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LONDON GOSSIP.

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LONDON'S EASTER.

Despite more or less dull weather conditions, Londoners enjoyed their Easter immensely, finishing up with a tremendous rush for theatres and music halls on the Monday night. It was noticeable, however, that the Easter seats in all the houses of entertainment were difficult to sell and could only be traded off when diligent entertainment seekers found there was nothing cheaper to be had. This seemed to indicate that the motor car crowd were well out of town for Easter. Whilst enormous numbers of people enjoyed their Easter in London, equally enormous numbers of Londoners must have gone to the seaside and the country, judging by the way the departing trains, run in duplicate and sometimes triplicate, were packed. The Premier, Lloyd George, departed for his beloved Criccieth along with his daughter, Megan, and a private secretary, Captain Evans. Great patronage this year has been extended to the various schemes for battlefield trips. The abnormal rush in this department compelled one great tourist agency to suspend its bookings. Railway officials told us that Easter has broken all records, and which it will be gathered that anyway it was a very busy time. A student of the dress of the holiday crowds, male and female, speaks of it as being much improved, especially in style, with a very welcome absence of eccentricities. The presence of father with the children was also a great feature, whether at the Zoo, Madame Tussauds, the Tower of London, or any of the other fifty places in London to which parents feel compelled to take their children.

PASSING OF ROSHERVILLE GARDENS.

People who remember the habits and customs of Victorian days and who know their Dickens, Albert Smith and George Augustus Sala well, will receive something of a shock in the news that Rosherville Gardens, Gravesend, are to be sold. In the old days they were one of the greatest of the typically London holiday resorts and were, in fact, the last relics of the phase that knew Vauxhall Gardens and Cremorne Gardens. Various spasmodic attempts up to about twenty years ago were made to revive the faded glories of Rosherville. The place to spend a happy day—but by that time the stucco temples had cracked and the alcoves were filled with rubbish. There was a hopeless, fly-blown note about the place, so the visitors were driven to drowning their sorrows in shrimps, water-cress and stout. A suggestion is made, however, that in these latter days when railway fares have risen so there might be an opportunity for another Imre Kiralfy to make something of the site as a big entertainment centre on modern lines.

RUSH ON NEW PLAYS.

Quick change is apparently the note in London theatrical circles just now. Every week sees an abnormal number of new productions and most of them prove to be very short lived. What long runs there are began before the war finished; nothing now staged appears to have anything more than a most remote chance of continued life. This week no fewer than eight new productions have been arranged for the West End theatres. These began with "Paddy, the Next

Best Thing" at the Savoy on Monday and finished with the return of Marie Lohr to the Globe in "Birds of a Feather" on Friday. This latter play is by H. V. Esmond, who will take the leading part. This Friday production was an eleventh hour arrangement, rendered necessary by the withdrawal of Esmond's other play, "Grierson's Way," which apparently failed to attract at the Ambassadors. An interesting feature of this week's big batch of productions is that they introduce three new American actresses to London. The admirers of Miss Gladys Cooper will regret to hear that she has already been compelled to leave the revival of "My Lady's Dress" owing to serious illness. The play was only staged on April 2nd.

A RADIUM DEAL.

In the clubs they have been talking over a very interesting deal in radium. During the hostilities the War Office expended large sums on this rare earth for the purpose of illuminating gun sights and officers' watches at night time. A great deal of this was left unused when the war finished. Difficulties arose as to the disposal of these amounts, when Dr. Addison stepped in and induced his Ministry of Health to give the War Office £75,000 for what remained. It is now proposed to use this radium for life-saving purposes and donate it to the Medical Research Committee, who will use it for the treatment of cancer. Very fair success is said to have been achieved already from treatment by radium. If all the surplus Government material was disposed of as fortunately and advantageously as this radium there would, methinks, have been fewer complaints in the newspapers.

HOUSING SHORTAGE.

Talking with an official of the Ministry of Health about the present position of the housing difficulty in this country he told me that outside London the most acute shortage is in Yorkshire, with Lancashire a close second. Liverpool, he says, wants 10,000 more dwelling houses immediately. The whole matter of this terrible deficiency has, of course, been complicated by many things. First, there has been the no doubt transient shortage of skilled labor occasioned by so many building trade workers drifting to other kinds of work during the war. These men are not disposed to come back unless they can see some certainty of equally well paid employment. Then there has been the shameless profiteering in building materials, from slates to drainpipes. Rings and trusts have arisen here, as apparently everywhere else, during the war, and private builders and public authorities are alike being held up to ransom. Land can be obtained fairly easily, although at much higher than pre-war prices, and architects there are in profusion badly in want of professional work. The particular scandal in and around London is the continuous erection of large and important factories capable of employing thousands of workers with never a dwelling house being built to accommodate these employed. Dr. Addison's department would like to see a regulation made whereby the public authorities would not pass any plans for a factory unless at the same time the

factory owner agreed to lay down so many dwelling houses for his workers.

LONDON'S SPLENDID VAN HORSES

At the annual London Van Horse Society's Parade in Regent's Park last Monday there was a remarkable gathering of lookers on but a distinct falling off in the number of horses shown. Only about 340 paraded, as against nearly five times that number before the war. There is something of the onward rush of the commercial motor wagon behind this, no doubt. At the same time there was no falling off from the best standards of cleanliness and smartness both of animal and harness. As in previous years, the drivers and the carmen brought members of their families with them in their vehicles, and for the children it was a glorious time. Although the van horse parade is not a blood stock show, some of the horses are beasts of a remarkably high quality. Out of the 340 entries, 205 first class prizes were awarded for cleanliness of animal, cleanliness of harness, and smartness of turn-out generally. For the first time in the history of the parade, however, one competitor was refused admission. The judges were all well-known horsemen, some sporting men and some breeders, and Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, distributed the prizes. Lord Lambourne recalled the van horse of the sixties in the last century. He was then an ill-cared for animal and a sad and frequently disagreeable sight. It struck as a rather sad note, however, that the same of perfection in the London van horse is being reached at a time when he is rapidly passing away, but this appears to have been the history of most things concerned with locomotion. The stage coach reached its finest development just prior to the definite coming of the rival railway. Many other cases might be cited.

Fads and Fashions.

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A Weird Fraternity.

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tions of an ambulance corps, dealing with accidents as they occur, and carrying the sick or injured to the hospitals. The funds needed for the work are derived from membership fees, supplemented by alms for which the members make mute appeals at the doors of churches, holding out a little box to receive them.

FOR THE ORPHANS.—Little Eva Hetherly and her cousin Marjorie McKie, 78 Monroes Street, held a bazaar on Tuesday, May 11th, at which they realized the nice sum of \$22.00 for the Methodist Orphanage.

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