. These last were the Brownies, the very junior branch of the Girl Guides, who correspond to the Wolf Cubs of the Boy Scouts. The Queen was delighted as these sturdy infants stumped past, gazing full face out of solemn, rounded eyes. Part of the procession carried banners indicating subjects they had specialized in, which would have pleased the ancient virtuous woman of Proverbs—laundry work, dressmaking, millinery, sick nursing, cooking. She would have smiled, as the Queen did, upon Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide, as these industrious maidens passed, but she would have ben puzzled by the banner borne by one large contingent vaunting their skill as rifle shots, and she would rather have watched the damsels hunting with a broom for the king's spider than the display given by one London division of camp-fire cooking, or by another of taking a little trek-cart (waste paper collection) to pieces and putting it together again. One very effective and ingenious display brought together lines of girls, each in her order, bearing on a placard the name of a London underground railway station—demonstration of the fact that the Girl Guide can find her way about. The crowd admired most the fire rescue scene, when three girls, stooping over three prostrate comrades, flung them across their shoulders and staggered away.

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Great Housing Scheme.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I shall esteem it a special favour if you will be kind enough to publish this short letter for the information of the citizens, and all the unions who have supported the great housing scheme and how it stands at the present time.

We hope to have the plans this week. We propose to have them photographed and put upon the screen of one of our moving picture shows at an early day. Mr. Jonas Barter, the Association's architect, is doing his very best to give us a house that will be rented at $6 or $7 per month, including all taxes.

All the houses to be built by the company will be self contained for families. So far as we know at present the six dollars per month house free of taxation will have a cellar for coal, etc., kitchen and water fittings, porch at the back, dining or sitting room to the front, hallway and stairs, three bedrooms upstairs and a lavatory, hot water fittings that can easily be arranged by the tenant to the stove.

We hope all arrangements will be complete by Sept. 11th, which I understand will be celebrated as Labor Day. On this great and eventful day His Excellency the Governor will be asked to turn the sod of the first house of one thousand to be built by the Dominion Co-operative Building Association, Ltd.

The only way to improve the bad housing conditions that exist is to have the pest houses burnt, tearing them down is not good enough. We must destroy the filth with them.

It is so refreshing these days to get a kind appreciative word from a friend, I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without thanking P. J. K. for his very kind letter in yesterday morning's issue of the Daily News in the effort that is being made to improve the housing conditions of this city. Many thanks, P. J. K. It will be through no fault of ours if we fail to carry out this colossal task of building houses for our industrial artizans.

The Dominion Co-operative Building Association, Ltd., is supported and backed by every union and society in the Capital of the Dominion. In a week or so we hope to submit the scheme at a public meeting for the approval of the public. Men and women of all classes will be asked to attend the public meeting. It is the women more than the men who are interested in this great scheme of improving their houses and their homes. Give us clean, comfortable homes, you will then be nearer rearing your family to godliness. We earnestly beseech every man and woman to be present on the night of the public meeting. We want your attendance, support and membership of the great company.

Yours truly,
JOHN ANDERSON.

August 21, 1918.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 21, '18.

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Obituary.

There passed away early yesterday morning at Cherry Gardens, on the Waterford Bridge Road, an old and respected resident in the person of Mrs. Rhodes, widow of the late Capt. Richard Rhodes, a mariner well known to many of the older citizens of St. John's, and who in his day took an active part in the maritime affairs of the Colony, being owner of several vessels and part owner of the s.s. Greenland, which ship was built in Scotland under his direction and in which he made many successful sealing voyages. His last voyage was made in the brigt. Maggie, which sailed from the firm of Goodfellow & Co. fish laden for a port in the Mediterranean, but she never arrived at her destination.

Mrs. Rhodes was the last surviving member of the Stares family, all of whom attained ripe ages. Two brothers predeceased her a few years ago at Brooklyn, Bonavista Bay, William and Mesach—the former at the patriarchial age of 97 years and the latter 92. Mrs. Rhodes leaves to mourn three sons and two daughters—William in Vancouver, Robert in Toronto, Allan, Mrs. Albert Freeman and Mrs. Charles Cowney at the home.

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Cot Fund!

So generous have the people of Newfoundland been in every direction touching the War that it must seem almost unnecessary for the Committee of the St. John Ambulance Association to publish any reminder as to the needs of the Cot Fund. Indeed, the way in which the Districts outside the Capital are at the present time already remembering the requirements of the Fund is gratifying to the Committee. Nevertheless it may be desirable to array a few brief facts for general information.

It would seem from the report of the Committee which was published in the Press on the 27th of June, 1918, that the activities of the Association and its helpers have been for the last two years devoted to the establishment of what is now known as the "COT FUND."

The COT FUND was established for the purpose of discharging Newfoundland's liability for the care of our wounded soldiers. Newfoundland did not, like other Dominions, establish its own Hospital, but its Cot Fund is recognised by the Military Authorities in the United Kingdom; it endows beds in hospitals already existing.

The voluntary effort of the people of Newfoundland has distinguished itself by establishing

600 beds (2 Newfoundland Wards) at Etaples, near the French front.

239 beds in various hospitals in England.

32 beds in the Convalescent Hospital, Waterford Hall.

It will be seen from the report referred to that the upkeep of these beds now requires an expenditure of more than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) annually.

The following extract from a letter from Lord Rankeillour may be of general interest.

"I am sorry to say that the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital, Etaples, has been severely bombed on three consecutive nights and the Government have ordered the evacuation of the small part remaining whole.

"I am glad to say the Newfoundland Ward 'A' is not damaged, but 'K' is seriously damaged, though we may be able to erect it partially on whatever new site we re-open."

And he has since written to describe the extra expense thrown on them by the German attack on the Hospital.

Further, the recent fighting clearly makes more and more of a demand upon hospital accommodation.

The Committee confidently hope that the work undertaken in the name of the people of Newfoundland and in a manner personally touching them will be carried on with undiminished vigor during the coming year and as long as the War lasts.

As Patron of the St. John Ambulance Association, Newfoundland Centre, I have pleasure in endorsing this Appeal and stating that subscriptions may be sent to Mr. L. E. Emerson, Treasurer of the Cot Fund, St. John's, or to the nearest Stipendiary Magistrate.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS, Governor

St. John's, August 15th, 1918. aug16,6i

Everything Free to The Soldiers.

The American Knights of Columbus have given $7,000,000 for the work of erecting Army Huts and equipment for the succoring and sustenance of their boys who have been in the firing line worn and needing the comforts that would come from home. They are fresh troops, but our Canadian boys have been in the battle game a long, long while and are outworn, but in spite of all obstacles they are "carrying on." They are "carrying on" in the hope that the people at home, irrespective of creed, race or color, will remember that they went forth to battle to secure the peace and safety of the homeland. It is they who in many letters received from the front remark on the good work that the American Knights of Columbus and their British confreres have accomplished for Canadian soldiers and particularly for the boys from Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia has taken the initiative in the "drive" for the all important work of securing comforts for the Canadian soldiers at the front. It is absolutely necessary that the people of this Province should realize that these Army Huts which will be built and equipped from the $100,000 to be raised by the Knights of Columbus are free in every respect—no charge for anything, to every Canadian soldier fighting in France what ever be his creed, his color or his race origin. Coffee, sandwiches, tobacco, cigarettes and everything except postage stamps will be supplied freely and gladly to every Canadian soldier and the boys who are coming out of the line from an engagement with the enemy will find that the wings of loving kindness will spread over them, as if they were in their own homes, when, as it may happen on coming out of the line they will see in the distance the star of hope and love shining from the Knights of Columbus huts with this legend: "EVERYBODY WELCOME, EVERYTHING FREE."

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Navy Secret Books.

Signal-books are not the only confidential volumes issued to the Navy, though they are the ones most often mentioned. There are confidential books about wireless, gunnery, and torpedo matters, and volumes that are only issued to commanding officers, and are "not to be communicated to persons below that position."

The safe keeping of confidential books is impressed on everyone responsible, writes "Tarpaulin" in the Daily Express. Signal-books are in constant use, of course, but they are kept in a special box, and the officer of the watch has to satisfy himself both when he goes on duty and when he goes off that the books are in the box.

Special chests are provided for other confidential volumes, and the keys of these are issued only to the commanding officer. He gives a receipt for them when the ship is put into commission. Two keys are supplied for big ships, one for the commanding officer and one for the second in command. When the commission ends the keys are tested by the naval store officer at the dockyard to see that they are correct, and they are then placed in sealed covers until the chests are reissued for another commission.

The loss of a key must be reported to the Admiralty at once, and an incident of that sort—rare enough, fortunately causes more commotion than would ten Zeppelin bombs in Whitehall.

Confidential books sometimes have to be destroyed, either because they are obsolete or are worn out. A special ceremony is provided for such an event. Two officers act as sacrificial priests and the books are burned to ashes.

Before they are put in the furnace the titles and numbers have to be checked, registered and certified, the names removed from the register kept in the ship, and the fact of the destruction entered on another page of the register.

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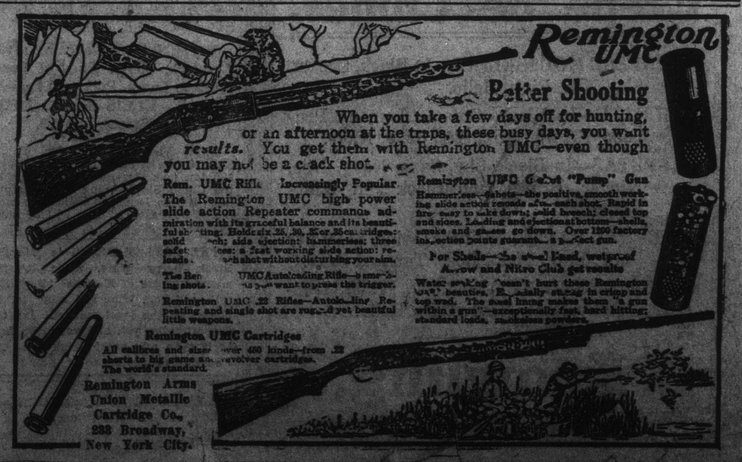
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