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LONDON GOSSIP.

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GERMANY AND DISARMAMENT.

The persistent attempts of the Berlin Government to evade its responsibility under the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and the Spa Protocol are causing keen annoyance in official circles here, even where there might otherwise be a tendency to make allowances for Germany in other domains. Thus, Berlin now argues that she need but dismantle, and not destroy, her condemned fortresses. She bases her objections on the grounds of cost and uselessness. But dismantled fortifications are far from useless, as the post conversion during the late war of permanent works deemed obsolete and consequently emptied of their fixed artillery, into first class observatories and pivots for the general entrenched front, demonstrated again and again—e.g., at Verdun. That is why General Nollet and the Inter-Allied Commission, and if necessary the Ambassadors' Council, are expected to answer this new German appeal, so obviously inspired by General Von Seeckt, with a peremptory negative. They are also going to insist on Germany's observance of a free passage for Allied warships through the Kiel Canal stipulated by the Treaty.

LONDON CHIMES.

For some time the tunes "Tom Bowling," "The Keel Row," and the airs that are among the home sounds of City men have not been heard on the bells of the Royal Exchange. The explanation came one day last week when a party of journalists were invited to Gillett and Johnson's famous bell foundry at Croydon, on the southern outskirts of London, to hear the Exchange bells recast and retuned. The brand new bells weighing seven tons altogether were seen mouth upward on the foundry floor, and the head of the foundry with great agility "conducted" a performance of the old tunes the City has heard for so many years in order to show the superiority of a new system of tuning known as the Stone Simpson principle. The finest bells in the world, it is claimed, have now turned out in Britain. They are made of pure copper and tin in the proportion of, roughly, 75 per cent. of the former. The old bells were mixed other metals in the amalgam, with results deplored by experts in the bell world. The tones hammered out of the new bells were wonderfully true and resonant, and could be compared with the harsh roar of the bells from Rochester Cathedral which have come in to be retuned. Most of the bells of the City are out of tune, the bell experts say—a thing one had often suspected when trying to sleep within the radius of a church tower. Bells are now hung not on the old picturesque beams but in metal frames of engineering lines. This makes the change-ringing easier and helps to bring a good and even ringing. To return to the Exchange bells, the Exchange authorities have a Chimes Committee which have long been disturbed by the disharmonies of the chimes, but the conservatism of the City has not in this instance despised the aid of scientific progress, and they have now got the first set of properly-tuned bells in London. Enlightened bell-tuning has been applied to the new industry of chiming house clocks, with the result that the Germans who excelled in this branch are now behind the times—or tunes.

JUTLAND AND JELLICOE.

Amateur and semi-professional critics of naval affairs have been in their element discussing the long-delayed Jutland papers just officially issued. The ordinary observer seems content to wait until he has studied what he wishes for himself, and probably then the opinion generally held since the issue of the most unhappy original despatch from the Admiralty will remain the same—that the men fought splendidly, but that in some way their chiefs were outmanoeuvred. There will be no widespread disposition to censure Admiral Lord Jellicoe for missing the opportunity for making Jutland an even greater Trafalgar, and the fact that Nelson's position as Britain's chief naval hero in popular estimation remains unshaken is sufficient on that head. The papers as they stand, though unusually voluminous, do not tell all that many desire to know, and probably no official papers ever did. They do not fully answer, for example, a question that has been put with increasing insistence during the past few weeks as to whether the Admirals were hampered by the Admiralty, either immediately before the battle began or when the German ships had withdrawn beyond the safe screen of their minefields. Yet that is a question to which the friends of both the Admirals principally concerned—Lords Jellicoe and Beatty—will desire a definite reply.

MEDICAL STUDENTS RAISE MONEY.

London hospital students' forays in search of subscriptions to the depleted funds of the hospitals are now carried on as an organized campaign into streets, theatres, and restaurants. So far, the Tube railway stations have been found to be most profitable "pitches," and High Street, Kensington, during the shopping hours of the early afternoon, proves the best of them all. As a student said, "If you stand in the front of the queue with the box under the noses of the people as they come away from the booking office with their change in their hands, you nearly always get it all." The dance clubs, I am told, are strangely disappointing, one of the most fashionable only contributing $40 in the course of the evening, although another, not nearly so exclusive, raised over $400 in under an hour. Incidentally, it must be pleasant for the collectors to have a good excuse to go to dance clubs, instead of grinding up anatomy.

CIGARETTES IN THE BATH.

The habit of an early morning cigarette is widespread, and I know any number of people who declare that they cannot start the day without a pre-breakfast smoke. A West End of London tobacconist is trying to make capital out of this, and in his window advertises long and amber cigarette-holders to ensure "a dry smoke in the bath." I suppose the joys of the early smoke may well be marred if the cigarette is flavored with soap. Will some inventor now come along with a patent shaving mirror to facilitate that acme of matutinal luxuries, a shave in a hot bath?

FOR LUCKY CHILDREN.

The disply of toys at the big shops is more wonderful this year than ever. The London child has half a dozen fairylands to choose from. Everything is on a magnificent scale. The soldiers fight over stretches of country with transport and auxiliary services all complete, the trains run long journeys through every description of scenery, the bricks construct whole villages instead of single houses or castles. A whole forest scene has been put together in one big shop to display the attraction of the "Tarzan" monkey, who is ousting the teddy bear from the nurseries. Another is so full of such fascinating creatures as polar bears and elephants that the notice: "For lost children and property apply at the enquiry office" must be very necessary.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED.

The spectre of unemployment is with us and London takes its full share. According to the official returns there are over half a million men out of work in the country and probably the true figure is nearer a million. With factories closing almost weekly and further short time being worked even where they remain open the year closes very dismally for a large section of our population. The Government relief works are not ready and private charity has to be depended upon. The leading municipalities are sending a deputation to the Prime Minister to ask for Treasury help to the struggling local authorities that are finding it impossible to deal with the flood of unemployment out of their own resources. This is the solution for which the poorer London boroughs are continually asking. The London official figure is 300,000 unemployed in the London area—and this is only the number on the "live" register at the labour exchanges. There are many thousands of workless, especially women, who are not on the register for various reasons. An analysis of occupations shows that unemployment is worst in the transport industries. General labourers and factory workers come next, then building and construction workers, and engineers and ironfounders. In London the Government schemes, so far as they have gone, have not yet made any difference. Dilution on building is still in the air, and although work has begun on the new arterial roads in Hackney and one or two boroughs, very few men are employed as yet. A large proportion of the unemployed are skilled workmen, for whom navvy work is unsuitable and economically wasteful.

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The Premier of Italy.

The madcap poet, D'Annunzio, is making much trouble for his own country and threatening to disturb the peace of Europe. Burning with intemperate zeal for his beloved Italy, he seized the eastern Adriatic port of Fiume to prevent it falling, he said, into the hands of the new Southern Slav kingdom, and after an arrangement had been made between that country and Italy, D.Annunzio refused to obey the Government of his own country and held on to the city, thus throwing into Italy the unpleasant task of enforcing the arrangement by force of arms. Italy has had to make war on her own subject and his ill-advised followers. This is a trying task for the Government of which Gioanni Giolitti is Premier, but the latter will, no doubt, prove equal to the duty thrust upon him. He is a man with wide and varied experience in national affairs, and has behind him the majority of the Italian people. In 1882, he was elected to the Italian Parliament over which from that day to this he has exercised great influence by reason of his strength of character and his gift of speech. He has thrown his influence for the most part on the side of the advanced party, becoming leader of the Radical group.

Seven years after entering Parliaemnt he ws taken into the cabinet as Minister of Finance, and in 1892 he was called upon to form a ministry which held office for two years. From 1901 to 1903 he was Minister of the Interior, one lasting from 1903 to 1905, and the other from 1906 to 1909. Once more he is the chief adviser of the crown and is laboring with success to re-establish his country and adjust her affairs to the conditions created by the war and the return of peace.

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