

# LLOYD GEORGE JADED, BUT IN GOOD HEALTH

Strain of War Years Has  
Left Its Trace on Him.

Tino Looking for Horse in  
Paris—Finding a Place  
for the War-time Despatch  
Rider—The Scene at the  
Mudania Conference.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
London, Oct. 19.—Recent alarmist  
rumors about Lloyd George's health  
were, as it stated at the time, entirely  
unfounded. The prime minister is  
not only robust in early  
youth, and the exacting calls made  
upon his constitution, he is remarkably  
vigorous for a man of his age. An un-  
broken period of seventeen years' active  
ministry, including such a ter-  
rific strain as the premier has had to  
meet during the war years and the  
ceaseless home and foreign crises  
followed the armistice, might break  
down anyone. It has not done so in  
Lloyd George's case, but it has in-  
evitably left its trace, though this may be  
merely transitory.

For some time he has been a little  
jaded, and inclined, curiously enough,  
not to insomnia but to sleepiness. His  
own explanation is that he is making  
up for seven years' loss of sleep by  
sleeping the worst of the war and pos-  
sible times. He has sometimes com-  
plained to friends of not being quite  
so alert and nippy as he used to be,  
but his intimate associates would be  
the last to agree with this statement,  
and, since the present party crisis  
really developed, the prime minister  
has evinced his old brisk clan of the  
war days, when no disastrous news or  
grave emergency daunted his spirits or  
unsettled his mentality.

## Royalty and the Housing Shortage.

I hear that ex-King Tino of Greece,  
who is at present in Palermo, Sicily,  
wants to settle in Paris, but cannot  
find a house. He experienced the same  
difficulty on arriving in Palermo, three  
days being spent in a fruitless hunt for  
suitable accommodation. He might still  
be hunting, but the Greek revolution-  
ary government ordered the captain of  
the Patria, the ship which had con-  
veyed the royal family to Sicily, to  
disembark them and return to Athens.  
Lloyd George is said to have visited his  
passports for several countries. It is  
unlikely for him that there is scarcely  
a country on earth now where he is  
personally safe. Germany under the old  
regime would have welcomed him on  
account of his close relations with the  
royal family. But Tino never had the capacity  
for making friends, as, for instance, ex-  
King Manuel of Portugal had. When  
Manuel was deposed, he settled down  
in Richmond, and happily, has hosts  
of friends, and is probably the most  
popular of private gentlemen who have  
ever been a king. Alfonso of Spain is  
another king who, if he were deposed,  
would find a right royal welcome  
in London, Paris, or New York.  
At the Agricultural Hall.

It is a pity the dairy show occurs  
this year at a time when parliament is  
not in session. In the splendid specta-  
cle in the lobby at Westminster of real  
"country" visitors, and genuine "Tom  
Jones" Squires, being made ever such a  
fuss of by their attentive "local" M.  
P.'s. If one really wants to make  
figure of circumstance in the House of  
Commons smoke rooms the way to do  
it is to call on a member in genuine  
happened states and carrying a rough  
self-plant. The backbone of the army  
may, as Mr. Kipling says, be the not  
commissioned man, but certainly the  
backbone of the county constituency is  
the "substantial farmer." He is sel-  
dom kept waiting on the main. At the  
talking rendezvous there are plenty  
of real home-spun country visitors,  
but the show itself is not so convincing  
to the townsmen. It is far too scien-  
tific and machine-ridden.

There are some splendid stately  
milk cows, with Venus udders and  
downy jowls, but also there are un-  
doubtedly efficient machines, with tubes  
and suction pumps, and patent regis-  
ters like a taximeter, for milking them.  
This menace to the milk maid of old  
romance may be the least re-  
gretted, if those real life milk maids who  
are still to be found at the show, and  
who talk about the milk in terms of  
chemical analysis like university ex-  
tension mistresses, are now really true  
to type. The London suburban milk-  
man even is slightly more intriguing in  
his rusticity.

## Franco-German Affection.

Everyone has shrewd notion that the  
French and Germans do not exactly  
love each other like twin souls. But a  
friend just back from Germany tells  
me one has to stay in French occupied  
territory really to appreciate the ten-  
sion that exists. The atmosphere is  
electric, and minor "incidents" are of  
almost daily occurrence. An English  
lady, who this week returned from Ger-  
many, had a surprising experience at  
the customs, where a rigid search is  
made for articles which may not be tak-  
en out of Germany without an export  
license. Three French ladies, traveling  
in the same compartment, were de-  
prived of silver-fitted dressing-cases, a fur  
coat, and some thousands of francs,  
for money as well as German goods has  
to be licensed for export.

The English lady, talking in French,  
as everyone does in French-occupied  
Germany was singularly treated, her

suit-cases being ransacked, until there  
was a pile of cherished possessions  
worth some fifty pounds, which she was  
told were to be confiscated. She was  
almost in tears at this news, and broke  
out into agitated English expostula-  
tions. The customs officials looked at  
her in painted surprise. Why, they  
asked, had not madam said she was  
English? This must be all the difference.  
And they not only returned all her  
possessions to her, but carefully packed  
her bags themselves.

## Mudania Drama.

Lord Plumer's old chief-of-staff of  
the Second Army Corps, now Gen-  
eral Sir Charles Harrington, evidently  
had a tense time at the Mudania sign-  
ing. The mis-en-scene was a rather  
stuffy old tent, wherein at three small  
kitchen tables, lighted by smelly para-  
fin lamps of the cottage scullery order,  
the allied generals, the Turkish com-  
manders, and the experts of both sides  
settled themselves in state. A touch of  
cynical comedy was imparted to the ne-  
gotiations, conducted in the French  
spoke fluently, by Ismet Pasha's deaf-  
ness. This disability, the result of old  
wounds, was a handicap to the nego-  
tiations, whenever he desired to  
consult his experts, under the neces-  
sity of going into the adjoining tent.  
But the characteristic touch of  
drama was at the end. When Ismet  
saw the final protocol laid before him,  
one hand stole to his sword hilt, and he  
exclaimed, "This is contrary to the as-  
surances of France!" "General Charpy's  
signature is there!" A scene like that  
would have admirable presentation at  
the Lyceum Theatre.

## Princess Yolanda.

Princess Yolanda of Italy, whose en-  
gagement to the Belgian Crown Prince  
is rumored from Belgium, where the  
Italian royal family are now on a visit,  
is a tall, slim, very pretty brunette who  
is well known to English society. She  
has paid several visits to London,  
where she has a number of friends, who  
on their part are always sure of seeing  
a good deal of her when they visit the  
Italian capital. Princess Yolanda is  
particularly fond of dancing, and is one  
of the few European princesses who is  
really good fox-trotter. This univer-  
sal dance is still apparently considered  
"not quite the thing" in most court cir-  
cles outside England. The Roumanian  
Court is a notable exception. The prin-  
cess is a good linguist, speaks  
French well, and English with a slight,  
pretty accent. She is an admirer of  
French literature, and of the works of  
her own country's poet-novelist, Gab-  
riele D'Annunzio. She reads a good  
deal, sings and plays with more than  
usual ability, and is a very keen lawn  
tennis player.

## Hustle.

Every man who served in the grand  
army must wonder occasionally how  
the civilian life is dealing with old  
comrades of the tense war days. A  
special problem presents itself in the  
case of the despatch riders. On the  
whole the war was an affair of deadly  
monotony and filthy squalor. It had  
its thrilling moments and its tense  
moments, of course, as well as its sub-  
lime comedy, but the predominant note  
was sordid boredom. The despatch  
riders were one of the few romantic  
figures, the reckless heroes who did cir-  
cus tricks round smoking shell-holes or  
sixty-five mile-per-hour on roaring  
motor-bikes. There really was a gen-  
uine touch of Christmas number drama  
about their existence, at any rate the  
outlook of the soldier and plodding in-  
fantryman or the sweating navy who  
served the guns. It is difficult to fit them  
into the prosaic scheme of civilian ex-  
istence. They cannot all be profession-  
al record-breakers for motor manufac-  
turers, and though one or two have un-  
doubtedly turned taximen to the con-  
temnation of elderly and nervous pa-  
trons of the rank, this hustling battle-  
slendered man seemed lost in the peace  
fog. But today on the Streatham high road at a  
spot often sedately traversed by Dr.  
Johnson's substantial coach I recog-  
nized one. He flashed past me in much  
the old way, dodging buses instead of  
shell-craters on the old war horse. On  
the carrier behind him was a bright  
yellow box marked "Quick Messenger  
Service." So old hell-for-leather in-  
fantryman found his place in the civilian cosmos.

## Business By Air.

A friend, who this week flew to Co-  
logne and back on the new air route to  
visit the Frankfurt Fair, tells me there  
is a new commercial type to be  
found in Europe. It is made up prin-  
cipally of young men, traveling for  
business, who wait for days in order  
to travel by air instead of by  
boat and train, because of the greater  
comfort and the saving in energy. They  
do not fly because of any desire for  
novelty, but simply for business rea-  
sons, arguing that the time saved more  
than makes up for the greater cost.  
Two men, for instance, this week  
were able to fly to Germany, obtain  
cases of suitcases to suit their needs,  
principals in London, and today have  
returned for the last day of the fair at  
Frankfurt in a position to place definite  
orders. This is a great advantage,  
because manufacturers have been warn-  
ing their customers that delivery could  
be guaranteed only for goods ordered  
during the fair, and that the next six  
months' programme will be modelled on  
the results of this week. The air trip  
takes barely four and a half hours, in  
comparison with the fifteen and a half  
hours by boat and train, so that the  
business man who breakfasts in Lon-  
don can be in Cologne to lunch, and at  
the Frankfurt Fair the same evening.

## Prices in Germany.

As happened at the Leipzig Fair, al-  
most all prices are being quoted at  
Frankfurt this week in dollars, because,  
in spite of the new legislation from  
Berlin, everyone knows in Germany  
that the chance of stabilizing the mar-  
ket is remote. To the casual visitor,  
however, the most remarkable feature  
of the fair has been the high price asked  
by manufacturers, which in many  
cases runs three and four times higher  
than asked by retailers for the same  
goods in Frankfurt shops. This is be-  
cause the shopkeepers, try how they  
will, cannot keep pace with the fall in  
the value of the mark, but increase their  
prices two and three times a week  
in a purely arbitrary rather than a  
scientific fashion. In two neighboring  
shops, for instance, the same watch  
will be priced at 2,000 and 3,000 marks  
while the price asked for it by the  
manufacturer is 8,000 marks. There is  
absolutely no price standard in Ger-  
many now, and a thing that may be  
"cheap" one week when compared with  
London prices, may actually be dear  
the next. On the average, however, a  
pound is worth four in the majority  
of German towns, although some  
articles, such as shoes and clothes cost  
more than in England, even when the  
rate of exchange is taken into account.  
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