

## LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, October 19th, 1915.  
PRINCESSES AND WAR WORK.

The attention which is being called here to the fact that Princess Adelheid of Lippe, who is related to the reigning Duke of Lippe-Detmold, is now occupied daily as a teacher in a German provincial elementary school, would seem to indicate a lack of acquaintance with the fact that the women members of our own Royal Household have done, and are doing, a very great deal of work in connection with the war. The example set by the Queen at the very outset, when her Majesty established her Work for Women Fund, has been admirably followed, and those acquainted with her Majesty's labours in connection with that fund are aware that it has received an amount of personal care and attention that the outside public have not realized. Her Majesty's appeal on behalf of her Needlework Guild, so as to ensure a supply by the women of the Empire of winter comforts and hospital requisites for our forces in the field is a further example of her organizing and administrative zeal, and the success of Princess Mary's Christmas fund last year is so well known as scarcely to need recalling. In other directions our Princesses have been active, and foremost among them Princess Arthur of Connaught, who has gone through a regular course of training in a London hospital in order fully to qualify herself for waiting on the wounded. The Lippe Princess, therefore, in her desire to do effective service in time of war, had admirable exemplars here, and if all that has been done in this regard by our various Princesses could be recorded people generally would be as rejoiced as they would be surprised.

### THE MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN RUSSIA.

The new Ministerial changes in Russia are regarded in well-informed Russian quarters here as a new sign of the unhealthy state of domestic affairs in that country at present. Prince Stcherbatoff's resignation is no doubt due to the false step he recently took in suggesting the re-introduction of a preventive censorship for papers such as had existed in Russia before the Constitution. In this he had acted on a vague suggestion of M. Goromykin, the Premier, who had complained of the violent language which distinguishes to-day even the most moderate section of the Russian press. When Prince Stcherbatoff's plan became generally known there was such an outburst of indignation on the part of all sections of the public, and even of papers of the type of the "Novoye Vremya," that M. Goromykin himself thought it prudent to disavow both the plan and its author. In these circumstances, being repudiated on every hand, Prince Stcherbatoff naturally offered his resignation, which has now been accepted. The recent Moscow National Congresses of the municipalities and county councils, with their joint pronouncement in favor of what practically amounts to a responsible Government, indicates the growth in Russian political consciousness. It is worth mentioning as a sign of the times that this Moscow pronouncement has been placarded all over Russia—the first instance in Russian history of such a procedure.

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### FERDINAND OF BULGARIA.

Londoners recall with mixed feelings the appearance of the Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria the last time he visited this country. He was one of the eight foreign Sovereigns who rode in the funeral procession of King Edward, one of the most remarkable corteges in modern history. King Ferdinand in Bulgarian uniform rode on a magnificent charger, abreast of three other kings. The amplitude of his proportions made him an ungainly figure on horseback, although he sat erect in his saddle. Nor was there anything to attract in his bearded face. What a contrast he was to another kingly figure in that group, and the contrast is moral as well as physical. That other was Albert, the King of the Belgians. We did not know that handsome, tall, clean figure then. We never guessed the nobility of purpose latent in the character of the young Monarch. His watchword has been Honor. That of Ferdinand has been ambition, not of the high-souled, but of the intriguing, aggrandising kind. Both Monarchs spring from the house of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. It is interesting now to recall that they met at the funeral of King Edward.

### THE AFRICAN CAMPAIGNS.

A correspondent in touch with African affairs sends me some comments on two interesting pieces of news about the little African wars in the papers of October 13. The announcements of the capture of Wumbias, in the South of the German Cameroons, is important as showing that dry weather, in which alone operations are possible, has set in. There is usually a short dry season in those regions lasting until Christmas, and it is expected that the Allied forces now systematically subduing the Cameroons will be able to complete the conquest within the next two months. The other point is the curious report that the Germans in East Africa have succeeded in rearming native troops with modern smokeless rifles. The question naturally arises how they have got the rifles into the country, seeing that they are surrounded by enemy territory and blockaded at sea. That they have been supplied from the Portuguese colonies or the Belgian Congo is out of the question. It is probable, my informant thinks, that the rifles have been smuggled into the country by some daring neutral ship that has taken the risk of running the blockade of some point in the enormous coastline.

### STRIKING THE TENTS.

Most of the Territorial battalions in training in the South of England are preparing to quit canvas for winter quarters in billets or huts. This, of course, involves a much heavier charge on the State, particularly in the case of private billets, but the hardships of wintering in tents are reflected to such an extent in the sick state that it is impossible last year's experiments will be repeated. To keep down the cost of billeting it is proposed in certain divisions to establish common mess-rooms, where the men will attend for meals, thus obviating the difficulty of dividing up the rations and distributing them round the private-billet to be cooked. Needless to say the proposal

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is not one that will evoke any enthusiasm among the men, who not unnaturally are averse to having what they describe as a route march attached to each meal. But these hardships which will have to be borne along with others if last year's lavish rate of expenditure on training troops is to be curtailed in the interests of national economy. In many other respects the troops in training will be much better off than they were at the beginning of the war. The equipment at home is now elaborated almost if not quite up to the standard obtaining at the front. One of the greatest boons to the men is the provision of field kitchens. Many divisions are now fully equipped with these, and the advantage of having properly cooked meals—on the march and during field operations—is one that the men thoroughly appreciate. Indeed the arrival of field kitchens has made possible under the old system of cooking over open fires. In connection with the evacuation of canvas I may remark that as far as possible the brigades in each division are mutually exchanging their training centres with a view no doubt to counteracting the inevitable staleness that overcomes a unit after five or six months training.

### MOTORS FOR SOLDIERS.

The following is the cheery story of how an elderly London motorist does his bit. He has impressed, like the rest of us, by the sight of so many beautiful motors in the streets whose owners seemed to be doing nothing in particular for the war. His plan, worked out entirely on his own initiative, is on these lines. As he drives about the streets he marks down some fine motor with plenty of room in it and follows it unobtrusively home. After the owner has gone in, the patriotic motorist rings the bell and requests an interview, explaining that he is arranging motor trips for wounded soldiers and will be lend his car. He has never met a refusal, and now has about a hundred motorists on his list. He makes all the arrangements with the hospitals, and working quite alone, has been successful in getting thousands of soldiers free drivers in the country. Another plan of this resourceful person is to drive into the country, and selecting likely looking mansions, he asks for permission to bring out parties of wounded men for afternoon tea in the gardens.

### NO TREATING IN THE CLUBS.

The no-treating order has quickly lost any charm it had as being something new to talk about in the bars. On October 12th there was a thinness in some of the most popular bars, and experts agree that there has been already a sharp decline in the amount of drink sold. The general opinion was that drinking as a social observance has had a hard blow. The barmaids were especially dejected. "There'll be hundreds of us sacked before long," said one. There is some indignation among members of what

are known as the best clubs at the order being enforced in clubs. Their view is that treating is not the rule in the clubs that matter, but it is common knowledge that in the much more numerous clubs that don't matter so much the order will make a real difference. Some of the big London clubs have already suffered severely in their finances from the war economies of members—in many clubs, for instance, the dining room in the evening is now almost deserted, and wine is rarely ordered. Very little entertaining is being done. The difficulty many clubs are finding in making ends meet will certainly be increased by the new prohibition. The only people who glean some comfort are the professional comedians, who are all busy revising their "gags." There will be no music-hall without its new sallies of extra dry humour. The specimens collected by one evening paper are not encouraging. Perhaps the best is the statement of Mr. George Mozart—that some hitherto poor members of the profession have already ordered motor-cars.

### THE NURSERY ARSENAL.

It is a relief to turn from the Budget to the enterprise of British toy manufacturers. Some of their Christmas novelties have already been referred to in these columns, but the ingeniously designed toy which provides for a miniature air raid upon German cities has now made its appearance. It is one of the series of war games, and is called "Bombho." Colored illustrations of German towns are attached to a central pivot, through which circle two of the Allies' aeroplanes. Bombs are carried by the aeroplanes, the arrangement of springs making them go off with a realistic sound when a particular spring is touched by a player. Other new war game toys include "aeroplane shooting" and "hunting the Huns." An anti-aircraft gun, which is to be sold at a very moderate price, is also a very well-devised toy. It has a periscope and elevating screws, and like the famous 75mm, which has proved so useful to our French Allies, all the parts are interchangeable. The "Big Lizzie" brass cannon, the "Tiny Tots" metal field gun, and a double-barrelled pop-gun from Japan are other toys for the nursery arsenal.

### AUTUMN FASHIONS.

No one expected any very drastic changes in the fashions this season, so that no one is disappointed at the comparative dullness of the shops now that the "latest things" are on view. On the contrary, most women are rejoiced to find that for once they will be able to "make things do" that in other years had to be cast on one side. The new note is simply an intensification of modes that have been in some time. Short skirts, for instance, and the high boots are still in fashion. These latter may or may not have a Russian touch in a band of fur as a finish. But to be as Russian as possible is the correct thing, and fluted skirts to coats with a broad hem of fur is the smartest wear. As regards colors, Londoners are showing a preference for browns, purples, and neutral tones. Velvet is the fabric of the moment, partly no doubt on account of the difficulty of procuring woolen materials, and there are a number of very beautiful shades being shown, including a very rich-looking tomato or red brick. Hats, too, are mostly of velvet for afternoon wear. The newest shapes are the big-crowned Directoire—a rather trying style for all but a special type of face—and the three-cornered or highwayman, which is more generally becoming. Evening dress tends to an ever greater simplicity, and the low full dress is almost entirely out of favor. A simple V-shaped opening at the neck such as has been the fashion for day-wear within the last year or so and long transparent sleeves of nylon or net is all that fashion requires for dinner wear even at a fairly large gathering of friends. Any more elaborate toilet is considered out of place and bad form.

### SHOT DEAD—ELEVEN THOUSAND FEET IN THE AIR.

It is now learnt that Lieut. S. C. Caws, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, a member of the Royal Flying Corps, officially reported missing, has been killed.

Lieut. S. Wilson, who is a prisoner in Germany, has written to his parents stating that he and Lieut. Caws were attacked by German machines and had a great fight, lasting fifteen minutes. They fought until they fired all their ammunition.

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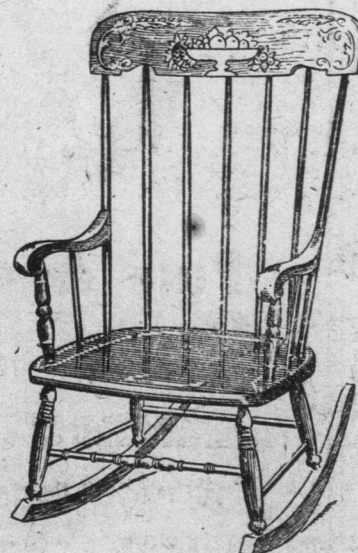


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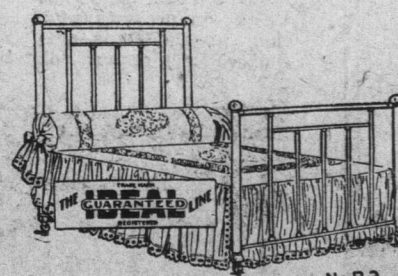


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