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## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, March 11, 1918.

### POSSIBLE PEACE OFFER.

There are people here who think it probable, and even certain, that within a very few weeks Germany will make an offer of peace in so extremely attractive a form that it will subject the people of this country to a severe moral test. The theory is that Germany, with her knees on the chest of Russia, will feel that the whole eastern world, from the Baltic to India and the shores of the Pacific, is open to her operations, and will regard the gain, if it can be firmly established, as sufficiently great to make her anxious to close down the costly and perilous operations on the western and southern fronts. It is suggested that in these circumstances she may offer to evacuate Belgium and Serbia and Northern France, with some specious reparations to Belgium and Serbia, and may even show an apparently yielding readiness to "discuss" the question of Alsace-Lorraine. The German rulers would still be able to point to the vast successes in the east by way of justifying her military policy and silencing criticism at home. The comment passed is that Germany must not be allowed to break off the war while she believes, or is able to say, that it has paid her to make war. If such a thing should happen, the German principle would have triumphed over the principle of the Allies.

### SUGAR, BREAD AND MEAT.

If sufficient tonnage can be made available, supplies of sugar will be sufficient in the coming months to maintain the nation, but it is by no means certain that this can be done. It may be that shortly the ration will have to be reduced to six ounces. Stocks of wheat are satisfactory, but there must be rigid economy in the consumption of bread if rationing of this vital commodity is to be avoided. The Food Controller makes an appeal to everyone to assist in staving off this undesirable measure, which would involve great difficulty and inconvenience to the administrative authorities and to individuals alike. It

can only be avoided by the economical use of every loaf of bread. As to the meat position, I am told that in the course of the next month or six weeks it will show an improvement. It is probable that when the rationing scheme for London and the Home Counties, which has now entered on its third week, has been given a thorough trial the ration may be increased so as to allow about one pound of meat per head per week. At present each person is allowed the weight equivalent of 1s.3d.

### GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Mr. LONG, it is understood, for some time has been closely engaged on the preparation of the Bill of which, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, he gave notice at the opening of the Session for the establishment of a central emigration authority. The measure is now approaching completion, and Mr. Long hopes to lay it before the House of Commons very soon. It is likely to be of considerable scope and importance, and will be drafted with a view to emigration possibilities after the war, which are likely to be extensive.

### IN SPITE OF THE ARMISTICE.

Our forces in Palestine have captured an instruction issued by a Major Druffel, a German Staff officer with the Turkish forces, which I give as a choice example of German methods of war and in peace negotiations. Sent to Turkish commanders during the armistice with the Russians on the Caucasian front, it runs:

Communicate discreetly to the Kurdish Chiefs that, according to Army Orders received by me, they are to accelerate the Russian withdrawal by continuing their robberies and ambushes in spite of the armistice. The withdrawal of the Russians is to be made as costly to them as possible. Explain to the tribes the precarious position of the Russians, and tell them how easy success would be. The Russian withdrawal from Persia is imminent.

ent, and while it is in progress the greatest possible loss should be inflicted on them. The armistice should make no difference to their action.

News is now published showing that the Turkish re-entry into Armenia has been marked by massacre. However, the Armenian brigades raised by the Grand Duke Nicholas remain a being, and for the first time in centuries the Armenians will be able to resist the Turks.

### LONDON TANKS OVER THE TOP.

London Tank Week promises to be the brightest example of war advertising that we have seen. The business men who are doing the organizing are going one better, on what we used to call American methods. The first novelty of tanks has worn off, so there is a host of subsidiary devices—pigeons flying about with big applications tucked under their wings, vast posters making the facades of the National Gallery and the Royal Exchange blush crimson, open-air cinema shows, military bands, champion aeroplanes and exhortations dropped from parachutes. All these incidents stirred up the crowd well, and apart altogether from the stream of small subscriptions there was a first list of huge investments by great firms, in which half a million pounds looks quite small. Queen Alexandra sent in an application for 500 war certificates by pigeon-carrier from Marlborough House. There has been a lavish outburst of tank oratory all over London, led by the First Sea Lord, who, speaking from Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, made a strong appeal for money for shipbuilding. Behind him was the big picture showing Elizabethan admirals watching the approach of the galleons of Spain, with the inscription "Once again our country is threatened." On the Hamstead tank the comedian George Robey's turn was followed by that of Father Bernard Vaughan. The note of the London week is that, for the first time, a real appeal is being made to the local patriotism of the great cluster of communities surrounding the center of London.

### AMERICA AND RUSSO-JAPANESE CONVENTION.

I hear that the American Government have expressed satisfaction with the Japanese explanation of the "secret treaty" concluded in 1916 between Japan and Russia. It would appear from this that the treaty was a special convention to safeguard the rights in the Far East of Japan and Russia alike, to reconcile all outstanding issues between them, and generally to follow the lines of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. Its so-called secret articles provide for the sale by Russia to Japan of all the Manchurian railroads south of Harbin, the transfer to Japan of navigation rights in the Sungari River, and the extension of fishing rights off the coast of Siberia. Even if recent developments in Russia had not made it impossible for Japan to place any reliance on the convention, the American Government would not have thought it necessary alone to ask for an explanation of the meaning and purpose of these articles; but the voluntary explanation now given by Japan disposes of the matter, as far as all events as the United States may be concerned. In regard to the interests of other countries affected by the convention, I am told that a careful reading of the articles has led to the opinion that the general purpose of the convention is somewhat in line with the existing Anglo-Japanese treaty touching Far Eastern interests, that it was designed to protect China from exploitation by any third Power, and that it was not in any way directed against the United States or this country.

### JOHN REDMOND.

All members of the House of Commons feel keenly the death of John

Redmond. In a word, he stood for what was best in Irish Nationalist politics. His entry into the arena at Westminster was turbulent, but that was long ago, and his after career was distinguished by counsels of moderation, the precise value of which to Ireland and Great Britain it is difficult to appraise. Lloyd George's eulogy was framed in terms which did not exaggerate the estimation in which the Irish leader was held by political friend and foe alike. Redmond was a great figure on the stage at Westminster, and but for the "crusade" to which his life was devoted he would doubtless have filled some of the highest offices in the State. I have alluded to Redmond's first appearance at Westminster, which contrasted so strangely with his later career in Parliament. The circumstances are worth recalling. The Coercion Bill was under discussion at the time, and the House of Commons was seething with excitement. Immediately after taking his seat a memorable scene, occasioned to some extent by the news of the arrest of Mr. Davitt, was enacted of the floor of the House. Parnell moved that Mr. Gladstone be not heard, and immediately the uproar commenced. Young Redmond took an active part. The Irish members were suspended en bloc, including the most recent recruit. He with the others, protested, and informed the Speaker that they would only give way to superior force. The Sergeant-at-Arms supplied the necessary force, and the Irishmen were all led out. John Redmond occasionally referred to this incident of 37 years ago, and told how his Parliamentary career opened with the unique experience of taking his seat, making his maiden speech, and being expelled by force from the Chamber on the same evening.

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### Casualty List.

RECEIVED APRIL 11th, 1918.  
At 55th General Hospital, Boulogne, April 2nd.

2409—Corpd. Frederick Davis, Valleyfield, B.B. Gassess, slight.  
War Office states it is reported that No. 2145—Pte. E. M. Stick, has escaped from Germany and is being sent to England.

J. R. BENNETT,  
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