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### LONDON GOSSIP.

#### NO UNIDENTIFIED SOLDIERS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Needless anxiety has been caused by the rumour that a number of unidentified soldiers are detained in mental institutions throughout the country, and that photographs of those men are in possession of the Ministry of Pensions. As numerous enquiries are being made by bereaved parents and other relatives, the Ministry of Pensions desires it to be known that there is no truth in this story. Winston Churchill announced in Parliament a few days ago that no unidentified soldier is in the mental hospitals under the control of the War Office, and that so far as that department is aware, there is no unidentified soldier in any other mental hospital. A similar assurance was given on behalf of the Ministry of Pensions. It appears that of the total number of male patients admitted to all country and borough

asylums in England and Wales since August 1st, 1914, only four are at present unidentified, two being over 50 years of age, one over 50, and the other about 15.

#### WINTER ARRIVES.

LONDON, Nov. 25th, '20. Never have I seen so many red noses at one time in London as at present. Very many people are suffering from colds so bad as almost to deserve the name of influenza, and even people without colds feel the sudden turn of winter bleakness, unless their circulations are really good. To-day has been bright, but with a mid-winter air from the southeast. The first ice of the season covers the little pond in the sheltered dell in Hyde Park, and even in Trafalgar Square at mid-day one saw patches of hoar-frost glazing those corners of the roadway over which the buses had not passed. Perhaps we shall have a few days of such weather to make up for a month which, till now, has on the whole been open, dry, and mild, as can be seen from the abundant bloom on the furze bushes of the Surrey Commons.

#### "SOUL PICTURES."

A remarkable exhibition of pictures has opened at a small restaurant off Shaftesbury Avenue, London's foreign quarter, where Bohemia congregates nightly to drink tea and coffee before going home. The pictures are the work of an old man who, though a protégé of Augustus John, has never had a drawing lesson in his life. He started to paint in a cellar a few years ago, using old pieces of wood, the cardboard backs of posters, and in one case an old blue blind, instead of the conventional canvas. He claims that in every painting, which to the uneducated appears like an unintelligible daub, there is a sub-conscious picture, which reflects either the character or the mental atmosphere of the sitter.

#### LEARNING TO DRAW.

The artist-soldiers feel the loss of an arm more acutely than their comrades, as no artificial limb could ever give the touch that drawing demands. Mr. Lander, the husband of Miss Hilda Cowham, is one of them, but is now, notwithstanding an unaccustomed hand. He was, before the war, one of the few left-handed craftsmen in London, and after losing his left arm has learnt to use his right. Strangely enough, one of Miss Cowham's greatest friends, Miss Lucy Attwell, the poster artist, is also married to an artist, who has lost an arm, and he, usually a right-handed worker, is now becoming accustomed to drawing with his left hand.

#### THE SUNNY SOUTH.

It is early as yet to be definite about the coming Mediterranean yacking season, which nowadays never reaches, but always is to reach, its level of Britannia-Alisa-Satanita days. But a friend who is in close touch with the Sunny South, and longing in these chilly, foggy days to be there, expresses the opinion that from the yacking point of view it is unlikely to be very brilliant. So far, comparatively few steam yachts have been chartered, the most notable being Sir A. du Cros's Emerald, and the prospects are not, he says, good. The number of visitors is, on the other hand, expected to be above the average. The mail boat facilities are now so excellent, my friend adds, "and the hotel accommodation so good, that sensible people are thinking twice before taking out yachts, with all the attendant expense and worry of crews, which are very real in these days."

#### DANISH PRODUCTS IN ENGLAND.

A powerful agitation is being carried on in this country, I am informed, by the Danish produce, such as butter and bacon. Deputations have been sent to the Ministry of Food, but they have not accomplished what they aimed at; the Ministry showing itself desirous of saving the pockets of the consumer. The department, therefore, has refused to pay the very high prices which Danish produce commands in the open market, preferring to purchase smaller quantities of Danish goods rather than

take practically the whole of them. The Danes, it is admitted, are paying high prices for British coal, and are not getting the value they consider a full one for their own produce, while our prices are even smaller than they would appear, because the exchange is against Denmark. As matters stand, we get Danish produce at such figures as enable the Ministry to sell much below the standard for British produce.

#### DOG FASHIONS.

The newest kind of dog at the Ladies' Kennel Show in London is the Alsatian wolf dog. He resembles a short-coated collie, but more wild. This clever dog has become highly prized since the war. Many soldiers in France saw and admired him and got him past the quarantine. In Alsace the wolf dog is much used for herding sheep on the ground, perhaps, for a thief makes a good detective, for he was originally a cross between wolf and dog. There is talk among the English breeders of training wolf dogs for police work here. One of the soldiers who have been most active in support of the breed is Colonel More-Bratherton, the flying "Ace." The experts at the show were enthusiastic about the intelligence of the wolf dog, but said that, in spite of their rather savage look, they are "frightfully timid." They can be easily trained into ferocity. They are expensive, a good pup costing from 20 to 40 guineas (£4-16s). The return of the dachshund was the other point of the show. One must hasten to calm the fears of the anti-dachshund by adding that he has not returned from Germany. They were naturalised dachshunds, with irreproachable papers. The owners were indignant about the popular fallacy, fostered by the cartoonists and confirmed by his name, that the dachshund is a German. Dachshund enthusiasts say—I do not know with what warrant—that feudal barons used to keep them to turn the spits in their kitchens owing to the useful brevity of the legs of this engaging breed. The Pekinese is still the favourite women's pet. There were the usual scenes of these cross little creatures looting in their boudoirs and suffering a toll from their admirers.

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#### POSTER PROCESSION.

The weather behaved unkindly on Saturday to the promoters of the International Advertising Exhibition, providing twilight gloom and heavy rain during the course of the poster procession. Nevertheless, the affair was a triumphant success, and the crowds who lined the route for miles were too well amused to mind the rain. Incidentally they were rewarded by gifts of samples flung from the passing cars. The procession was like a glorified circus parade, and the 150 famous advertising firms and advertising agents represented had shown such attention to elaborate detail that the effect was bewildering as the figures passed with necessary speed. Perhaps the most perfect reproduction of a poster was that of the Kodak girl, who sat perched on top of a lofty camera waving her hands tirelessly to the people far below. Dean's rag-bow lorry was loaded with nursery tale characters, and in the middle two giant bulls tugged a tan untearable book. Gamage's Christmas bazaar was advertised by a Noah's ark with people peering out from the lid and animals dancing around the walls. An Garam lamp logged along on an elephant, an egg pattered past, but only those near could read what article he advertised. A huge loaf sat perched on a platform nodding his merry little head or rolling his fat body. A model of the globe was hung about with linen washed with Sunlight soap. "Bubbles" was hard at work in one car, and on another beneath an awning a Spanish youth and maiden gathered oranges from trees for Spanish gold marmalade. The property baby in a bath-room who was washed incessantly advertised a famous sponge, but the man in another car who zipped the marks off a screen had nothing left to zog long before his journey was finished. A set of onions, carrots, turnips, and other vegetables, trotting in single file behind the motto, "We are all in it," advertised Edwards' daisiated soup.

#### That Others May Live.

During the past few weeks publicity has been given to the necessity of purchasing local made goods, and it is to be hoped that we have all seriously taken to heart the situation now facing the skilled workers of St. John's. All of these workers have an especial claim upon our consideration. They are our fellow citizens, who have played no small part in helping to build our city. Have contributed their proportion towards the general revenue of the Colony, and as valuable assets of the country, are entitled to all the support we have in our power to give. They are manufacturing guaranteed goods of proven quality, best suited to our island trade, and which will compare favourably with anything imported. To-day many of them are without work, and unless trade conditions improve, others will join the ranks of the unemployed. It is small satisfaction to those deprived of the weekly wage envelope to see imported goods being sold over the counters, and the product of their labor remaining unpurchased. If labor organization counts for anything it is at such a time as this that it can best be of use, by showing faith within its own ranks. Let us as workers—With a strong desire to help our fellow workers—Buy Goods made in our own country, and thus pave the way for renewed activity in our factories.

CALCULUM.

#### Hearty Response to Xmas Appeal.

The committee of the G.W.V.A. who have been collecting for the Christmas gift for their wounded comrades in hospital, received a hearty reception from the public, and sufficient funds are now in hand to give the men an acceptable Christmas gift. The parcels are now being made up and arrangements for their distribution to the sixty veterans is being completed. The splendid response of the public is highly commendable.

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#### Shipping Notes.

Schr. Roberta Ray, from Oporto, bound to Grand Bank, with a cargo of salt, has arrived at Chancel in a damaged condition. After repairs have been effected the vessel will continue on to destination.

Local View Real Photo Xmas Post Cards, only 10c. each, at GARLAND'S.—dec17,9,14,16,21,23

**FINAL PRACTICE.**—Member of Gower Street Choir are reminded of the final practice for the Christmas music to-night at 9 o'clock.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES COLDS, Etc.

#### Situation Unchanged.

Several schooner loads of Labrador fish are now in, or on the way to St. John's, from Bay-de-Verde, and owners are in the city, trying to negotiate for sales, but so far without success. The shipment referred to yesterday, packed and ready for export to Liverpool, is still held up, and no permit for clearance has been granted. Another cargo in a schooner will possibly have to remain on board all winter as no offer has been made for its purchase. Lots on the way will doubtless be held for the same reason. The whole future of Bay-de-Verde depends upon the immediate sale of this fish, as falling disposal, people who have shipped it, will be unable to supply themselves with provisions for the winter. Mr. Cave is doing his best to arrange a sale, but with Mr. Coaker out of town and the Prime Minister invisible, there is not much hope of any instant transactions. The consequences will be serious unless something is done right away. Bay-de-Verde is in no mood to stand for the shilly-shallying of the Government, and if the people are rendered desperate—as they are bound to be—by the apathy of the Administration, a serious situation will result, and the Government will be held responsible for anything that may happen. It is all very well for Mr. Coaker to spread himself and pretend that he has done, and is doing, all that is required in the interests of the fishermen. The latter know the difference, and so will others very shortly. It is suggested to the trade that a union of interest should be formed, and that the present, and ever-increasing danger of Coaker domination should be disposed of ere worse occurs.

#### Xmas Tree at Model School Kindergarten.

Yesterday afternoon the children of the Model School Kindergarten were given their annual Xmas Tree treat in the school-room, Synod Hall. Amongst the invited guests were present were His Lordship the Bishop and Mrs. White, Dr. and Mrs. Burke, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Jeeves, Lady Horwood and Canon Field. The room was prettily decorated and in a corner was the Christmas Tree which was laden with a gift of a toy and a bag of sweets for each of the little ones. The children whose ages range from 5 to 8 years gave an excellent exhibition of the work of the school, consisting of reading, recitation, singing, dancing and playing games. Afterwards His Lordship the Bishop distributed the presents, saying a kindly word to each child. His Lordship then addressed a few words of congratulation to Miss Purchase and the assistant teachers, the parents of the children and the children themselves. Dr. Burke and Canon Jeeves in turn also spoke a few words of appreciation, congratulation and encouragement. A hymn and a prayer by the children brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close, the children before dismissing wishing Miss Purchase "A Merry Happy Christmas."

#### Snowdrifts Hold Up Train.

Bay-de-Verde railway has been interrupted the last couple of days owing to heavy snow banks at different places. The train going down the shore Monday was delayed several hours being engaged fighting heavy drifts in the vicinity of Western Bay. The evening train yesterday struck a snow bank about seven feet high in the same section and was stalled there last night. On the trunk line the engines are having much difficulty in forcing through the drifts on Tickle Harbor Barrens which is mainly responsible for the delays to the express trains.

#### North River Bazaar.

On the 27th and 28th Insts., the R. C. people of North River are holding a bazaar in aid of a new Presbytery. An energetic committee has charge of the affair and a large stock of fancy goods and home-made articles have been collected. Vegetables, pantry goods, and candy stalls are being arranged and friends who are sending donations are requested to forward them to Mrs. Philip Morrissey, North River, President Bazaar Committee, or to any member to whom promised before, Christmas Day. Excursion trains from Carboneau will run on both days, so that all wishing to attend the bazaar may have the opportunity.

#### Shipping Notes.

Schr. Pax has sailed from Burin for Oporto with 3,515 qts. of codfish shipped by Joseph Sollars.

Schr. Falke, 6 days from Boston, arrived yesterday with a cargo of kerosene for the Standard Oil Co.

Schr. Sorrello, Capt. Kennedy, arrived at Preston, England, yesterday, via Waterford, all well.

Schr. Nevis has sailed from Bay Roberts for Malaga, with 3,313 qts. of codfish shipped by W. H. Greenland.

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