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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, March 6th, 1916. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND FREEMASONRY.

An absolute contradiction can be given to a report which has appeared in various shapes during the past two days to the effect that the Prince of Wales has been initiated into Freemasonry. The error is understood to have arisen from a misapprehension as to what young Royal Prince it was who not long ago became a member of the craft, Prince Arthur of Connaught, the only son of the Grand Master of English Freemasons, being the one who was meant. It would not be surprising if in the near future the Prince of Wales joined, following the example of not only his grandfather, the late King Edward VII., but George IV., when each was heir-apparent. The close connection between Princes of Wales and Freemasonry goes, indeed, much farther back than either for one of the earliest official publications of the Grand Lodge of England was dedicated in 1738 to Frederick, Prince of Wales, eldest son of George II., a Master Mason and Master of a Lodge, and a direct ancestor of our present Sovereign, George V.

NORTH SEA RUMOURS. Regarding the rumours of naval encounters, which are abroad nearly every week just now, I may mention that many wagers have been laid in Sweden that the German ships will come out and fight before the 22nd of March. The basis for the belief in an approaching sea fight is the reports from the Swedish shipping trade.

ST. DAVID'S BAY. On March 1st London realized St. David's Day more thoroughly than at any time since the Battle of Agincourt for which the then Archbishop of Canterbury constituted St. David's day a public holiday in the whole province of Canterbury. The result of the war has been to draw together Welshmen of all political views, and on the night of March 1st Lord Harsch, head of one of the Welsh Turf houses, presided at a patriotic rally of Welshmen who are mainly Liberals and Nonconformists. The great religious service held for so many years at St. Paul's was this year held at St. Bride's. The Welsh flag-day on the streets was a big success. The Welsh women wore their traditional dress—long red coats and tapering hats. Mainly they sold Welsh goods but occasionally photographs of Welsh regiments took the place of these. Observers who had been through the streets told me that of all

A POST FOR LORD FISHER. I learn that Lord Fisher will shortly be more closely associated with the Ministry in a post of a consultative character connected with the War Council. Lord Fisher since he left the Admiralty has been chairman of the Inventions Committee, but this office does not give him full scope for his undoubted genius, and the country will welcome with genuine satisfaction the decision to recall him to a more active share in the conduct of the war.

A NEW WAR HISTORY. Almost since the war began Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has been gathering material for a history of it. He

has been successful in gathering a great deal of entirely fresh information of first-rate interest. Working on that, he is writing a history of the part the British army has played and is playing in the great struggle in France. He has completed so much of it that his narrative will begin to appear serially in April, and later it will be published in book form here and in America.

THE FUNERAL OF HENRY JAMES.

It was a rainy London afternoon, the smoke blowing over the wide river, and the stained old tower of Chelsea Parish Church stood without its shadow as the motor cars and carriages edged themselves down the narrow little street and the people thronged into the church. It was a crowd exclusive as his books. One would have said that it was too fashionable for a philosophical society gathering and too important for a fashionable event. The men were mostly elderly men, statesmen, men of affairs, diplomats, lawyers, artists, and men of letters. Among them were Lord Bryce, Lord Courtney, Rudyard Kipling, the American Ambassador, Mr. Birrell, Sir Arthur Pinero, Edmund Gosse, John Sargent, D. S. MacColl, Sir Frederick Pollock and Max Beerbohm. It was notable that more than half of the congregation were ladies, some of them "great ladies" of the world he knew so well. It was almost as though the people from his own books had come to his obsequies. The little church was very crowded. It was such a church, such a piece of Old England, as he especially liked. It is a place where Old England is much at home in the comfortable dust of her ages. From the chained Bible which still lies there Dr. Donne had preached, and Elizabeth Walton had listened to him, and under the curious timbered, barrel roof of the choir Sir Thomas Moore had sung as a chorister. The old walls are encrusted with memorial tablets to the height of the windows, and the monumental tombs of the dead crowd out the congregation of the living in the aisles. In all this a quiet, close mass of English life and history seemed to loom over and around his life like a leafy tree, and Henry James, that great analyst and lover of the fineness of England, had been brought here and laid at its foot for a last obeisance and good-bye.

AMERICA AND INDIAN TRADE.

A commercial development of which little is yet being heard here is in progress along the Pacific Coast of North America. Travellers are already engaged, with the co-operation of the American Consulates, in exploiting the possibilities of United States trade with India and the Far East. The argument is that additional ocean lines will be established, with their Eastern end based upon San Francisco and Vancouver, and their westernmost ports of call in the Suez Canal. In other words, they will seek to utilize the whole breadth of the territory that lies between Panama and Suez, and by avoiding the payment of canal dues at either end will reap an advantage in comparison with those liners which habitually traverse the one canal or the other. Even Seattle is looking for developments in the field of export, the hope of that northern outpost of the Pacific States being that it will stop the present utilisation by American manufacturers of Vancouver as a port of departure, and at the same time tap some Canadian trade at the expense of our own port. The number of bulk articles that can be handled in this way in competition with the Atlantic States and with European industrial centres is steadily growing.

THIRTY SOLDIERS' WIVES.

A correspondent sends me an interesting observation made in a London post office the other day. Within a period of five minutes a wife, glad enough to get her allowance, noticed twenty women of the artisan class receive their separation allowances and immediately place portions (not less than half) into the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of their children. The practice was obviously habitual. Evidently we are not all spending thriftlessly.

RED PAINT.

Red paint is picked as pretty as pickets; of rich red paint let the poets sing! Red paint is good for the rustic seats, and excellent for the garden swing. We put red paint on the barn a n d fence, and know full well it will hold them down; red paint is good—but there is no sense in using it on the sleeping town. Red paint is wholesome and safe and sane, I sing its worth on the stage and stump; it's a splendid thing for the weather-vane, and as fine as silk for the cistern pump. It can be used to decorate the stable roof or the kitchen floor; oh, put three coats on the wicket gate, and spread it thick on the henhouse door. It's earned the praises of tongue and pen it is far better than green or brown; it is a boon to the sons of men—but it's no good for the sleeping town.

Army Mascot's Exploit.

Men of the Army Service Corps stationed in a London suburb are chuckling over the latest exploit of "Joffre," their Great Dane mascot. The dog recently disappeared from the depot and many hours later an urgent telephone message was received from a recruiting office several miles away asking that someone should be sent to fetch the animal because he had taken possession of the office and refused to move. The company-sergeant-major, who has charge of the mascot, explained the animal's conduct with the remark: "I expect he wanted to get to the front."

Everyday Etiquette.

"Is it necessary to send a present when one has been invited to a church wedding and not the reception?" inquired Marie. "It is not necessary to send a gift unless you have been invited to the reception," said her mother.

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50,000 More Anzacs.

A Stirring Appeal by the Australian Premier. Mr. Hughes, Australian Prime Minister, issued the following appeal (says Reuter) to Australia:—"To wage this war with less than our full strength is to commit national suicide by slowly bleeding to death. Had our forces been doubled many brave lives would have been spared. The Australian armies would long ago have been camping in Constantinople, and the world-war would have been practically over. The more men Australia sends to the front the less danger will be to each man. Not only victory but safety belongs to the 'big battalions.' We want more men: 50,000 additional troops are to be raised to form new units of the expeditionary force. 16,000 are required each month for reinforcements at the front. Australia—the freest and best country on God's earth—calls to her sons for aid."

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