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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Nov. 5th, 1917.
THE COTTAGE IN THE SQUARE.

Bricklayers have just finished building a little country cottage in Trafalgar Square, London, just west of the Nelson Column, and in a few days it will be opened as a recruiting office for the Women's Army Corps. This organization intends to get a vast number of young women this winter, and the recruits are coming in faster each week. Another big appeal for women is on foot, organized at the instigation of the Ministry of Munitions by the firms making aeroplanes. There, too, is opportunity for many thousands of women and girls, but I am told that the Munitions Ministry wants a high type of worker, and will pick and choose among the applicants, much more than is done at ordinary munition factories.

RUSSIAN TEA AND TEA-MAKING.

A student of the Russian press tells me that the Russians (great tea-drinkers like the British) are finding some difficulty in getting all the tea they want. The Moscow tea dealers have recently had a meeting to consider the "tea crisis," and have

strongly advised that a central organization should be created to direct the output of supplies. One hopes that it will have better luck than our own Food Controller's. The tea famine and the tea queues are still going on here, and I noticed the other day that a famous Oxford-street (the West-end of London shopping thoroughfare) tea dealer had closed his shop and put up a request that regular customers should apply by letter. Another equally famous dealer in the City opens for an hour or two every morning, and people wait outside like the old-fashioned early-door crowd for the pit at the theatre. My Russian informant suggests that we might also obtain supplies by drinking tea in the Russian manner. A Russian housewife will allow a teaspoonful and a half of tea to make a pot for half-a-dozen people. She pours a very little of the brew into each glass for the men and each cup for the women, and then fills them up with boiling water from the samovar or kettle. No milk is needed, but a thin slice of lemon is sometimes added. The beverage should look the color of sherry, but poor people in Russia

take their tea so weak that it looks straw-coloured.

BRING YOUR OWN BUTTER.

Autumn brings with it the meetings of learned societies, pleasant occasions garnished with tea and buns. The Royal Historical Society, whose lead will be followed by others, now announces that members must bring their own sugar for tea. I am surprised that the notice stops there, for the quest of tea itself is more arduous than that for sugar. There is a good deal of talk of butter shortage, and milk will soon be scarce, while condensed milk has almost disappeared from the shops. As winter draws on we may have the societies circulating their members with appeals to bring their own tea, sugar, and butter, and, as learned men are careful in the small things of life, I am afraid we may hear sad stories of how Professor somebody inadvertently went too near the fire with his butter in his tail pocket. However, there may be no fires. Meanwhile, the rough-and-ready rationing of the public by their grocers goes on apace, and when Lord Rhonda decides to ration us he will find himself forestalled.

THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK.

Strong action must be taken to bring home to the Turkish Government a proper realization of the duty it owes to the British prisoners in its custody. The condition of these prisoners is known to be of the most deplorable description. Repeated attempts have, I am informed, been made by the British Government in recent months to secure improvement, but the Turkish authorities, falsely supposed to be "honorable opponents," do nothing, and ignore all our appeals to allow us to help our troops. Some time ago a conference was suggested similar to the one we had with German representatives to discuss a scheme of interchange of prisoners. No reply to that proposal was ever received from the Turks, and meantime our men are suffering unspeakable hardships. Nearly 5,000 parcels have been sent from this country to the men, and only 82 have been acknowledged. Money also has been sent, but the acknowledgments have been so few that it is clear that most of these gifts, like the parcels, have been appropriated by the Turks. It is a lamentable situation, for which a remedy does not readily suggest itself; but the Government, with whom responsibility lies, will be held blameworthy if it fails to make prompt and energetic use of all the weapons at its command to force from the Turks some measures to ameliorate the misery of these unfortunate prisoners.

THE "DANDY GENERAL" AGAIN.

The Second Army commander, Sir Herbert Plumer—"the dandy General," as he is called throughout the Army—has just been singled out for

special commendation by the French Premier, M. Painlevé, in an Army Order, praising his military qualities. The famous cavalry leader's continued success will be warmly appreciated in the North of England, where he made himself so popular during the four years just before the war as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command. It is also a matter of pride to the York and Lancaster Regiment. Sir Herbert entered that regiment forty-one years ago, and last August he was appointed its honorary colonel.

THE SPANISH CRISIS RETURNS.

The situation in Spain is again critical. The news of great political trouble, following on the heels of the telegrams announcing the re-establishment of constitutional guarantees, proves that the apparent stability of the Dato Cabinet was artificially maintained by means of a press censorship of unprecedented strictness. This time the attack comes from the military Committee of Defence, which do not, as is generally believed, represent the whole army, but only the body of officers up to the rank of colonel. Their action and motives, they complain, have been wilfully misrepresented by Senor Sanchez Guerra, the Home Secretary, through skilful handling of the press during a period in which the Government's views were the only ones which did not come into conflict with the censor. They demand the dismissal of the Cabinet and the abandonment of the rotating system of parties. In this last demand they concur with all the living forces of the country—the political, represented by the Parliamentary movement of Catalonia, and the labor element, whose discontent undoubtedly gave the basis for the revolutionary attempts of last August. But it is not as yet clear whether their intervention will result in the shifting of political power towards the Left or towards the Right. It should not be forgotten that the system of rotating parties, artificial though it is, occupies a central and moderate position in the Spanish political world. Possible solutions are a Maura Cabinet, a purely military-business Cabinet, or a national coalition ministry. From the Allied point of view the last would be the best. The situation cannot remain long in the present acutely critical stage.

CARRY YOUR PARCELS.

The pathetic appeal of the big shops to customers to carry their own parcels seem to have failed, because the shops now announce that they must discontinue their system of delivery by motor van. I think it was Anthony Hope, the novelist, who made a woman say that she first perceived the urgent need for the reformation of one of her young friends when she met him carrying a brown paper parcel in Bond Street, the fashionable shopping thoroughfare of London. It certainly is true that for years it has been considered that no one with any pretensions to smartness would carry a parcel anywhere; but the day is at hand when, whatever General Sir Francis Lloyd may say, young officers of the Guards will have to carry home their own boxes of cigarettes. The motor vans of the great stores run thirty miles or more in every direction outside of London delivering substantial parcels to well-to-do people. The discontinuance of this service will give vast satisfaction to the local shopkeepers.

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