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**LONDON GOSSIP.**

LONDON, Dec. 23, 1913.

**PRINCE HENRY'S FAGMASTER.**

When Prince Henry went to Eton College last September some of the ever-loyal newspapers stated, that he would be treated like every other lower form boy, fagging excepted. This exclusion from the time-honored school duty of performing regular work for an older boy is of course not being adopted. I hear that young Prince Henry is fag to Lord Gage, a peer who has just celebrated his 18th birthday. I hear that the Queen has written to Lord Gage expressing her wish that he should use the Prince exactly as he used his other fags.

**THE TRAGEDY OF THE CZAR-VITCH.**

Strong hopes are now entertained in Russian Court circles that the condition of the Czarina may make it possible for her Imperial Majesty with the Czar, to pay a series of long-promised visits during the late spring and summer of next year. My informant who has recently had the opportunity of seeing the Imperial couple tells me, further, that their Majesties are now more reconciled to the state of ill-health of the Czarvitch since the opinion taken on it from both British and German specialist sources fully confirms the views of the Russian Court doctors.

**KING GEORGE AND THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.**

His Majesty King George has received a cable from the Emperor Francis Joseph, in which the veteran monarch thanks his Majesty, not only for a letter of congratulation and good wishes on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Austria-Hungary, but for the extreme cordiality of the welcome accorded to the Archduke Ferdinand and the Duchess of Hohenburg during the recent visit to England. The telegram is understood also to refer to the satisfaction of his Imperial Majesty at the improvement of the relations between the two Empires, and expresses the hope that this may continue to the benefit of both peoples. It may be believed that it was with special satisfaction that the King welcomed this message, as his father King Edward VII. was a great

**A GREAT SOUTH AFRICAN NOVELIST.**

Mrs. S. C. Cronwright-Schreiner (Olive Schreiner) is expected in London again. Her health has been bad for some time and has often caused apprehensions to her friends. It is hoped that good results will come from her present visit, which should be a very quiet one. One of the few social affairs that have been arranged for her arrival is a dinner at the Lyceum Club on the 29th December.

**THE WELLS-CARPENTIER FIASCO**

It cannot be denied that English boxing has suffered a heavy blow and Bombardier Wells' pugilistic reputation is over as a result of his defeat by the handsome young 19-year-old Frenchman Carpentier at the National Sporting Club, London, last night within 72 seconds. It is strange that two minutes before he was knocked out the Englishman was the favorite among the experts of the National Sporting Club. In Fleet Street, at all events, everybody expected him to be defeated, though, of course, it was not thought that the fiasco would be so complete. It was common knowledge that Wells could not stand "punishment" below the ribs, and very little faith was put in the reports that he was undergoing a special form of training to remedy this weakness. Carpentier will shortly be called up for military service under the new three years law, and barracks life, always unhealthy and demoralizing, will perhaps destroy his form. He is now the popular god in France. No man has had a vogue in that country since General Boulanger. It is said by serious-minded Frenchmen that this magnificent stripping has been largely responsible for the outburst of national pride and jingoism which the political reactionaries have exploited under the title of the "National revival."

**QUIETER WEDDINGS COMING.**

There are many signs that weddings next year are to be quieter. An increasing number of rich people have decided that the ultra "smart" wedding is rather vulgar, and indeed unpleasant for all concerned. At a recent wedding at a very large house the queue up the stairs resembled that outside a theatre. The guests mounted one step at a time, taking nearly two hours to reach the bride under her huge white "bell" of flowers the latter an American fashion which came to the suburbs before it reached Mayfair. Hospitality at these affairs means to the lucky one a glass of champagne and perhaps a glimpse of the presents. Then the wedding guests hasten away to several entertainments, where a "just from the Plantagenet wedding" may secure them a moment's languid attention from someone who wasn't asked. The new idea would be to reduce the invitations say, from 800 to something between 50 and 100, the multitude of totally unearring acquaintances to be replaced by real friends and relations, while the pleasant, old-fashioned wedding breakfast would replace the wild scramble at buffet at half a guinea a head from the best caterer for the money.

**FRENCH SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM.**

M. Dupuy, who has become famous from his recent failures to form a Ministry, is one of the founders of popular sensational journalism. By his ownership of the "Petit Parisien" and his alleged interest in the "Petit Journal," together these two papers have a circulation of between three and four millions, this Radical Senator, though otherwise undistinguished either as statesman or thinker, is one of the two or three most influential men in France. He has been described as having public opinion "in his pocket." The sensational press was not M. Dupuy's invention. The credit belonged to a mechanic named Mariotti, who some thirty years ago founded the "Petit Journal." Hitherto newspapers had always been regarded as political organs. The "Petit Journal" put politics on one side and devoted itself to accidents, crimes, curiosities, snippets. Jean Dupuy was then a court bailiff or something of that kind in South-Eastern France. He bought the "Petit Parisien," then moribund, "for a morsel of bread," as the French say, and began to run it in the new style. Both papers at once achieved unheard-of circulations and still retain them. The "Journal" and the "Matin" are of later date, and in some respects carry sensationalism further. The new journalism did not really reach England until the beginning of this century. The American "yellow press" has always been and still is somewhat different. Yet if France has her Jean Dupuy, America has her Mr. Hearst, and have we not Lord Northcliffe? The whole story of the new journalism and its French origin has been told very amusingly by M. Clemenceau in his novel "Les Plus Forts."

**A LIGHT LOAD LINE.**

Some shipping circles here appear to be interested in the news that a Canadian Wrecks Commissioner has recommended the fixing of a light load line for vessels engaged in trade upon the Great Lakes. The vessel whose loss he was investigating had been so light in ballast that her propeller was only partially submerged. The result was that the ship's head could not be kept to the wind during a burst of heavy weather and she went ashore. A freeboard regulation of this character for ocean-going vessels has for a rather long time now been deemed to be by some people a necessity here. Lord Muskerry being, if my memory serves, its most notable advocate. With ships permitted to load as lightly as their navigators please, the risk of damage or loss is said to be almost as great as it is in the case of overloaded ships. Whether that view of the matter is well or ill founded is not for a mere observer to say, but there seems to be no doubt that this cabled news will give the agitation for a British light load line a fillip. Moreover, it may possibly induce the Board of Trade to add the question to the reference which have already been made to the Departmental Committee over which Sir Phillip Watts presides.

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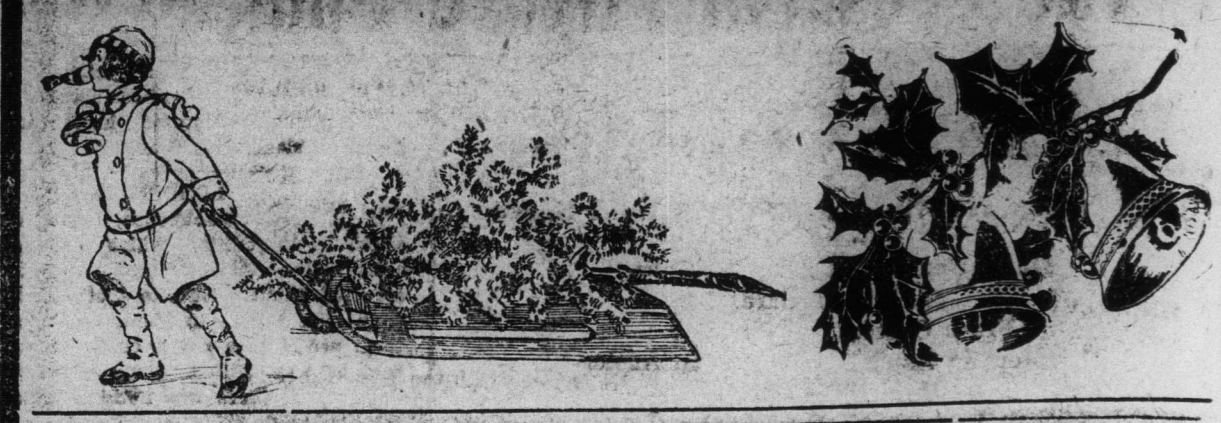
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**Fashions and Fads.**

Green is a modish color for street costumes. Black and white is becoming popular again. In Jewellery, the square-cut stones reign supreme. The new tango shade is nasturtium in color. This winter, as before, all furs are fashionable. All the newest gowns give the conscious effect. All draperies run high in front and long behind. The newest shade for the debutantes is rust red. Children's coats all hang straight from the shoulder. Lace blouses are regaining a little of their lost favor. Most of the new evening wraps are trimmed with fur. Transparent effects are becoming more and more daring. The slipper of hand-painted kid or satin is a pretty idea. Skunk is the most fashionable fur; it adorns everything. Capes of fur are among the very smart garments of peltry. Velvet flowers in dark shades are very fashionable just now. The Medici collar is used on all smart costumes this winter. Gold or metal embroideries appear in almost every costume. The gown of velvet is decidedly the favorite for afternoon wear. The squire and train is the accepted model for evening gowns. Cloth suits are frequently made with velvet collars, edged with fur. The waist line has gradually worked its way to the normal line. Color is much more wonderful in effect when used in small quantities. Some of the most recent imported blouses have tunics attached to them. Nearly all the fancy blouses have vests of a contrasting color and material. Long stoles, soft and pliable, wound about the figure, are fashionable. There is a tiny ripple at the side seams of some of the coats of the new suits. Smart women are showing their approval of duvetyne and peau de peche. The woolen velvets have entered into competition with those of satin and silk. Draperies and tunics are salient features of costumes at the present moment. Chiffon velvet is good for wraps; it falls back into the long, soft folds so easily. The all-black velvet gowns of classic simplicity should have little ornamentation.

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