

THE LONDON RAID.

DESCRIBED BY A ZEPPELIN COMMANDER.

THAMES AS "GUIDE POST."

A story of the Zeppelin raid on London has been told to Mr. Karl Wiligand, the Berlin correspondent of the "New York World," by Lieutenant-Commander Mathy. Extracts from the story are given by the "Daily Telegraph" New York correspondent. 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 anti-aircraft gun has been placed under cover of St. Paul's which can only be characterized as a falsehood apparently invented to excuse what German aircraft are attempting to do.

HUMOUR OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH BEER. The beer—oh! it is awful! 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 it, 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 a jurymen at the London Sessions when the judge 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 was present.

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 street, "why, 'e combs 'is 'air every morning."

CAUGHT. The talk turned on America, and a gentleman who had already made himself obnoxious by his bragging assertions, mentioned that he had crossed the "herring 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 England."

"NAUGHTY GIRL." "Yes, Naughty girl, wasn't it?" 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 (says the "Westminster Gazette"). Yet, in an article published on Saturday, we read—

ONE OF THE SULTAN'S WORRIES AT PRESENT IS 6ft. 5in. long. His name is Private William Buckley, and it comes from Gungah (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 catapult spire, which will be very bad for Willie.

A WOULD-BE PREMIER. "This man evidently has delusions," said a detective at West London of a manner, who was charged on remand with being in the supposed unlawful possession of a military uniform.

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

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

DRESS OF THE DAY.

A SMART AND USEFUL COAT. Smart and useful coats of three-quarter length are among the most noticeable features of the autumn and early winter fashions which now fill the London shops and showrooms to overflowing. These coats are carried out in various materials, such as velours cloth, duvety, chevots, and tweeds, soft tulle 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 ere long.



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 on a narrow panel, which runs from neck to hem, and is machined along either edge. This panel fastens down the left side, as does also the collar band, with large horn buttons. A big pocket of rather new shape is placed in 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 partially hidden by smaller cuffs of the nigger velvet. This coat is of seven-eighths length. It is wide at the bottom and hangs in 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 crystallized into shape, and the



early modes are often characterized by an extravagance which completely disappears as the season advances. Thus, a hat or costume bought at the beginning of a new season has frequently become demodé and almost abandoned when a few weeks have passed. There are, however, a few garments which may always be safely bought in the early part of a new season, and among these must be included blouses. 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.

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

"For the Blood is the Life."

CURED 18 YEARS AGO. "Improve blood purifies the whole system." It gives me great pleasure to let you know how much good I received from your "Clarke's Blood Mixture" eighteen years ago. Previous to that I used to have regular attacks of wet and dry scurfy at the spring and fall of the year; at that time my face was so bad it reached from ear to ear. I tried numerous so-called cures but received no benefit. An old gentleman recommended me to try a bottle of Clarke's Blood Mixture, and from taking the first dose the sores stopped running and were healed up in ten days and I am pleased to say I have never been troubled since. (Signed) J. Robinson, West Street, Oldham.

Advertisement for Clarke's Blood Mixture, including text about its benefits and a small illustration of the product bottle.

At the Marylebone Police-court, William Willes, solicitor, sued 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-square 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. In May, 1913, when two gardeners were sent to do the work they were told by the steward that the contract was terminated. The plaintiff wrote to the defendant to know if that was so, and receiving no reply, took it as part of the year when there was no work done. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for £18, and costs.

A fire which resulted in several thousand pounds' worth of damage, including the destruction of a valuable scientific collection, has occurred at Newton Abbot Technical school, which has been named after Edward's Free Library and forms one of the handsomest and largest public buildings in the town. The fire originated in the museum section, which contained the Vicary's Collection of fossil, corals, mineral specimens, etc., which is well known to geologists. All the school records were destroyed and only the museum collection, which contained the Vicary's Collection of fossil, corals, mineral specimens, etc., which is well known to geologists.

Henry Effe, manager of the White Hart public-house, West Smithfield, London, was fined £5 at the Guildhall for unlawfully supplying a glass of whiskey to a police constable while on duty on the night of September 7. Mr. Peter Smith, who has died at Ilkeshall, Suffolk, aged ninety-six, belonged to a family of twenty-five brothers and sisters. He is survived by two sisters, aged ninety-four and eighty-two, and one brother eighty-four. He had nine children, fifty-one grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Advertisement for Benger's Food, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing the product as a nutritious food for infants and the elderly.

All is Food in Benger's Food. When you prepare Benger's Food with fresh milk, it forms a dainty and delicious cream. In this form, all the nutritive elements in both the milk and the Food itself are made soluble, ready for bodily nutrition. Consequently Benger's is assimilated with ease, when other food causes pain and distress.

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OTHER MEN'S MINDS.

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-guns. 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 tragic 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 bankruptcy, because, among other reasons, if Christianity had been faithfully taught and loyally practiced for twenty centuries this war, I am verily persuaded, could not have been.—BISHOP OF CALISLE.

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.

GERMAN MUSIC. Neither Wagner nor Brahms had any truck with the Prussianised crew who have arisen since their day. To identify the "rightfulness" 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.—SIR CHARLES STANFORD.

THE ONLY PURE RACE. Iceland is the only European country in which the population has remained, since it was peopled by Norsemen more than a thousand years ago, unmixed by immigration or conquest.—VISCOUNT BYZANT.

PROVIDED WE KNOW. There is enough grit and manhood in the nation to face any eventualty provided we know what we are fighting for.—MR. J. A. SIMONS, M.P.

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 discussion.—MR. ASQUITH.

ONE KIND OF UNITY. If unity means that we are all to agree cheerfully to go to the devil together, whatever charm there may have from the point of view of sociability, it is not a course that appeals to me.—COLONEL ARTHUR LEE, M.P.

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

Advertisement for Crozine Blacking, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing its benefits for cleaning shoes.

"POOR, COWARDLY" GERMANS. 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 today.

GAS-POISONING MYSTERY. Evidence of a remarkable nature was given at an inquest at Bristol, on Norman William Maggs, aged twenty, who was found dead in his bedroom at his home at Montpellier, 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 Bristol Royal Infirmary, and is now recovering. Maggs' father stated that the girl was upset some time ago because his son 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 Witherslawe Police-court fined £10, and an appeal was made for making statements likely to prejudice recruiting. It was alleged that Watson, who is a Guardian and a Councillor, had made certain statements, 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 about in uniform.

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Gifts from Gold Coast. The Secretary of State for the Colonies 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 Flying Corps. This gift is in addition to the generous contributions made by the inhabitants of the Colony to the Gold Coast Imperial War Fund, which now amounts to over £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 action during the week ending September 22, shows that two vessels of a gross tonnage of 5,740 tons were sunk, and also one fishing vessel of 51 tons gross tonnage. The total arrivals and sailings of overseas steamers of all nationalities to and from the United Kingdom (over 300 tons net) during the same period was 1,323. The losses are among the smallest 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 I. 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 of Canada with the Canadians troops at the front.

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.

It is confidently expected, he adds, that arrangements will shortly be completed with the military authorities for utilizing 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 an early date that 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 be employed meantime in local military duty throughout Scotland. In this view it is important that patriotic citizens who are unable to enlist should recognize that it is their duty to enrol themselves in the Volunteer ranks.

The New Zealand Government has decided to despatch a second war hospital ship. Mr. Asquith has stated that the Victoria Cross can be conferred only on British subjects. Cheshire farmers have raised £2,000 for the relief of distressed farmers in Belgium, France, and Serbia.