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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Dec. 7th, 1915.

THE KING.

The King has had his first outing in a bath-chair since the accident caused by his being thrown from his horse. I hear that His Majesty is well enough to walk a good deal about his room, and that now he will probably be free to move into his ordinary sitting-room. He goes to bed at eight and dines there. He sees very few people, but is in good spirits with his reviving health.

UNITY OF MUNITIONS CONTROL.

General satisfaction is expressed over the absorption by the Ministry of Munitions of the Ordnance Board of the War Office, which means that all authority over the manufacture and purchase of munitions in all parts of the Empire in which such are being made is to be concentrated in the new department. This already has been done in the case of Canada, and arrangements are being made whereby Australia, India, and a few of the smaller colonies will also be brought under the scheme. D. A. Thomas, as representative of the Minister of Munitions, who has now finished his mission in Canada and the United States, is understood to report that the estimated value of all the past and present orders placed in the Dominion for munitions and general war supplies is something like £100,000,000 or £12 per head of the population. The Shell Committee is doing an enormous business probably the largest in the British Empire to-day, having grown enormously since its inception twelve months ago. In these circumstances it has been reorganized and placed under the control of the Imperial Ministry of Munitions in London, and contracts will be made direct, on behalf of the Minister, with the Canadian manufacturers.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

A movement is on foot in Parliament to elicit from the Government a statement as to its intentions on international trading after the war. The idea is to secure from the Cabinet a declaration that the commercial policies of our Empire and the Allies will be directed against the Central Powers.

Healthful Sleep

is necessary for the enjoyment and prolongation of life. During sleep Nature renews the vital forces of the body and restores the energy. Sleeplessness is one of the evil results of indigestion. To avoid it, keep the stomach well, the liver active and the bowels regular. The health of these organs

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A REAL CHOPHOUSE.

The City of London will no longer be the City to many old-fashioned people, when Bakers' Chophouse in Change Alley is gone. Its lease have expired, and the old building, which dates from soon after the Fire, will be pulled down. It is a shy, steady, old place, unknown to Bader and the "Spectator" of 1711 and the London Missionary Society was founded at a meeting within its walls. It was almost a sacrifice to take a tourist to such a place, for, unlike the two or three other old chophouses that remain to London, Baker's led a quiet, unconscious life, and its heart was in its chops and steaks and not in its mementoes. It would have been scandalized if it had thought that it was a show place, and its customers would never have come back. Its evidence was a delicate bow, not the full adremanic curve like the Ship at Greenwich, but just a suggestion of inner abundance. The lettering is almost indecipherable on its brass plates that have been burnished for a century. Its many-paned windows, which have old glass with different tinges, are always bright, and the whole front—woodwork, brass, glass, and old brick—is ripe and perfect and very comely. The interior, reached by a step down, justifies the promise of its front. It is a real chophouse, hardly altered for a century. It was one of the last places to have pewter plates, which it only gave up about sixteen years ago. Even yet it has no bill of fare, and the waiter simply chants the items until you stop him when the right one comes round. Baker's has still a humour of its own. There is a portrait of an Early Victorian waiter, "James," in the lower room. I once asked the waiter who he is. He replied, "James" was the waiter, sir, as stood at the pay window twice." Soon Baker's didn't pay twice. I suppose it can't be saved. It is a case of "pull devil, pull Baker," and the odds are sadly against Baker.

BOCOYA TRIBE'S BLACKMAIL.

The holding of ransom of survivors from the s. s. Woodford, wrecked off the north coast of Africa, raises an interesting point, which might be brought to the notice of Sir Edward Grey if he chooses to consider the expediency of paying the ransom, which is put at £200 a head. There is in existence what is known as the Hussey Trust, which when it was founded many years ago provided a few hundred pounds for the liberation of white men captured as slaves by the Barbary pirates. That money was left virtually untouched, so that it has been enormously appreciated and now amounts to a considerable sum. The Trust has been permitted by the courts to make use of some of its funds for purposes connected with slavery, and if Sir Edward Grey can demonstrate that the unlucky men of the Woodford are in slavery he can no doubt obtain a grant from the Trust under its original scheme towards paying the ransom. Twelve of the crew are in the hands of the Bocoia tribe, and the Spanish authorities are interesting themselves in the matter.

BUSINESS DRESS.

A striking sartorial sign of the changes in deeply-seated social habits brought about by the war is furnished by the rapidly-lessening amount of evening dress now worn by men in West End Theatres. The appearance of a morning coat in the stalls of a fashionable house sixteen months ago would have been regarded as an unpardonable solecism by society; but so far from it being seriously needed now, the practice is becoming so common as to excite no remark. Another development on the same lines is just as significant and interesting. Dinners of a kind likely to be attended mainly by City men are beginning to be held with the preliminary announcement "Business dress." The utmost advance towards such a common-sense arrangement hitherto adopted has been the notification, "Evening dress optional," but that always has been felt to be unsatisfactory, because no guest was quite certain as to whether, if he went in morning dress, he would look exceptional, and, therefore, evening wear was just as much used as before. The new announcement is so clear that there can be no mistake on that score, and the practice is of such convenience that it is likely to spread.

COUNTRY-HOUSE VISITING.

To a certain limited extent country-house visiting is still the fashion, for people need to see their friends even in the present circumstances, and many can only do so in the country. London houses and hotels are "off" for many even well-to-do people since the war. But a society correspondent writes to tell me that the country-house visit is scarcely recognisable to-day compared with its former estate, eighteen months ago. Modest luggage, it seems, replaces the stack of trunks, hat boxes, boot cases, and every other shape and size of case without which no one arrived for a

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week-end, and a house party may number six or eight guests, or even less. They come in "any old things" very likely, and go as they came, without having changed their garb except of an evening, where they would have changed it five or six times a day, as I have known women contrive to do at big shoots. If any shooting goes on now it is for the hospitals or convalescent homes, where much game is sent. Of an evening a quiet game or so of auction at strictly limited points is the regulation thing, but as a rule there is no dancing or "ragging," unless it happen that the house party is expressly in honor of one or more young men from the front, and a friend or two of their own sex have been able to join the party. Even motorfaring has been given up by a good many people, while others have learnt to drive their own cars to release their chauffeurs.

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Whale Battles Pacific Steamer.

Showing the effects of a desperate battle with a huge sperm whale while 10 miles south of Mount Edgecumbe, Krusof Island, near the entrance of Sitka Sound, on June 15, the whaling str. Stan III, Capt. L. P. Hallis, Gunner G. Earling, reached Eagle Harbor after a successful season, says a Seattle despatch.

While taking one of the big mammals, it charged the steamer, damaging the gunwale, second towing check on the starboard side and bending and crumpling a plate in the bulwarks for a considerable distance of 10 feet. The weight of the whale nearly swamped the little steamer.

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MRS. JOSH.

Gambo, January 3rd, 1916.

Juvenile Treas

The annual treat to the Branch of the T. A. and was held last evening attended by over 300 boys. The noon the lads accompanied Guardians attended an entertainment at the Hall where served. At night a dance for the adults and was largely excellent music being the Society's Band.

During the evening President of the adult branch, visited and addressed them in terms. He also congratulated Guardians and their lady on the success achieved.



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A little cold may not seem a serious thing—you may feel to let it go on hoping that it will be better—but can you take chances? Just as insignificant as a cold grows to the mighty giant cough, if not stopped may grow to a serious illness. When a cough there's no telling where it will lead. You know no doubt, of course among people you have known serious complications and illnesses have had their start neglected cough or cold. A cold is more than a nuisance—it is dangerous—so the best find a reliable remedy—only give you quick, satisfactory results. There are many treatments recommended for a cough, but "STAFFORD'S PHORATONE and COLD CURE" is recommended as the safest, surest and most factory way to cure a cold, etc.

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