

LONDON GOSSIP.

THE KING'S POLICEMEN.
LONDON, Dec. 16th, 1913.
Whenever King George pays a visit which involves spending one or more nights away from home, he is accompanied by a chief inspector of police and two police officers in plain clothes. These officials are not prominent, but the one there, and at night one of them is on duty wherever the King is sleeping. This small staff is reinforced at the Royal residence by other members of the Metropolitan Police, who form a travelling staff, who may be seen alternately at Buckingham Palace, York Cottage, or Balmoral, besides the police attached to each Royal house. They are further supplemented by the local police force, who are used, as it were, for outpost duty. The only obvious reason for these safeguards is the extraordinary number of cranks and lunatics who are attracted to the King and his train. Even the Royal servants on the train or cars have to be constantly on the alert, for objects are constantly being thrown into the Royal carriage or car. These are mostly flowers, it is true, but petitions, letters, and occasionally presents have been flung at the Royal windows.

THE ROYAL CHRISTMAS.
Christmas Day is almost invariably spent by the Royal Family in their own country home in Norfolk, Queen Alexandra being in residence at Sandringham and the King and Queen at York Cottage. The old-fashioned pleasures of Christmas make their last stand here. If there is skating, the two lakes are used. The King is a good skater, and hockey on the ice has often been one of the great features of the Royal house party, everyone, including the servants, taking part in the game. Christmas shopping, too, is not denied nowadays to the Royal Family, although there was a time when everything was done at home, a few chosen tradesmen being allowed to send their best wares to the Palace for inspection. Now even the Queen goes shopping about ten days before Christmas, but the shops visited by the Royal Family are not allowed to advertise the fact of those visits. The Queen inherited from her mother the desire and knack to choose her Christmas presents. In King Edward's time the Royal Christmas presents were mostly bought abroad in quantities during the King's tour, and the selection was made afterwards. The Queen makes it a practice always to send a Christmas card with her presents, and although she must send several hundreds she herself writes on nearly all the cards. To foreign friends her favorite gifts are articles in leather; to her intimates, portraits, particularly of the Prince of Wales, in pretty frames. She sends out many presents to old servants of her mother's and her own household, and a great many gifts to charities these being sent through friends, so that her name does not appear. The King sends out a great deal of game among his Christmas presents. The English Royal Family, however, although influenced through the Christmas traditions which the Prince Consort brought from Germany, does not practice on the large scale, the custom of the German Court in sending things to eat. Among the Christmas gifts which reach Sandringham and York Cottage from the German Royal Family are a boar's head, large German sausages, and punpernickel.

DISSATISFIED MONARCHS.
That unrest which is so marked a feature of the labor world nowadays,

appears at times to overflow into very strange surroundings. Even Monarchs are not exempt from the contagion of the dissatisfaction and unrest now prevalent throughout the world. The Kings of Bavaria and Saxony have recently succeeded in getting their civil lists increased, and their example is likely to be followed by all the twenty-six Sovereigns of the German Empire. The Grand Duke of Baden has just put in a claim for another forty thousand or so to his civil list. The objection is made that the Grand Duke has no children to support and cannot therefore cite the case of the King of Bavaria, who has nine children, five of them unmarried daughters. On the other hand, the Grand Duke of Baden has not had an increase in his civil list since 1876, and, as everyone knows, the cost of living has gone up frightfully since then. The situation is complicated by the remarkable attitude of the state-hands at the Royal Theatre in Karlsruhe. The Royal Theatre is kept up by the King out of his private purse, and an increased civil list would almost certainly mean more wages for the artists and work-people. At any rate, that is their view, and they intend to press it home. If Parliament does not vote the extra forty thousand they will go on strike. Never has a State been faced with such an alternative.

GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.
Writing from Vienna, a correspondent tells me that since Sir Maurice de Bunsen assumed the duties of Ambassador to Austria-Hungary steps have been taken by Count von Berchtold, the Chancellor, to have a general view made of Anglo-Austrian relations, in order to ascertain how far it may be possible, without effecting the obligations of the Dual Monarchy to its allies, to bring about a cordial understanding with Great Britain. This step is asserted on authority to have been pressed forward by the Archduke Franz Ferdinand after the recent visit of his Imperial Highness to England as the guest of the King and Queen; and to judge from the number of calls which Sir Maurice de Bunsen has paid to the Balhausplatz since he presented his credentials, his Excellency is giving much assistance towards the desired end.

NAVAL RESTRICTIONS FOR SOUTH AMERICA.
According to a diplomatic authority who has just arrived in London from Rio de Janeiro, an exchange of views is taking place between the Brazilian, Argentine, and Chilean Governments which may result in an agreement restricting expenditure upon naval armaments. The correspondence, apparently, began some six or seven weeks ago by a note addressed by the Argentine Government to the Governments of Brazil and Chile, it being urged therein that money could more profitably be spent upon railways and other public works for internal developments. The correspondence may prove abortive, but it is not without significance that, according to my informant, contractors for certain naval supplies in Europe have been requested for the time to "go slow."

TO REGAIN A POLO CUP.
Lord Ashby St. Ledgers, Mr. Churchill's cousin, who is to lead the English team next year in another effort to regain the American Polo Cup won in 1909, and since retained by the United States, has accepted the invitation of the King of Spain to hold practice matches in Madrid, early in the new year. King Alfonso himself an exceptionally clever and

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daring player, as any who witnessed the games in which he took a part here a year or two ago, will remember, is evincing a keen interest in the arrangements for the contests at Meadowbrook next summer, and has intimated his intention of playing in the trial games with the Englishman in his capital. Polo players here are hopeful that Lord Ashby St. Ledgers may lead his team to victory in the contests in America. This anticipation does not seem to be an extravagant view of England's chances. The men selected to participate in the trial games are probably the finest players England can put in the field, and with an adequate supply of first class mounts assured there is good reason to expect an English triumph.

PUTUMAYO AND THE FUTURE.
A bill for the purpose of dealing with some of the defects in the existing laws which were brought to light in the course of the enquiry into the Putumayo atrocities will be introduced at an early period next session, although whether it will originate in the Lords or the Commons has not yet been decided. Pressure is now being brought to bear upon the Government in order that when the bill is introduced it may receive official support. A measure on the subject has been drafted and submitted for approval to certain representative authorities, and this, it is understood, seeks to consolidate and amend the existing slave trade acts, so as to render more difficult any evasion of the slave-owning and slave-trading Acts by British companies operating in foreign countries, at the same time throwing upon British directors the onus of studying more closely than hitherto the conditions of employment in tropical climates. In the event of the bill being introduced in the House of Commons, a large number of members of Parliament will be asked to ballot for a place at the opening of the session, so as to secure for it an early and effective discussion.

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On Second Thought!
Eph Wiley says he has noticed that people who try to capitalize their distinguished relatives never build up much of a business. Eph Wiley says he has noticed that the handy man who can fix anything never is good for much except repair work. Philosophy, reduced to its simplest aspect, merely is a realization that I is likely to rain on the day set for the picnic. A farmer who is industrious, and who can also fiddle for dances on the side, can make a mighty good living in the country. When a man has accomplished anything worth while the people of his town say he is "the worst over-rated man in America." Generally speaking, if a young man is worth saving he will do it himself. It requires no special brand of courage to kick the man who is down.

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Cable News.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Special to Evening Telegram.
Lord Kitchener's strong hand recently, achieved another notable success by securing a satisfactory settlement of the vexed question of religious endowment in Egypt. It has just become known that this settlement was not obtained without serious friction with the Khedive. The presence of a strong British fleet in the Mediterranean, too, may have been a strong influence in inducing the Khedive to withdraw his opposition. On Nov. 6th the Khedive returned from a journey to Cairo. On the following day Kitchener opened negotiations with him, inviting his assent to a thorough reform of Vaukufs. These are estates left for the maintenance of the Moslem faith in Egypt. The Egyptians thought they ought to be placed under a responsible minister. Lord Kitchener supported this proposal, but the Khedive showed hostility. A crisis appeared imminent. Finally a compromise was arranged, the Khedive agreeing to refer the question to the Sultan, who, in theory, controls all the Moslem endowments, and to abide by his decision. Before allowing the question to be so referred, Kitchener had, however, taken special precautions to ensure a favorable reply from the Sultan. This arrived within 24 hours. The Khedive instantly concurred, and the affair ended.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
The Daily Citizen claims to have substantial grounds for the statement that the Naval Estimates will be swollen by more than \$5,000,000 for an airship fleet of numbers 8 and 10 dirigibles. One airship is now building, prior to a grant, but others may be of foreign design. The contemplated expenditure on dirigibles alone will be \$750,000. The Citizen points out that the current year's expenditure on aviation alone has been \$5,100,000, against \$1,610,000 last year. The War Office will also make substantial provision for an air service, but this will be separately from the Navy.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Dec. 29.
Fire and tempest raged in a great part of this city throughout the past night. An immense block of buildings, including a theatre, variety hall, and many tenements, were destroyed. Several thousands of the inhabitants of the surrounding districts were seized with panic and passed the night in the streets. The fire is still spreading, and it is feared the flames may attack the military barracks, which troops have been ordered to evacuate. The efforts of the fire brigade and several companies of soldiers have had no effect in checking the conflagration.

ROME, Dec. 29.
Removal of the seals from the residence of the late Cardinal Rampolla has been requested by his sister, Baroness Pezzana, who has presented to the court the late Prelate's testament, dated 1889, according to which she is the only heir, her brothers having died in the meantime. If no opposition be raised by interested parties the removal of the seals will probably occur to-morrow.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.
The Japanese provinces of Almeri and Hockard are suffering from the worst famine since 1869, owing to the failure of the rice crops. There have been runs on many local banks. The government intends to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the relief of the banks and the starving peasantry.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Yesterday was the coldest day this season all over England. In several places the temperature was below freezing point, and snow fell. The outlook continues wintry. Tobogganing and ski-ing are being indulged in at Buxton.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
The West African Mail steamer Abosso, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday, reports having encountered waves fifty feet high between the Canary Islands and Cape Finisterre.
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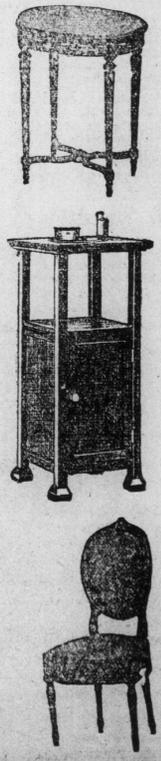
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