

LONDON GOSSIP.

DUKE OF YORK GOES TO BRUSSELS.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 1921.
This week the Duke of York is leaving York Cottage, Sandringham, on a special mission to Brussels, to hand King Albert the Distinguished Flying Cross, as the King of the Belgians is to-day easily the foremost of Royal aviators. This honor is an appropriate illustration of the close tie between this country and Belgium. The stay of the Duke of York (who is, by the way, the King's second son) in Brussels will only be short, but arrangements are being organized in his honor. King Albert has long been anxious to receive a State visit in Brussels from our King and Queen, and it may be arranged for this year. So far, however, King George has made no plans for visits to the Continent.

RUMANIA'S DANGER.

Highly sanguine views prevail in Polish circles as to the speedy conclusion of a lasting peace between Poland and the Soviet. There seems little doubt that Moscow will gladly make peace with Warsaw, although for how long is a question perhaps better left unanswered. For the reason of Moscow's conciliatoriness towards Warsaw is now apparent. Moscow intends to attack Rumania, seizing upon the latter's reannexation of Bessarabia with the approval of the Supreme Council as a Chauvinistic pretext for aggression. The award having been made by the Supreme Council, the latter cannot altogether decline responsibility for the consequences. In these circumstances, M. Take Jonescu's appeal to the Powers is but natural, and his distrust of the simultaneous massing of Magyar troops in Rumania's rear equally justified. One may expect Budapest to levy blackmail if she can.

AIRSHIPS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

The airships that are to be used by the civil aviation authorities for experiments in commercial work are R-36, R-37, L-71 and L-64. The two latter are, of course, surrendered Zeppelins. L-71 is the largest completed airship in the world. R-36 is now approaching completion at Beardmore's works at Glasgow. She will be the first British airship to be equipped with a passenger saloon and all the accommodation necessary for commercial work. The passenger saloon will hold fifty people, and there will be cooking galley, dining accommodation, and so on. R-37 is in a less advanced state of construction. The experiments are expected to begin early in the present month. There is very little knowledge of the use of airships on long-distance commercial flights, except to some extent in Germany. The first tests will probably take place on the route to Egypt—Malta and back, for instance. The headquarters of this experimental work will be Paulhan, in Norfolk. In addition to the four airships which are to be handed over to the department by the Air Force, R-33 will be lent for experiments in mooring airships to masts, to ascertain exactly how far such methods can take the place of hangers. If the experiments prove the practicability of using airships for the carriage of goods and passengers the services may be started fairly early this year. The airships may be worked by syndicates, or they may be run by the Government department—that is still a controversial question. The officers in charge of the experiments will be Major E. W. Fuller and Major G. H. Scott, who was the captain of the R-34 on her flight to America and back.

TROPICAL DISEASE EXPEDITION.

At the invitation of Lord Milner, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, the London School of Tropical Medicine, which owes its origin to Joseph Chamberlain, is sending an expedition to British Guiana to investigate elephants and to suggest measures for dealing with it, and it will probably be absent for at least twelve months. This terrible disease is caused by lymphatic obstruction, and the parasite is communicated to man by a species of mosquito. Where these are present in large numbers hideous deformity, the result of abnormal swelling of limbs, follows, and though patients may live for many years, a great number succumb to exhaustion due to amputation of the infected parts. Hitherto the treatment adopted has been unsatisfactory and inadequate, and hence the despatch of the special mission to study the disease on the spot.

LAST OF THE WOMEN WAR WORKERS.

One of the changes which Christmas has brought is the disappearance of women from the Post Office sorting offices here. Introduced during the war emergency, they have performed the duties in a manner which some of the officials assert to be more efficient than many of the regular hands. At one time they nearly outnumbered the men in certain of the offices; but

since the Armistice large bodies of them have been displaced on the return of the permanent staffs from the ranks of the army and the navy. Until just before Christmas there were still some hundreds of women employed in the big offices here, and their services have now also been dispensed with in accordance with the policy of the Government in finding jobs for ex-Service men. They have all been under notice for some months, the date for their leaving the Post Office being fixed so that that department might have the advantage of their experience for the early Christmas pressure. I am told that but for the undoubted claims which ex-Service men have upon the State, many of the higher officials have been reluctant to part with the women sorters. The bulk of them had achieved a proficiency and skill in the work which the authorities reckon it will take the majority of ex-Service men many months to attain.

PROFITEERS IN BANKRUPTCY.

War profiteers and speculators are meeting retribution now that the fall in prices has come, and they compose a big proportion of the failures now providing steady and increasing work at the Bankruptcy Court. The almost stereotyped reason given by debtors just now for their failure is the signing of the Armistice, and their subsequently being caught on a falling market with large stocks, unsaleable at anything approximating to cost. In other words, those who embarked in trade on the top of the boom in the hopes of making a speedy fortune are now being squeezed into Court, whilst firms of repute are still carrying on. The trades from which most of the cases come are the drapery, grocery, engineering, and leather trades, the last of which has suffered heavily, and will no doubt be still more heavily hit by the recent failure of a great firm of fur and skin brokers, whose liabilities, I am informed, are in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. Failures of limited companies are also on the increase, as is shown by the compulsory winding-up orders which are being made. The majority of the companies affected seem to be in the motor and engineering trades.

THE WAVING OF THE TALL HAT.

Will 1921 see a further decrease in the wearing of the tall hat? There have been one or two rallies during the year, and a plucky attempt was made by a London newspaper to fight the soft hat fashion by coaxing the West End man to wear the sort of hard, squarish hat that clerks of works and tax collectors wear in Northern towns, but without success. The tall hat proper this winter is in a bad way. A peer of the old school counted the tall hats at the House of Lords during the recent full-dress debate, and never got beyond ten. The frock coat gave way to the cut-away, and the cut-away to the black jacket. Will the last be replaced by what the French call un comple and what tailors used to call a suit of "ditto," which are now common even at luncheons of importance? How far rigour in dress has changed in the present century. King Edward once noticed a colonel of the Guards calling at Buckingham Palace to write his name in the book wearing a black jacket suit, and sent him a kindly admonition. Some years previously a well-known sporting baronet was scolded for coming into the Royal enclosure at Ascot races in a short jacket. He appeared the next day in the same offending garment, to which he had tacked the outer sheet of a newspaper, which gave him a full skirt. But the Court was not amused.

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Goods of Passing Fashion, Odd Goods and Goods of which we have an overstock are now offered without any regard to cost price of same We need room for Spring Stock and Money to put into Summer Goods. For the Spring is coming and also the Summer.

Ladies' and Children's Winter Hats at Half Price And Less than Half Price Now.

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- These prices represent Rock Bottom Prices to-day and for some time.

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