THAMES AS "GUIDE POST."

A story of the Zeppelin raid on London has been told to Mr. Karl Wilgard, the Berlin correspondent of the "New York World," by Lieutenant-Commander Mathy. Extracts from the story are given by the "Daily Telegraph" New York correspon-

The Press Bureau has passed the story for publication with the comment that it contains numerous statements which are quite untrue, and one (to the effect that an antiaircraft gun has been placed under cover of St. Paul's) which can only be characterised as a falsehood apparently invented to excuse what German aircraft are attempting to do. Lieutenant - Commander Mathy related that two Zeppelius left Germany early in the day, both painted grey, and by sunset they were well over the North Sea.

As night approached the weather grew cold, and on nearing the English coast Mathy rose to a great height in order not

to disclose his presence too soon. "It was a cold, clear, moonless night," said Mathy, "and such a night as makes it extremely difficult for the gunners to get the range. Off in the distance we can see the Thanes River, which points the way to London. It is an indestructible guide post and a sure road to the great city. The and a sure road to the great city. The English can darken London as much as They can never eradicate or

conceal the Thames. "It is our great orientation point, from which we can always get our bearings and pick ra any point in London we desire. That does not mean we always come up along the Thames.

Thirty-seven miles from London Mathy said he could see reflected the glow from the great city. "We headed straight for the great city. "We headed straight for the glow in the sky and then for a point on the Thames to get our bearings for our ob-jective of attack.

THE DARK SPOTS.

"Soon the city was outlined. Still, silent below in the distance there were dark spots which stood out from the blue lights in the well-lit portions. The residential sections are not much darkened. It was the dark spots I was after, and I bore down on them, as they marked the business section of the city. The large city, seen at night from a great height, is fairly like a picture. We were too high to see human beings in the

There was no sign of life, except in the distance the movement and light of what were probably railroad trains. All seems very quiet. No noises ascend from below to penetrate the sputtering motors and whir-ring propellers. As if in a twinkling of an eye all this changes. A sudden flash; a narrow band of brilliant light reaches out from below and begins to feel around.

accord, third, fourth, fifth, soon more than a score of criss-crossing ribbons ascend.

"From the Zeppelin it looks as if the city has suddenly come to life and was waving its arms around the sky, sending out feelers for the danger that threatene, but our impression is more that they are tentacles seeking to drag us to destruction. London keeps a good watch on the eky. Our motors' propellers soon revealed our presence. First one and then another of those ribbons shootout from the glaring eyelike search-

picks us up.
w from below comes an ominous sound that penetrates the noise of the motors and propellers, and little red flashes and short bursts of fire which stand out prominently against the black background. From north nd south, right and left, they appear, and, following the flashes, there rolls below the sound of guns. It is a beautiful and impressive, but fleeting, picture as seen

TO THE BANK. The commander said he had little time to register impressions but, picking out St. Paul's as the point of orientation, he laid his course for the Bank of England, which he intended to destroy. He complained that he saw a battery around St. Paul's, and de-clared he would have been justified in bom-barding the cathedral on that account, but

Arrived at the Bank, Mathy says, he arted to bombard slowly. "I soon obstarted at the Bank, Matry says, he started to bombard slowly. "I soon observed flames bursting forth from several places over Holborn Viaduct and the vicinity of Holborn Station. We dropped several bombs. I tried to hit the Tower Bridge, and believe I was successful." Liverpool-street Station, he declared, was his main object of attack, and when he his main object of attack, and when he thought he was over the right spot he gave the order "Rapid fire." He believed he did great damage there. The main attack lasted from 10.50 p.m. to 11 p.m., and when all the bombs were dropped he turned for home. As to a companion Zeppelin, Mathy failed to mention what it did or what became of

Asked from what height be attacked London, Mathy replied, "Sorry, but I don't want you to give the English their range. They are doing well enough as it is, and learning fast." Mathy said Zeppelins had been seathy improved gives before the war. been greatly improved since before the war, but he refused to give details, except to intimate they had a much greater radius than from Germany to London and back. He had never experienced a fight with aeroplanes did not fear them unless attacked in a regular swarm. Zeppelin commanders, Mathy concluded, had no wish to destroy indiscriminately, or injure or kill women, children, and other non-combatants

LORD ROSEBERY AND VOLUNTEERS.

The Earl of Rosebery has issued a statement in connection with the Scottish Volunteer Association, of which he is President, pointing out that there are at present throughout Scotland over seventy Volunteer corps, and steps are being taken to co-ordinate these local units into county or district regiments.

confidently expected," he adds "that arrangements will shortly be comthe military authorities for utilising Volunteer services on local military duties, such as road examination, posts, guards, and the like, and thus set free for other services large numbers of trained troops who are presently engaged in duties which can be efficiently performed by Volunteers. It is hoped that at an early date the Volunteer forces in the country will have a definite place officially assigned to them in the scheme of home defence in the event of any emergency, and, further, that their services may usefully the employed meantime in local military duty throughout Scotland. In this view it is important that patriotic citizens who are unable to enlist should recog-nise that it is their duty to enrol themselves in the Volunteer ranks."

The New Zealand Government has decided to despatch a second war hospital Mr. Asquith has stated that the Victoria

Cross can be conferred only on British sub-

Cheshire farmers have raised £2,000 for the relief of distressed farmers in Belgium, France, and Serbia.

HUMOUR OF THE WEEK

FRENCH BEER. The beer-oh! it is awful tack. If you want to do it on anyone just offer them some French beer, and they will not trouble you any more. To describe it—get a tumbler, put two tablespoonfuls of beer in, add a spoonful of Epsom salts, fill it up with water, and there you have French beer.—
Letter from a sapper in the Royal Engineers.

AS A TREAT? "Can I take my wife with me?" inquired juryman at the London Sessions when the udge extended the usual invitation to jurymen to visit the prison.

The judge replied that he could not answer

that. "I have never heard that question before," remarked an experienced counsel, who

. OVER DOING IT.

In the bar-room of the village inn they were discussing the habits and manners of some of the summer visitors.
"That there well-dressed chap," said one yokel, pointing to someone outside in the "why, e combs is 'air every mornstreet,

The other listened in astonishment.
"Dunno ow e stands it," went on the pokesman. "I only combs mine once a rpokesman. week, and then it werry nigh lugs my bloomin' yed off!"

CAUGHT.

The talk turned on America, and a gentle-man who had already made himself obnoxious by his bragging assertions, men-tioned that he had crossed the "herring pond" no less than eleven times. pond" no less than eleven times.

"Indeed?" remarked one of the party.

"Then you must be an American?"

"An American? No, I was born in Eng-

"Oh, I was only thinking," replied_the gentleman, "that if you were born in England, the eleventh time would have landed

"NAUGHTY GIRL."

you in America!"

"Yes. Naughty girl, wasn't I?" replied a woman of sixty-five, when asked by the West Ham magistrate if she was guilty of the charge against her of being drunk and disorderly.

BURNS IN THE TRENCHES,

There may (or may not) have been Angels at Mons, but it is even more surprising to read of Robert Burns in the trenches (save "Westminster Gazette"). Yet, in an article published on Saturday, we read:-Another verse, by a 2nd Scaforth High-lander, may be commended to some of our pessimists:

Why the deuce should I repine, And be an ill forchoder?

I am twenty-five and five foot nine,

I'll ge and be a sodger. We congratulate the 2nd Scaforth Highlanders on their distinguished recruit; it is real moral and intellectual satisfaction to think that the immortal Burns is up in arms against the foe. After that, who dare assert that Queen Anne is dead?

LITTLE WILLIE.

One of the Sultan's worries at present is 6ft 8in, long Its name is Private William Buckley, and it comes from Gulgong (N.S.W.). Little Willie, standing on tip-Buckley, and it comes from Gulgong (N.S.W.). Little Willie, standing on tip-toe, can just see Constantinople. If he ever gets to France (says the "Sydney Bulletin"), the Germans are certain to mistake him for a cathedral spire, which will be very had for Willie.

A WOULD-BE PREMIER

"This man evidently has delusions" said detective at West London of a mariner, who was charged on remand with being in the supposed unlawful possession of a military uniform.
"He has the idea that he is a very fine

speaker and that he ought to be Prime "Perhaps he ought," commented Mr. Fordham. "I den't know. I am not a judge of Prime Ministers."

QUIPS FROM "LONDON OPINION." If silence is golden, the Press Bureau must be making a lot of money.

"Business as Usual" movement has reached Brazil apparently, for a prominent senator has just been assassinated.

The manners of Prussian officers appear to improve when they reach the front. fore charging the enemy they often remark "After you" to their men.

The police will not allow women to act as tramway conductors in London. The tram-way companies, of course, were ready enough to take the fair.

The Swiss Premier, M. Motta, is very depressed at the effect of the war on his country. He evidently has not such buoyant spirits as his well-known kinsman, I. Gotta Motta.

A musical critic declares that many people have always disliked modern German music, without daring to say so. On the other hand, we have known bold amateurs who openly murdered it.

In view of recent instructions to Post Office employees to be more economical in the use of string, the practice of tying official pens to counters might be discontinued, while the pens are so useless.

PICKINGS FROM "PUNCH."

In a list of expressions of French or English origin still appearing in the German Press we find the word "zivilisation." This men, who prefer to introduce civilisation with a "Z." is, of course, a tribute to the Kaiser's air-

In a discussion with Sir R. Baden-Powell regarding the proper length for a lance the German Emperor said, "I find that for every inch that you put on to a man's lance you give him two feet of self-esteem." We could give an estimate of the length of the Kaiser's own lance: but there is no room

for it on this page. In its campaign for economy the "Lokalanzeiger " has been urging the German public not to require shopkeepers to tie up their parcels, pointing out that "the hemp used for string is needed for the army and navy." Having regard to some of the doings of the said army and navy we cordially

We hear that a dear old lady who had a Zeppelin pass exactly over her house has taken the precaution of staying indefinitely with friends two doors down the road.

A workman's report after an air raid: "Two booms fell close to my house. One exploded in a field; the other was one them insanitary booms and didn't do much

Not a boom, but a slump, in fact.

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DRESS OF THE DAY.

Smart and useful coats of three-quarter length are among the most noticeable regards shape, a large number of the carried out in velours cloth of lovely soft



weave, which, in this particular instance, is of a charming shade, somewhere between tan and beige. The coat closes quite up to the throat, the neckband being high and straight, and finished at the top by a jaunty little turn-over collar of "nigger" velvet. The front is arranged as a narrow panel, which runs from neck to hem and is marking along either adve. This navel which runs from neck to hem and 16 machined along either edge. This panel fastens down the left side, as does also the collar band, with large horn buttons. A big patch pocket of rather new shape is placed on each side of the front. These pockets are ornamented by buttons and buttonholes. The rather wide sleeves are set into the coat in Raglan fashion, the edges of the seams being outlined by a row of machine-stitching. Big turn-back cuffs of the material finish these sleeves at the wrist, and these cuffs are par-tially hidden by smaller cuffs of the nigger velvet. This coat is of seven-eighths length, It is wide at the bottom and hangs graceful and becoming lines.

A NEW BLOUSE.

It is never a good plan to purchase an entire outfit at the very beginning of the season. For one thing, styles have not then definitely crystallised into shape, and the



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early modes are often characterised by an early modes are often characterised by an extravagance which completely disappears as the season advences. Thus, a hat or costume bought at the beginning of a new season has frequently become démodé and almost absurd when a few weeks have passed. There are, however, a few garments which may always be safely bought in the carly part of a new season and among the early part of a new season, and among these must be included blowers. The blouse shown in the illustration is thoroughly up-to date in style, and will be quite fashionable right through the autumn and coming winter, and is simple enough to meet the

requirements of home dressmakers.

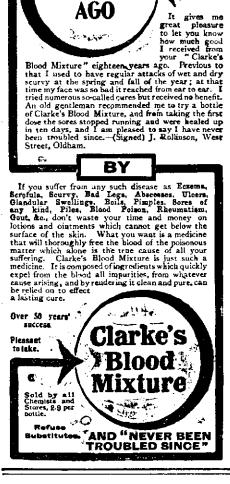
This neat shirt blouse is especially smart.
Such materials as delaine, nun's veiling, Aza, viyella, woollen taffetas, or Jap silk may be used for it; or, if cotton fabric be preferred, firmly woven crêpe or flannelette would be quite suitable. The shirt is made with a simulated waistcoat, which is embellished with a close row of small buttons A small strap yoke is carried across each shoulder, and groups of small tucks are run on the fronts. The sleeves are set into rather deep cuffs, which are finished at the wrist by wee turn-back cuffs.

THE NEW SKIRTS.

The new skirts for autumn and winter wear do not show any very striking changes from those of the late summer; in fact, they are evolutions of the summer skirt rather than totally new models. All the smartest of the new skirts have certain features in common, however much they may vary in

A SMART AND USEFUL COAT.

features of the autumn and early winter fashious which now fill the London shops and showrooms to overflowing. These coats are carried out in various materials, such as velours cloth, duvetyn, cheviots, and tweeds, soft thick serge, and cloth, and are just the cosy warm garments one needs as a protection against the cold and the bitter winds which will probably be our lot cre long. As models show the belted or semi-belted effect which has been so popular during the past ten or twelve months. Others, and these are, think, the latest and most exclusive coats have no belt at all, but are quite wide at the bottom and hang loosely from the shoulders. The smart and very attractive coat shown in our sketch belongs to the latter class. It is



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detail that is to say, they are all wide, short, and flat in the back, the fullness being arranged to come over the hips rather than in front and at the back. Many of the prettiest models are trimmed with little flat pleatings of silk or crêpe de Chine, which are arranged in horizontal rows, with a considerable space between each row and the next. Tucks are also a feature of the new skirts. They are almost invariably wide, and are arranged to run round the skirt.

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BARON DE FOREST SUED.

At the Marylebone Police-court, William Wiles, florist, of Upper George-street, Bryanston-square, sucd Baron de Forest, of Spencer House, St. James's-place, for £20 for work done. Mr. Clement Davis, for the plaintiff, said that his client had a contract with the defendant to keep the garden of St. James s-place and the tennis lawns in order for £30 a year. The contract was made as far back as December, 1905. It was a yearly one, and had always run smoothly. May, 1913, when two gardeners were sent to do the work they were told by the steward that the contract was terminated. The The plaintiff wrote to the defendant to know if that were so, and receiving no reply, took it that the contract still existed, and went on with the work in the absence of instructions to the contrary. Mr. R. J. Willis called no evidence for the defence, but contended that the plaintiff was claiming earnings for a part of the year when there was no work Judgment was given for the plaintiff for £18, and costs.

SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION BURNT.

A fire which resulted in several thousan pounds worth of damage, including the destruction of a valuable scientific collection, has occurred at Newton Abbot Technical School, which adjoins the Passmore Edwards Free Library and forms one of the handsomest and largest public building ings in the town. The fire originated in the museum section, which contained the Vicary Collection of fossils, corals, mineral specimens, etc., which is well known to

All the school records were destroyed and only the prompt action of the Newton Fire Brigade prevented the fire extending to the chemical laboratories. Had this, department caught fire the whole street would pro-Had this departbably have been endangered.

Henry Fife, manager of the White Hart public house, West Smithfield. London, was fined £5 at the Guildhall for unlawfully supplying a glass of whisky to a City police con stable while on duty on the night of Septem

Mr. Peter Smith, who has died at Ilket-shall, Suffolk, aged ninety-six, belonged to a family of twenty-five brothers and He is survived by two sisters, aged ninety four and eighty-two, and one brother eighty-four. He had nine children, fifty-one grand. children, fifty great-graudchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



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WELL FED, BUT ---.

I admit that no army was ever better provided with food and clothing than ours has been—jam, however, is no substitute for shells, nor fur coats for machine-guus.—
COLONEL ARTHUR LEE, M.P.

MODERN MILITARY SCIENCE. The technical ability of the modern army has completely changed the tactics of today, and altered in many ways strategy itself.—LIEUT.-COLONEL ROUSTAM BEK.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE WAR. It has been said that the war is a tragical declaration of the bankruptcy of Christianity; and of the merely professional and hierarchical Christianity I trust that it will prove the complete and final bankruptcy. But of true Christianity it cannot be the bankruptev, because, among other reasons, if Christianity had been faithfully taught and loyally practised for twenty centuries this war, I am verily persuaded, could not have been.—BISHOP OF CABLISLE.

FEMALE LABOUR.

The day may come when men will resent the present displacement of their labour by that of women, but my impression is that women will have to be relied upon to aid our national labour resources for many a long day.—Colonel J. W. Weston, M.P.

UNDER ORDERS. If all societies and meetings could be suppressed, and each of us agree to do exactly what we are told, whether it be leading a charge or adding up figures—or even con-tinuing our own business—it would not be long before the German could be beaten at his own game.—Mr. REGINALD R. BUCKLEY.

THE THING THAT MATTERS. As to the rations, well, the thing that matters is the feeding of the men.—Mr. H. W. FORSTER, M.P.

GERMAN MUSIC.

Neither Wagner nor Brahms had any truck with the Prussianised crew who have rrisen since their day. To identify the 'frightfulness' of Strauss and the mass formation of Reger with either of them is an insult to them and to their work for musical art. We can no more ignore them than we can Goethe and Schiller.—Sin CHARLES STANFORD.

THE NATION READY. The nation is divided by many conflicting

opinions, but it remains unanimous in its readiness for any sacrifice that may be essen-

tial to victory, and it happily remains un-animous also in its faith in Lord Kitchener. MR. A. M. THOMPSON. THE WORKSHOP WAR. That which will settle this war is not to be found in France, is not to be found in Flanders, is not to be found in Russia or in

is to be found in the workshops of the Allies and of the enemy.—Mr. HERBERT

Poland, is not to be found on the sea.

RIGHTEOUS WAR. War is a most abhorrent thing when wanton or unjust but the greatest services that has ever been rendered mankind have been rendered by men who have not shrunk from righteous war in order to bring about righteous peace.—Mr. Roosevelt.

THE ONLY PURE RACE.

Iceland is the only European country if which the population has remained, since it was peopled by Norsemen more than a thousand years ago, unaffected by immigra-tion or conquest.—Viscount Bryce,

NO INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

No class of our citizens is interested in education. It would be too much to expect he poor to be interested in education. the rich, they are not even sufficiently interested in education to educate them selves. Witness their educationally-grotesque public schools and universities.—Ms. ARNOLD BENNETT.

PROVIDED WE KNOW. There is enough grit and manhood in the

nation to face any eventuality provided we know what we are fighting for Mr. J. A. IN PARLIAMENT.

The House of Commons is a deliberative assembly and I have always understood, and have tried myself to believe, that the votes of its members are, if not determined, at least influenced, by Parliamentary discusьіоп.--Мг. Авоціти.

THE CENSORSHIP.

Soldiers and sailors may make mistakes like other people, but if the people had the slightest notion of what is involved in carrying on a modern war, or of the efforts made by the enemy to undermine our position by publicity, they would agree to rely on the judgment of responsible naval and military people as to the censoring of naval and military news.—Sir. John Sinon.

If, in the opinion of the Government, we need universal service, let them tell us so, without fear—and tell us why. If in their opinion we do not need it, then let them tell us so, and tell us why. The decision will us so, and tell us why. The decision will then rest with the people, which it always has done, and always will do .- SIR RALPH

WILLIAMS.

THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE.

ONE KIND OF UNITY. If unity means that we are all to agree cheerfully to go to the devil together, what-ever charm that may have from the point of view of sociability, it is not a course that appeals to men.—Colonel Arthur Lee, appeals to M.P.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

National service ought not to be confused with conscription. It may be better, or it may be worse. Conscription is limited to compulsory military service, but national service is intended to be a method for allowing every man and woman in the country to serve to the best of his, or her, ability at the present juncture.—Mr. Ellis Griffith, M.P.

IN THE DARK.

It may be—I cannot judge—that we are being driven to universal service by circum-stances. I have not the means of judging, and I doubt if the working classes have either.—Mr. MAURICE HEWLETT.

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"POOR, COWARDLY" GERMANS.

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Sir John Brunner, speaking at Chertsey, said that for a long time he praised the Germans for their devotion to education, but he came to the conclusion thirty years ago that it was a shame for a man to remain a German if he could escape being one. The Germans believed themselves to be so far ahead in mental and moral characteristics that they thought it was their duty to govern the world. They wanted to dominate the world, but they were a poor, cowardly lot to submit to the infamous Government which they had over them to-

GAS-POISONING MYSTERY.

Evidence of a remarkable nature was given at an inquest at Bristo on Norman William Maggs, aged twenty, who was William Maggs, aged twenty, who was found dead in his bedroom at his home at Montpelier, Bristol. The gas was turned on, and a towel had been placed at the bottom of the bedroom door.

About the same time a girl named Edith Harvey was found at her home a few doors away suffering from the effects of gas

poisoning. She was taken to the Bristoi Royal Infirmary, and is now recovering. Maggs' father stated that the girl was upset some time ago because his sen had been friendly with another girl. A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

A GUARDIAN FINED.

A well-known farmer of Patrington, Stephen Watson, was at Withernsea Police-court fined £10, or 51 days' imprisonment, for making statements likely to prejudice

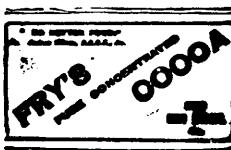
recruiting.
It was alleged that Watson, who is a Guardian, a Councillor, and a special constable, broke up a meeting and made statements that the Army had plenty of men, and that they were not able to use the men they had; the men were idling their time at home, and the yeomanry were swanking

German Agriculturists' Union predict the use of beet, cabbage and potato leaves, green or dried, in place of hay and straw, for the feeding of beasts.

Captain Felix Cassel, M.P. for West St. Pancras, states that since he began to re-ceive Army pay he has refused to accept his £400 a year as a member of Parliament. Mrs. Cannon, of Wallington, Surry, mother of Private Harry Cannon, of the Scottish Rifles, has received a letter from the War Office stating that the Emperor of Russia has conferred on her son the Cross of the Order of St. George, Third Class, in recognition of his gallant conduct in the field. Karl Klein, a German prisoner of war, who had suffered from depression at Stels

by hanging, Captain B. M. Hughes, of the I-4th Norfolks, who has been killed in the Dardanelles, gave up a lucrative practice at Wymondham to serve his country, refusing also a medical post, as he considered it his duty to serve with the men of the regiment whom he had assisted to train, and with some of whom he served in the South African War.

Camp, Roxburgshire, has committed suicide



GIFTS FROM GOLD COAST.

The Secretary of State for the Coloniel has issued the following:-The Government of the Gold Coast has received from the Aborigines Rights Protection Society a sum of £1,500, which has been subscribed locally for the purchase of an aeroplane to be presented to the Royal Fig. ing Cerps. This accoplane will be inscribed "Gold Coast Aborigines." This gift is in This gift is is addition to the generous contributions made by the inhabitants of the Colony to the by the inhabitants of the Colony to the Gold Coast Imperial Wer Fund, which now amounts to ever £25,000, and to numerous other purposes connected with the war.

PIRATES' SMALL "BAG."

The weekly summary of British merchant and fishing vessels lost by hostile actical during the week ending September shows that two vessels of a gross tonnage of 5.740 were sunk, and also one fishing vessel of 51 tons gross tonnage.

The total arrivals and sailings of oversea steamers of all nationalities to and from the United Kingdom (over 300 tens net) during the same period was 1.323. net) during the same period was 1,323.

The losses are among the smaller so far recorded.

The British Society in the Argentine Republic have, through the League of the Empire, its representative in England, presented to the Army Council an aeroplane. Fighter Mark 1. The aeroplane has been accepted by the Government and will be named River Plate.

Sir Max Aitken, M.P., has been appointed general representative of the Government the

front.