

Home Anxieties Make London Season Quiet

Irish Trouble and Coal Strike Put on Check—The Quarrel of Briand and Lloyd George—Visit to the Western Front—London News Topics.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) London, May 26.—The London season has begun in a manner very disappointing to some of the more frivolous or exuberant spirits. After the lean, sad years of the war, when peace doves with orange blossoms were expected to flutter all around, some of us fervently looked forward to a good time. And now, after more than two years' dust has filled the embers of Armageddon with the veneer of cold history, and when everybody expected sunshine and joy-bells, the once merry month of May finds the court gloomy and the west end in a morose, almost morbid, mood. The season is being not only pre-empted but actually pre-empted in the royal household. Anything so serious as the recent episode of extravagance or lavish display is discouraged with a sort of Trappist chill. And the giddy folks—who are not always or necessarily the youngest set nowadays—are very unhappy about it all.

But there will be no more cakes and ale, or revelry by night or day in London, on anything like the old convincing scale of happier days before the war, until Ireland is pacified and the industrial world ceases to present such a gloomy prospect. The king, and the queen also, and perhaps more so, are really upset about things just now, and filled with heavy anxieties. Hence we have powerful influences and the most illustrious personages working indefatigably for peace and settlement at home, not only with the profoundest royal approval, but at the most earnest royal instigation.

Society is a most sensitive barometer of the state of the body politic in this country. We might yet have a sudden burst of excessive brilliance, and a really memorable London season, if Ireland would settle down and the coal and steel world would settle up. Such a happy issue of all our afflictions would mean high jinks in the society swim for certain.

A Japanese Telemachus. Even the most impeccably proper little Japanese prince is feeling the social draught rather badly. The celebrations and festivities to mark his demure royal progress have been on a vastly more dainty scale but for the unceasing now prevailing at our court. And it is quite well understood, where the west end club gossip is the only reason that still holds up royal announcements of a most interesting and romantic nature concerning other princes, and perhaps princesses, whose names are far more familiar to us than that of the mako's heir. There are whispers even now of a regular bar of Cupid's arrows at the Court of St. James', but it is essential that the announcements of these charming episodes in his history should be withheld until their edict suffers no eclipse from a depressing public environment. There must be no jarring note about the chiming of royal wedding bells.

Meanwhile the Japanese prince is causing everybody to exclaim upon his amazing savoir faire. Here is certainly a regular Far Eastern Telemachus, "centred in the spheres of common duties," a most intelligent youth with a miraculously young and very young shoulders, because it must not be overlooked that every Japanese is in the happy position of being actually, according to our conception, a young man younger than his or her official age. All Japanese babies are, with a perfectly bewildering logic of obsequious fact, reckoned already one year older than they are born. So our amazingly correct and proper little visitor from Japan is really another year younger than the Almanac de Gotha makes out, and those who have seen him together assert that he might, from his manner and general comportment, pass for the Prince of Wales' youngest uncle.

When Cakes Fall Out. A subject much discussed this week has been the quarrel between the premiers, because there is not the smallest doubt that M. Briand and our own Lloyd George are decidedly angry with one another just now—especially Lloyd George, I hear, who will not readily pardon or forget M. Briand's very high-handed, not to say abruptly rude, demeanor at the famous reparations conference at Dover. Both gentlemen are pronounced Celts, and understanding each other's language, working better than most others might, recent attempts to "come the sabreur" on either side, and at the last meeting M. Briand permitted himself to play the big brother far too pompously for Lloyd George's liking.

Our premier has been accused—generally wrongly and often maliciously—of many weaknesses, but no man living knows him dare impeach his personal courage. He would have made a dandy-dandy brigadier, had he gone to Sandhurst and joined the Grenads, would our "little Welsh attorney," as they used to call him, with the bobbed white locks and the well-lighted grey moustache. And when the Frenchman petulantly stood up in the conference room, pushing back his chair and showing as though he meant to stalk out of the conference, Lloyd George, though he kept his head and his temper outwardly, bit that rather ragged moustache of his with a certain Celtic vindictiveness.

There is no doubt the prime minister is absolutely in the right of this Silesian business, as he so signally showed himself to be in the matter of giving Germany one more chance for second thoughts about the Ruhr. The way has been spoken out, and rubbed it in, is generally applauded, except by one or two Celtic vindictives.

MAKES COMPARISON OF LIVING COSTS

Further Evidence Given Before the Board Investigating Street Railway Differences.

Further evidence regarding the men's side of the case was taken yesterday afternoon before the board of conciliation in the street railway dispute. Magnus Sinclair presented the case for them and the car came in for considerable discussion.

Mr. Sinclair first presented a statement of the cost of living for a family of five, consisting of a man, a woman and four children, aged as follows: a boy fourteen years of age, one girl ten and another child of five years. The total cost in St. John was figured to be \$1,965.87, divided as follows: fuel and light, \$194.50; clothing, \$337.50; food, \$730.42; rent, \$240; general household expenses, \$223.47.

The fuel and light was figured as six tons of coal at \$17.50, five loads of kindling wood at \$2.50, lighting \$17, and \$2.40.

The clothing for a man was figured as follows: one suit, \$50; one overcoat every three years at \$20, \$20 per year; one pair of shoes at \$5 each; \$5 each, \$12; six shirts at \$2.50 each, \$15; eight pairs of socks, \$3.60; twelve collars, \$3; three ties, \$4.50; three suits of summer underwear at \$5 each, \$15; two suits of winter underwear at \$15 each, \$30; braces, armlets, etc., \$5; two pairs of gloves, \$2; two pairs of socks, \$2; repairs to same, \$5; total, \$170.10.

The cost of clothing a woman was as follows: two pairs of shoes at \$8 each, \$16; one winter coat every two years at \$20; two pairs of stockings at \$1 each, \$2; four pairs of stockings at \$1 each, \$4; two pairs of gloves at \$2 each, \$4; two pairs of socks at \$2 each, \$4; repairs to same, \$5; total, \$196.75.

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Warrant For G. W. Rideout

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Sydney, N. S., June 15.—The city warehouse is minus a carload of liquor tonight as the result of events of the afternoon and evening which included the serving of a warrant charging theft on Geo. W. Rideout, temperance act inspector, the forcible entrance under a search warrant by constables armed with saws into the warehouse, the removal of the liquor to a car by amateur truckmen and its subsequent disappearance when the shades of night descended.

The liquor was shipped from Montreal to Mike Nolan, of Glace Bay, in April and seized under the Doherty act later under the Nova Scotia act by Inspector Rideout.

PICTOU MURDER TRIAL OPENED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Pictou, N. S., June 15.—George E. Loder, of Summerside (P. E. I.), charged with the murder of Daniel Barry, an aged resident of this town, last December, pleaded "not guilty" when brought to trial today in the supreme court before Justice Benjamin Russell. Several witnesses were called including Loder, Barry, brother of the dead man. He told of finding in company with Thomas Hudson, the body of Daniel Barry on a burning couch in the dead man's house. He saw footprints in the snow. MacDonald, John Nicholson, and Daniel A. Reid testified that they had seen Loder in Pictou about the time of the murder.

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There are, no doubt, several brands of Baking powder on the market that apparently give satisfactory results. But when the thoughtful woman comes to the point of giving consideration to the important question of pure food, she naturally becomes discriminating, and chooses a baking powder that she knows is free from alum and other injurious ingredients.

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WOULD HAVE THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON PEACE AND WAR

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Denver, June 15.—Organized would demand that the power to declare war be withdrawn from congress and be placed in the hands of the people by constitutional amendment. A resolution presented today is adopted by the convention of the American I. of Labor.

The other resolution presented group of ten delegates, demands "p restoration of the railroads to government operation."

Modification of the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of national beverage of wholesome is demanded. It is urged that congress be asked submit the question of prohibition popular vote of the people.

The resolution presented by P. J. I. of New York, chairman of the committee selected at a mass meeting, Irish Nationalists supporters and by nearly 150 delegates demanded the A. P. of L. reiterate and endorse the resolution of the Montreal convention support the Irish people in "their struggle for freedom and the recognition of Irish republic."

The resolution also demanded President Harding be urged by A. P. of L. to interfere on behalf of United States in the Irish situation.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JUNI

High Tide... 38 Low Tide... 1 Sun Rises... 5:37 Sun Sets... (Time used is daylight saving)

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Yesterday. Str Volunda, 1048, Melke, from New York.

CANADIAN PORTS. Quebec, June 14.—Sld, star Cana Warrior, Sydney, N. S.; U. S. sub N-4, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS. New York, June 16.—Arrd, star D. Alighieri, Genoa. Boston, June 15.—Arrd, schrs W. way, Bellevue Cove, N. S.; Stewart, Salter, Noel, N. S.; sld, 14th, Stmr. M. rose, Montreal.

IN IRELAND. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Dublin, June 15.—A train bound for Limerick to Ennis was fired on today. Soldiers returned the fire, killing 10 members of the attacking party. 0 soldier was wounded.

James Kane, police pensioner and inspector of fisheries, was shot dead today by members of the Irish republic army as a spy near Listowel, Cou Kerry. A farmer named Boyle was shot at near Killybeg, County Tipperary. 1 body was labelled "Tried and sentenced to be shot by the Irish republic army. The house of Bernard Reilly, an Abbey, County Meath, was burned Reilly's wife and child, who were able to escape, perished in the fire. District Inspector Sully, a sergeant two constables were wounded in the explosion of a mine in a road at B downey, County Kerry.

GIRLS! LEARN TO BLEACH THE SKIN

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of Orchard White, which any drug store will supply for a few cents, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of harmless and delicious lemon bleach. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day, then shortly after the beauty and whiteness of your skin.

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MACMASTER RESIGNS

London, June 15.—Donald MacMaster, formerly of Montreal, and who since 1910 has represented the Chertsey division of Surrey as a Unionist, in the house of commons, has announced his resignation of the seat through ill-health. Some months ago, Mr. MacMaster was seriously ill and his life in danger, but he recovered. At one time his condition was extremely critical.

WHY BE WEAK AND NERVO

As a result of pale, thin watery blood—Nuxated Iron will help make strong and well again; it has been highly endorsed by former U. S. States Senators, Judges of U. S. Courts many physicians and prominent. Even the Pope at Rome has written especially of the merits of Nuxated Iron in a communication to the Pharm Normale. Over 400,000 people are it annually to help build red blood strength and endurance. At all drugists.