

### System of Sending Parcels to Prisoners

After a most thorough investigation of the new Prisoners in Germany parcels regulations, Mr. Ian Malcolm, M.P., has made the following statement in London:

Early this year our authorities at home were urged to devise some scheme for the co-ordination of all efforts, whether collective or individual, for supplying food and comforts to our prisoners in Germany.

It was even then obvious that considering the number of our imprisoned relatives and friends, far too much food was leaving this country for Germany, and that a great deal of money was being wasted in consequence. And even so, there was plenty of evidence to show that while thousands of our friends were getting far more food parcels than they required, other thousands were getting none at all. In view of the fact that there was imminent danger of starvation in so many cases, I for one felt it my duty to call attention to the matter recently issued by the war office.

At first sight these regulations seemed harsh. It seemed unnecessary and "red-tapish" to interfere with the admirable organizations and individual efforts which during the past two years had managed to supply so many prisoners with food and comforts without which they certainly would have died of starvation. It seemed especially hard that parents and relatives should be no longer permitted to pack up their home-baked loaves and cakes and send them off to dear ones in captivity across the sea, and helplessly unreasonable that "adopters"—whose weekly parcels were anxiously looked forward to and gratefully acknowledged—should now be asked to alter the form of their generosity. The "home-touch," the "personal link," seemed so all important that one felt instinctively hostile to any official ukase which ran counter to it, and which substituted something like Socialism for individual effort.

Thus impressed, I obtained permission to go thoroughly into the whole question of the working of these new regulations at 4 Thurloe place, where Sir Starr Jameson presides over the various departments of the Prisoners of War Bureau. I am not ashamed to say that I entered the door as a sceptic and that, after a searching and complete examination of the new rules and of the mass of correspondence to which they had given rise, I was absolutely converted to their wisdom and necessity.

#### The Prisoner Suffers

I did not approach this subject quite "new to the game." I had already visited general post offices in England, Switzerland and elsewhere, and had seen thousands—literally thousands—of food parcels intended

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And I would advise early choosing. Watch this space Wednesday.

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### SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

#### QUARRELING IN PUBLIC

The other evening as we were walking down the street to attend a political meeting, a young couple passed me.

He was scowling, she was talking in a high-pitched voice. Just as they came opposite to us we heard her say sharply, "All right then, why didn't you go alone?"

There was nothing very bitter in the words, but the tone was packed with bitterness. One could feel all manner of accusations and recriminations and irritabilities behind it.

They made us feel unhappy. Too we were in a bad mood and across it, like a dark cloud across the sun, passed the shadow of their irritability.

It is a very unhappy, unlovely thing for married people to be bitter with each other.

It is one shade more unlovely for them to show bitterness in public. To be sure, even happily married people must sometimes disagree. There would be something wrong with them, some lack of individuality if they thought alike on all subjects. But they can think differently without saying disagreeable things or snapping each other up or scolding or jawing or sulking or scowling.

They Must Come to Some Agreement

Of course many subjects on which they disagree involve action, and in these cases some kind of an agree-

ment as a basis for action must be reached.

And, of course, there are times when either one feels strongly against some line of action pursued by the other. But such matters can be settled infinitely more happily and just as effectively without nagging or scolding. (You may think this is just words, but it isn't. If you hold it as an ideal and make some sacrifices for it, you will find out how much it can accomplish.)

And surely such matters can be settled with much more decency and dignity in private.

Nothing is more disagreeable than to be with a couple who allow themselves to quarrel in the presence of others. A friend of mine told me that she once went on a house-party where there was such a couple, and that, although every other detail about the party was pleasant, these two people spoiled the flavor of it.

They Spoiled the House-Party

"We all felt constrained and uncomfortable and ashamed (though they were the ones who ought to have been ashamed)," she said, "when they quarreled, which was every little while. And they kept nagging the rest of us to side with them, and you know how pleasant that is."

Of course it does take a great deal of self-control to show irritation when one feels it sometimes. But remember this, self-control is the prime factor of real breeding. Though you follow every rule of etiquette and lack this control, you will surely be set down as ill-bred.



#### Rippling Rhymes

Oh, happy day when I began to put my doubts down in brine! While you with fear the future scan, I sit serene and calm in mine. Long was I slumped around by fate, the fangs of sorrow out I drank, before I got my head on straight, and put some meaning in my talk. I used to blow my money in as fast or faster than 'twas earned, and one could fill a good large bin with iron dollars that I burned. I blew in every kind of pelt, the mark, the kopeck and the franc, before I tumbled to myself, and put my moidores in the bank. And then I always lived on prunes, as you are agitating, ragged edge, until, to salt down my doubts, I made a large brass-mounted pledge. Since then on rosy paths I tread, and merrily I do not dread the dreary old "H. C. of L." I buy my car new rubber tires, and pour rich gas into its tank; he has all things that he desires, who puts his rupees in the bank.

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#### GIRL'S COAT.

By Anabel Worthington.

In coat styles for maids the current modes for grown-ups are closely copied—so, after the fashion of the "bigger belle's" coat, the one in the illustration was designed.

The back of the coat is distinctive, differing from the front in being in two sections; the skirt part joins the body straight line effect, joined to side front sections in an attractive manner. Any girl will be delighted with the deep flare collar, which expresses pronounced style note; it is not only new but very becoming. The back view of it shows that it belongs to the "cape" family. The sleeve has a novel cut developed in contrasting goods to match the collar.

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### POTATO RATIONS OF HUNS CUT DOWN

City Residents in Future to Receive Three Quarters of a Pound.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Owing to the decided falling off in the potato crop this year, it has been decided to introduce a new scheme of potato rations. On January 1 the urban population will be placed on a daily allowance of three-quarters of a pound instead of one pound. The agricultural population will have an allowance of one pound daily during January and February, and thereafter a pound and a half. The potatoes thus saved will be devoted to placing those performing hard labor on a ration of two pounds daily.

Recruiting in Toronto is still on the decline, the total of 76 signed last week, being the least on record for a week's work.

### IT'S YOUR LIVER! YOUR BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK



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### TO CONTROL COAL MINES OF S. WALES

Board of Trade Will Assume Charge in Order to Prevent Trade Dispute.

London, Nov. 29.—The government's decision to assume control of all the coal mines in South Wales on December 1, under the Defence of the Realm Act was announced too late last night to enable commentators as yet to gauge its probable effect. The announcement was a surprise to both sides in the miners controversy, and, judging from preliminary statements by individuals, both miners and employers are more or less dumfounded.

Secretary Richardson of the South Wales Miners' Federation, after an outburst of astonishment, declared emphatically that the miners would oppose such a measure unless it were made applicable to the coal mining industry of the whole country. A majority of the South Wales leaders are now in London for a conference regarding the threatened strike. They will meet this morning to consider the startling development in the situation.

Miner owners are reticent, but seem as much at a loss as the miners to understand the bearings of the new regulation.

A brief despatch from Cardiff at midnight says that the news came to the coal interests there as a bomb shock.

### FRENCH CANADIAN BRIGADE TO FRONT

Is Project Now Receiving Consideration of Military Authorities.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—The constitution of a French-Canadian brigade as part of the Canadian forces at the front, is the subject of the formation of a fifth division with General Lessard at its head, are two interesting developments in the Canadian military situation which are in prospect.

Announcement was made to-day that arrangements are in progress for the formation of a French-Canadian brigade at the front. The idea has been in the minds of the military authorities for some time, and matters have now reached an active stage.

The intention is to constitute the brigade from those French-Canadian units already at the front and to concentrate recruiting efforts in Quebec and among French-Canadians generally on the raising of reinforcements to keep such a brigade up to strength. It is considered that such a plan would help enlistment to a considerable extent as tending to centralize the patriotic aspiration of French Canada in the formation of one complete body of men. The plan has for long had the approval of leading men of both political parties in the province of Quebec.

As regards the constitution of a fifth division there is as yet no definite announcement from militia department. The plan, it was considered today, is however, under consideration, and the name of General Lessard was mentioned by a high authority as the probable head of the new division. If the latter is given the post, but if it is decided otherwise, other permanent may await him.

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### German Govt Into Error

Seathing Arraignment M... necht—Government Is... ative of Po

The Zurich Socialist paper "Volksrecht" publishes the text of the letter written by Liebknecht which was submitted to the Reichstag Committee during his trial. It reads:—

To the Reich Council of War in Berlin:

At the hearing of inquiry into the following points:—

1.—The German Government, as early as the beginning of the war, was guilty of the exploitation of the working classes, both inwardly and outwardly. It serves the interests of the Junkers, of capitalism, and of the bourgeoisie. It is the unscrupulous representative of the policy of conquest, and by reason of its armaments it has been the principal instrument in bringing about the present war. The Government has prepared this war in agreement with the Austrian Government, so that bears the chief responsibility. It brought about the war by leading into error the bulk of the nation and even the Reichstag. (Refer to the address to Belgium and the manner in which the German White Book was drawn up, also the suppression of the Tsar's telegram of July 29, 1914, etc.) It acted thus in order to maintain the masses of the people at the desired level.

The Government has carried out the war in accordance with methods which are even incompatible with everything which has been done hitherto—the violation of Belgium and Luxemburg; the use of poison gases, which were subsequently used by the other belligerents; the use of Zepplin bombs which killed both combatants and non-combatants; submarine war on commerce; the torpedoing of the Lusitania, etc. pillage and extortion of tribute, the imprisonment and the population of the eastern provinces; the seizure of the Danube, etc. the pillage and extortion of tribute, the imprisonment and the population of the eastern provinces; the seizure of the Danube, etc.

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