

LONDON GOSSIP.

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PRINCESS MARY.

One of the first outward and visible signs that Princess Mary is regarded by their Majesties as entitled, now she is twenty-one, to take a full share in Court duties of the nature of State was her inclusion in the dinner party given to several distinguished personages in official and public life by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace one evening this week. The First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, the General Commanding the London District, and a leading Royal Academician were among those invited, and the company, therefore, was of a more formal—it might almost be said formidable—character than that to which Princess Mary has been accustomed. Of late, more parties of a social kind have been arranged for her enjoyment than previously, but these have been of the younger generation, and her names of those attending have been closely scrutinised. It would be, however, an extraordinarily ingenious gossip to extract any of the special pabulum dear to the readers of Society small talk from the list of middle-aged and even elderly guests assembled at the Royal dinner table in the above occasion.

"KINEPLASTICS."

It sounds like a fairy tale that a man should have a wooden hand that works properly, but many an Italian soldier is to-day grateful for the medical science of his country that has made the tale a true one. The wonder was one of the features of the after-care Exhibition last week in London. There was a stall devoted to "kinematised" limbs, and Professor Putti, of Bologna, lectured on "Kineplastics." Kinematisation is a method of operation by which the muscles of a limb are enabled to continue their ordinary work after part amputation, when a man's hand has been badly shattered that it must be amputated every muscle of the forearm connected with the surface of the stump in such a way as to be attachable to a definite part of an artificial hand. When the stump has healed and the new hand is fitted, the selfsame groups of muscles that caused the fingers to bend or extend in the living hand will give similar movements to one supplied by the instrument-maker. The patient needs no instruction in the engineering of his

new mechanism. The muscles that are left to him resume their old duties and obey the brain commands they have learned in earlier days. Not only can this be done for hands, but also for feet and, indeed, for whole arms and legs, but in the last case it is not nearly so complete, seeing that more of the original muscles have been destroyed.

PRIME MINISTER'S CAREER ON THE CINEMA.

Multitudes of people will be curious to see the film story of Lloyd George's life when the cinematograph record is completed. It is stated that good progress is being made with its preparation, that it will be presented in 8 parts and that it will trace his career from childhood to the present day. Patient research has been made to secure that the film is biographically accurate. Biographers like to begin with a little family history, and accordingly the Prime Minister's birth certificate is to be reproduced on the screen. It records that he was born, not in Wales, but in Manchester. But the scene quickly passes to Cricketh, where his youthful days were spent under the kindly, loving care of his uncle Richard. The background in these parts remains for the exercise of the cinematographer's skill. The schoolroom in which Mr. Lloyd George received his early education still stands, and the actual desk at which he sat is in existence. Both will be shown on the film. An episode from the youthful career of the Prime Minister is illustrated, in which he figured as a combatant leader. He and his school companions divided themselves into two bands, one representing the French and the other the Germans. The future Prime Minister was the leader of the French in the open fight—and so the film proceeds to unwind the events of his latter career.

RATIONING AND THE DEATH RATE.

I hear that the Food Ministry has had comfort and encouragement from the most recent vital statistics. It was a natural fear that the first few weeks of rather severe rationing might show some bad effects on the health of the population. The Ministry now has information that in the nine months from June of last year to March of this year, the period within which rationing was introduced, the

death rate has been the lowest of recent years. In the same period infant mortality was very low. Of course rationing has only been going on in London for the last three months and in the rest of the country only a few weeks. It is too early, therefore, to make any sure deduction. But evidently the fears that were widely felt when the first meagre rations were introduced were without foundation. The rations, particularly in meat, are now very much more liberal than they were in London at the beginning, and I gather that they are likely to remain so. The original ration of meat or, to be more scientific, of proteins was certainly too low. That is now remedied and the meat ration is enough. In the opinion of the Food Ministry such hardships as there were in the first weeks of rationing are not likely to recur in the future. All this makes the evidence from the vital statistics the more satisfactory.

SCHOOLBOYS AND HARVEST WORK.

Sir Auckland Geddes's appeal to schoolboys to volunteer for harvest work during the summer holidays is meeting with a very satisfactory response. Last year, though the scheme was hurriedly organised and the weather had, about 4,000 boys volunteered. This year help will be even more urgently needed, as large additional areas have been cultivated, and the fresh requirements of the Army have left fewer hands to do the work. Some idea of the extent of the requirements of farmers may be gathered from the fact that about 8,000 applications for boys' help have been received and more are expected. The Ministry of National Service is confident, I am told, that these demands can be met if every boy who is physically fit for farm work gives up his holidays during August and September. Some schools have reported that those who volunteered last year, having caught the charm of the open air, are intensely eager to get on the land again, and that their example is being followed by other boys who fully understand that what they are volunteering for is not amusement, but real work for the country in this great hour.

A WAR STORY.

Here is a somewhat belated but well authenticated war story. On the day when the morning papers brought the news of the capture of Jerusalem a lady, going into her kitchen, informed her cook of the victory. "British troops have entered Jerusalem," she said. "Lor', m," was the reply; "whoever would" have

thought of its being a real place?"

ARMY SLANG.

The quarterly record of the Bodleian Library at Oxford prints the latest MS. acquisition of the library in the shape of "a glossary of war terms which obtained the prize at an open competition at — (the name shall be revealed when peace is declared), on the Western front." The list, which has "the distinction of being approved by the judges, and therefore represents general opinion in the district and not merely individual judgment," was made by a private in the Royal Field Artillery. The largest number of items consist of corruptions of Hindustani. These words do not seem to have been derived from the Indian experience of the Old Army, but to be contributed by labor and transport corps, among whom they are in constant use. The most familiar term of this description is of course "Blighty." The word "Bucksheese," for superfluous or useless, may possibly invade this country as in "a bucksheese officer" for what is not infrequently described as a "dud officer," the metaphor being borrowed from the artillery. Corruptions of French and German are confined to "Compris," "Napoo," and "Strafe," and it is interesting to note that "Napoo" (which of course is a corruption of "it's a plus") was at one time being used widely amongst our soldiers in the sense of "nothing doing," "no more to be had" and expressions of that kind. It appears to be now also in use as a synonym for "Gone west"; He's napoo—he is killed. Among other slang phrases interesting usages are "You're J.P." for just pushed, i.e., too late; "Spare part," for a useless man; "Tack" for food; "Wash out," already familiar at home in the sense of cancelled or useless and also applied contemptuously to persons, as "He's a wash out"; and "wide head," which stands for intelligent.

The Tonnage Puzzle.

To many who are not experienced with the ways of ships and shipmen, the various uses of the term tonnage in relation to the size of a ship are confusing in the last degree. There are four kinds of tonnage in use in shipping circles, and they all mean something—contrary to the land-lubber's impression—but they all mean something different.

Deadweight tonnage is what the vessel actually can carry in tons of heavy cargo, plus stores and bunkers. Gross tonnage is based on the cubic contents of the hull, with certain arbitrary spaces deducted; accordingly it has little bearing upon the cargo-carrying capacity. Net registered tonnage is gross tonnage with further deductions on account of crew space and machinery space, and again has little bearing upon the deadweight figures. Finally, the displacement is the total weight of the vessel when full of cargo, and accordingly represents the weight of her hull plus her deadweight tonnage. These two items can at least be made to appear reasonable to the most hopelessly non-technical mind by thinking of the hull—the ship herself—as live tonnage; displacement is then live tonnage plus the dead tonnage which can be piled onto the vessel.

In round numbers a ship of 9,000 tons deadweight would have a gross tonnage of 5,000 and a net registered tonnage of 3,000; she would displace 12,000 tons of water when fully loaded, so that figure represents her displacement.—Scientific American.

Days of Promise.

By H. H. Windsor in the July Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Time was when fond fathers and mothers gravely held out to their small boys the hope of one day becoming president of the United States, if only they were faithful to the woodpile, or washed their faces and hands regularly before meals. As there are constantly something like five million small boys, and never more than one president, the chance has become what might be termed a "long shot," and Young America very soon discovers his chances and hopes some day to get on the police force, drive a fire engine, or be a locomotive engineer. While the dignity and honor which is due all useful labor belongs especially to these three occupations, yet none of them are schools out of which graduates can immediately step into posts of such responsibility, say, as that considered in the preceding lines. What can and should appeal to the boy old enough to have ambitions, and the young man who has begun to think, is the wonderful demonstration of skilled effort by the big men of the country who are being called daily to assume charge of this and that all-essential position of management, in order that we may win the war. These men were no less able a few months ago, but they were scattered geographically, and partly concealed by the limits of the industry they served. Now they are brought into action in such a manner their numbers become impressive, just as 10,000 soldiers, one each in 10,000 towns, are not impressive until they muster into one mass.

And what an inspiration to the young man! These men of power are big, not because of rich fathers, or

influence, or any chance of fortune. They are Big Men because they willed and determined to be such. These men, every one, had their chosen, could-to-day have been managing a peanut stand, or a popcorn wagon, instead of great departments of the greatest government on earth. Each one would have had more time to spend in perfectly harmless ways, which would have left them where they began. They certainly would have had more hours for sleep and pleasure, and infinitely less of work and worry and discouraging endeavor. But they always sought more responsibilities and places higher up, and both came to them.

Probably never in all the history of the world has so inspiring an example been presented to the young men of any generation. What they are doing, others in years to come can do. And never was there a time of such promise to young men of training and ambition as exists to-day, and will exist in a still larger measure when the reconstruction period after the war begins. In our own and all other countries the demand for young men who can do things in mechanics and engineering, farming, finance, and business, will be unprecedented. Those who have served in the war will have an experience in self-control and action they would never have attained in a lifetime of peace; those who do not go, owe it to their country and themselves to make the utmost effort to train their minds and hands in useful arts, and selecting some Big Man as an example, strive in every way to rise as fully as possible to the level he has reached, and even go beyond that. These are the days of large opportunities, and never before were there so many stepping stones in the way of books and schools and teachers. No young man need go without an education which shall make him proficient in at least some one branch of endeavor.

Young man, this is your day, and your opportunity is just ahead. However small you may be now, are you big enough to train to be one of the Big Men then?

Lights Out.

"Lights out" along the land "Lights out" upon the sea. The night must put her hiding hand O'er peaceful towns where children sleep, And peaceful ships that darkly creep Across the waves, as if they were not free.

The dragons of the air, The hellhounds of the deep, Lurking and prowling everywhere, Go forth to seek their helpless prey, Not knowing who they maim or slay, Mad harvesters, who care not what they reap.

Out with tranquil lights, Out with the lights that burn For love and law and human rights! Set back the clock a thousand years; All they have gone who lord it here, And the dark ages suddenly return.

Kaiser who loosed wild death, And terror in the night, God grant you draw no quiet breath, Until the madness you began Is ended, and long-suffering man, Not knowing who they maim or slay, "Let there be Light!" —Henry Van Dyke, in "The Red Flower."

Here and There.

AT THE CROSSBIE.—Having arrived from Piacentia yesterday, Mr. T. P. Kemp is at present registered at the Crossbie.

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ON BRIEF VISIT.—Mrs. Charles Dally, accompanied by her brother, Pte. A. Doody, arrived from Salmonier on Monday, on a brief visit.

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GOOD NEWS FROM AQUAFORTE.—According to a message received yesterday from Aquaforte, trawls are doing well there, and also a few of the traps that are in good berth.

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Thoughts upon the Times

(By PATRIOT.)

When the Victory Loan is raised it is to prevent the parties who the coal areas in St. George's Dis- from raising sufficient capital to develop their property and us cheaper coal, and plenty of it. let them go ahead and place their on the market and see how read- the public will subscribe to it. re is absolutely no doubt but there plenty of good bituminous coal e, and now is the time to try it. Something like this will have to one before next winter comes to people from perishing. People ng on the West Coast have used coal and they believe that the city is equal to any that comes in Sydney.

That is the meaning of the article in the Daily Star, of 29th, headed "Robbery Reported. Over six hundred dollars stolen at Custom House." Have we come to the days of "pillage so soon in this country?" mortality of men in public life in foundality to-day is at such a low that one need not be surprised at what he hears. Nevertheless the public is entitled to know the meaning of such a serious statement as that by the "Star" against one of our institutions, and that without any and again the writer of these has attempted to draw the attention of the public to the fact that the present bunch of political incompetents now in charge of the Government of this Dominion have been the Tonnage question to hood- feed the fishermen and to bolster up

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