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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, March 18th, 1918.

PAPER CRISIS.

The "Westminster Gazette" is advancing its price to twopence and so becomes the first twopenny evening paper. The "Daily Telegraph" is now twopence, and the "Times" threepence and expected to become dearer yet. There is now only one halfpenny paper in London, the "Daily Express." The Paper Commission as such is dissolved, and now becomes an advisory committee to the Paper Controller, A. J. Vernet, who has just been appointed. It is plain that the paper situation has taken a further downward turn, and the newspapers of the country are having their very existence threatened. Whether it is faced now or later, everyone in the business knows that the time has arrived in the publishing trade, as it has already come (and been dealt with) in most other trades, when journals which publish news, and so perform a "Class A" service to the country which in their absence would have to be carried on by the State, should get preference over journals whose claims, important as they may be, yet come second to newspapers as essential industries in war-time.

THE RUSSIAN LOANS.

Bonar Law refuses to believe that the Germans will ever manage to exploit Russia economically. More interesting still, he continued to regard Britain's advances to Russia as a recoverable debt—a view he promises to explain when he introduces the Budget. That the Chancellor of the Exchequer thinks our advances are not necessarily lost interests financial men here deeply. They estimate our Russian commitments to be something like £700,000,000 for the war, £30,000,000 in municipal loans, and £70,000,000 in commercial undertakings. German papers have, I believe, hinted that as a part of a German peace the Teuton might undertake the collection of Allied debts in Russia. After Bonar Law's speech they cannot credit us with the willingness to profit by their crimes. We fight, Bonar Law declared, to teach the Germans that they cannot profit by war. Any other peace would be our defeat.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

There seems little prospect of anything being done to release from their internment the British civilian prisoners at Ruhleben. It has been suggested that the Government ought to negotiate with Germany for the exchange of prisoners on an "all for all" basis. This, however, is on the face of it impracticable, as the figures given by Lord Newton demonstrate. If the suggestion were acted upon the result would be that we would hand over to Germany 15,000 civilians, the vast majority of whom are reservists and non-commissioned officers of the German Army, for an exchange of 3,000 British. Of the 3,000 it happens that 2,000 are men of the Mercantile Marine, whom the Germans regard as combatants. It is evident therefore that the "all for all" plan of exchange would operate entirely in favor of the enemy, and there is no prospect of its being adopted. As a matter of fact, the difficulty in securing the exchange of prisoners on a reasonable basis is due to the unwilling attitude of Germany.

METALS AS GERMAN MONEY.

It appears from information which has been received in authoritative quarters here that in order to encourage subscriptions in neutral countries to the eighth German war loan the authorities in Berlin are offering to accept as payment various kinds of metal and other materials generally employed in the manufacture of munitions. I am assured, however, that as far as the Scandinavian countries are concerned there is no prospect of any subscriptions being forthcoming on such terms, while in Holland there is a shortage of metals. That same shortage is one of the most disturbing factors for the Central Powers just now, and the means suggested for mitigating it prove the existence of trouble rather than promise to remove it.

DILLON AND THE IRISH PARTY.

John Dillon becomes chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party for the second time. His first term of office (1896-1900) was during the Parnell split, and he resigned in order to make it easier for the reunion of the two sections, John Redmond, who was the leader of the smaller, the Parnellite section, being elected chairman by common assent. The party will lose nothing in dignity by its new leader, who is—like Redmond—a distinguished Parliamentary figure, though his speeches would gain by compression. He is the son of the late John Blake Dillon, a barrister and at one time a member of Parliament, who in the early forties of the last century joined with Thomas Davis and Charles Gavan Duffy to establish the "Nation" newspaper, and crystalise the modern political creed of Irish nationalism. Dillon first came into prominence in Ireland by acting with his brother as secretary of the committee which organised a reception to his father's old colleague John Mitchell (the grandfather, by the way, of the ex-Mayor of New York) on the return of that veteran to Ireland. He was one of the prominent figures in the Land League movement, and had his share of prison—an almost inseparable incident in those days in the career of a leading Nationalist. He has sat in Parliament since 1880, except between 1883 and 1885, when he retired, owing, it was understood, to reasons of health. He married in 1895 a daughter of the late Lord Justice Mathew, and has been a widower since 1907. When he first appeared in Parliament he was thought by some, with his tall figure, olive complexion, black hair, and a certain air of gentle melancholy, to present a Spanish type. The hair has grown grey since then and the beard longer, but he is still erect, and the melancholy does not prevent his displaying a sense of humour. In all his career he has probably never done a more courageous thing than accepting the Irish leadership at the present critical moment, but he is a sound democrat, and has an invincible belief in the future of his country.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

From a trustworthy neutral source it is learned that the Kaiser's medical advisers are anxious to keep him away from the war zones. That the German Emperor has suffered, and is suffering, acutely because of his inability to take a rest in some southern climate, has been known for some weeks, and it is said that he would certainly have gone to Genoa if Italy by this time had been open to him, as in the early winter he hoped. As it is, the suggestion is heard that he may before long pay a visit to some place in Turkey. During his historic visit to the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, twenty years since, he was seized while in Constantinople with one of his recurrent acute ear attacks, and a special messenger had immediately to be despatched to London, where only could be obtained a supply of the one medicament that would give him relief.

SPRING SIGNS.

Spring is come upon London very gently. On Sunday there was quite a crowd in Hyde Park and church parade looked like the scene in the second act in a theatre where everyone has changed into a different costume—the young bloods into khaki or blue (with very wavy gold lines) and the elegant ladies into motor-driving or Post Office (yes, Post Office) drivers' uniform or the costumes of the smarter nursing corps. In this town of middle-aged men, smart, brave tailoring is collapsing, so joy of life is expressed through munition boys and office boys so far as the male is concerned. Even yet there is a quite surprising number of women interested in dress, and much more able than formerly to give expression to that interest. It used to be a complaint that (except, of course, at St. Paul's Churchyard, which is really the main street of Dulwich or Sydenham or any other London suburb that you go to from Ludgate Hill or St. Paul's) there were no women's shops in the City. To-day, with the majority of women City workers drawing good wages, that is all altered, and women's shops have even invaded Lombard Street, the famous banking thoroughfare. Nature is showing her nose again in London. The crocuses in St. James's Park are beginning to burst wherever they can find a clear spot among the squatters' huts of Government departments that now possess the London earth. The City pigeons are cooing everywhere, which proves that the cereal famine is not so serious as people suppose. Everyone knows that they were aldermen in a former life, and it would be cannibalism for City men to think carnally of them. The daffodils are not out yet, but are beginning to show yellow torpedoes.

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(Signed) **THE SOLDIERS and THE REJECTED MEN.**

St. John's, April 17, 1918.

CABLE NEWS.

FOUGHT LIKE PALADINS.

LONDON, April 19.

Telegraphing from headquarters last evening, Reuter's correspondent says: I interviewed one of the foremost French Generals who commanded the three French divisions which held up thirty German divisions for ten days in the heavy fighting, previous to April 7th, and he declared unreservedly there was nothing disquieting in the present battle situation, but that on the contrary we have every ground for confidence. Both in Picardy and Flanders the Germans would continue to fling wearied divisions into battle until the moment of exhaustion arrived. The course of this battle like all others, was essentially the same. Each side would continue to ply between blow and counter blow, endeavoring by weight of numbers, or superior skill, to find the weak points in the enemy's armor, and each endeavoring to retain sufficient reserves to turn the scale when the decisive moment was racred. After four years we are only now within sight of this decisive point, the General said. He declared that as the Germans have still got in France unused reserves, and fresh divisions, the battle would proceed, and the next shock must be expected as soon as the flood pouring in through Bailleul, up towards Hazebrouck, was checked. The battle might continue a month or more, but the Entente would continue until the enemy's reserves were exhausted and his numerical superiority worn down to the vanishing point; then our turn would come with the help of the American divisions.

LONDON PRESS ON THE RE-SHUFFLE.

LONDON, April 19.

With few exceptions, the British press supports the changes in the Cabinet, announced yesterday. The Daily Mail which is among the exceptions, says that in order not to embarrass the Government, the Northcliffe press has refrained from criticism of many a matter that needed it, and it is protesting now against the political re-shuffle, which gives office to feeble politicians like Mr. Chamberlain, who is publicly saddled with the responsibility for the Mesopotamia failure. The Northcliffe press, it adds, with every relative of the boys, whose names are published in the casualty lists, had expected better from Mr. Lloyd George, than indulgence in the old game of political juggling in such a tremendous hour. On the other hand, the Daily Telegraph says, that the abilities of Mr. Chamberlain will assuredly prove of great value. The Daily Chronicle in recalling that Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons a few weeks ago, made an attack on a certain section of the press, says, he is now being subjected to a counter offensive.

RHEIMS A PILE OF SMOKING RUINS.

PARIS, April 19.

Rheims which has been on fire for a week is now nothing but a pile of smoking ruins. During the past week the Germans have fired more than 100,000 shells into the heart of the city. According to the correspondent of Le Matin, the flames from the burning buildings can be seen by aviators, sixty and seventy miles away. There are no traces of streets and thoroughfares, which have disappeared from view under the accumulation of debris. Ancient buildings in the Place Royale and the market place, and the Musicians House, which dates from the 16th century, have been reduced to dust and ashes. The vaulting of the famous Rheims Cathedral, the correspondent says, is falling stone by stone, and soon there will be nothing left of the edifice but the west front, and the pillars. Shells are still bursting all around the buildings. Notwithstanding the terrible bombardment, forty Paris firemen are still in the city working to save the furniture and portable effects of the inhabitants, and some of them have lost their lives. With the Paris firemen are some local firemen, one of whom, Sergeant Eloi, has been on duty in Rheims since the outbreak of the war and has been wounded fourteen times.

For The Spring!

Everybody needs something new for spring and here are a few thing we are offering:

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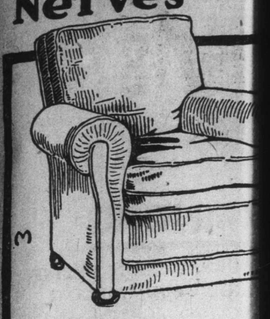

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We had had charge of a case for an official in the German War Office, a Captain von Myner, in connection with a libel action.

I saw a good deal of the Captain when we were making inquiries on his behalf and we became on friendly terms. I often went to his flat in the evening for a chat over a pipe and found him a most amusing, entertaining individual. It was on the last occasion that I saw him that he told me about the royal food stores.

Kaiser as a Food-Hoarder.

We were talking about the possibility of Germany being starved by a British blockade (this was after war had broken out) when Captain Myner, who by the way was rather republican in his sympathies (his mother was an American), said with a half sneer:

"Well, it will take a pretty stiff blockade to starve out the Kaiser and the Royal family, anyhow."

"How do you mean?" I asked.

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