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**THE SACRED BIRD.**

(DAILY RECORD CORRESPONDENT)

London, August 12.

The time-honoured festival of St. Grouse has arrived, bringing with it delightful weather and ideal atmospheric conditions for good shooting. Reports received today from the happy hunting-grounds in the North are less optimistic than those issued last week. The treacherous weather which did duty for summer up to a week ago doubtless had something to do with the scarcity of victims for the guns this year. In Aberdeenshire, however, especially on the low moors, fair bags are anticipated. Good sport is also promised for gunners in the Upper Speyside.

It is remarkable how few are the sportsmen who this year have gone to Scotland for the Twelfth. The demand for shootings has fallen off considerably, the protracted Parliamentary Session having probably had an adverse effect. The gillies, and other who benefit from the influx of would-be grouse slaughterers, are said to be in despair. As most of those individuals are staunch, unswerving Radicals, we must marvel at their inconsistency. It is a lamentable fact that, since the introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's "Red Flag" Budget, as it is popularly called, there has been an instinctive tightening of the purse throughout the country. The unpromising grouse season is only one very minor evidence of this fact. A much more serious result is the tendency on the part of men and women who for many years have contributed generously to charities to discontinue their donations.

Conversing this morning with a friend who is the secretary of a large London hospital, supported entirely by private generosity, I learnt that the majority of replies received to reminders that the annual subscription was falling due state that since the introduction of the Budget the writers find it impossible to continue their donations, and suggest that the hospital "should apply to Mr. Lloyd George for aid." It is announced this morning that unless large donations or bequests are forthcoming immediately, it will be necessary to close down half the wards in three of London's greatest hospitals, owing to the falling-off in private subscriptions. It appears rather incongruous that the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, who pays such abundant lip-service to the destitute classes, should be the direct means of closing the hospital door against them in the hour of their sickness and sore need. But then, of course, they have their five shillings per week pension, with which to retain the services of skilled physicians, trained nurses, suitable accommodation, and the numerous other luxuries indispensable to the sickroom.

**THE ENGLISH MILITARY MOTOR DISASTER.**

London, August 13.

It has now been ascertained that the automobile mishap at Tilshead yesterday did not actually cause death to any soldier of the detachment that was run into. Ten of the men were, however, injured: two dangerously, three severely, and five slightly.

**THE ABYSSINIAN SUCCESSION.**

London, August 12.

Reuter's agent reports from Addis Abeba, under date the 10th instant, that Ras Tesama, the guardian of Prince Jeassu, the Heir to the Throne, has been given full power to conduct all the Government business.

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**NEW CHINESE MINISTER FOR AMERICA.**

Washington, August 13.

Mr. Chan Ying Tang, former Vice-President of the Chinese Foreign Office, has been appointed Chinese Minister to the United States.

**THE AMERICAN EXHIBITION IN BERLIN.**

New York, August 12.

In answer to a telegram from the American Committee for the projected American Exhibition in Berlin to Prince Henry of Prussia, thanking him for promising his patronage, the Prince has replied to the effect that he is ready to undertake anything calculated to promote commercial intercourse and friendly relations between Germany and the United States.

**FATAL FLOODS IN MEXICO.**

New York, August 12.

A telegram from Monterey, Mexico, states that the river Santa Catarina has overflowed its banks owing to continued heavy rain. Fourteen lives had been lost in consequence, railway communication was interrupted, and the telegraphic connections with Laredo were broken. Bridges had been carried away, and much of the country was under water. The rain had not ceased.

**ANOTHER NAVAL CONTRACT FOR ENGLAND.**

Rio Janeiro, August 13.

The Brazilian Government has accepted the tender of Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxims for the construction of a floating dock.

**DYNAMITE AT STOCKHOLM.**

Stockholm, August 13.

The local post-office officials have decided against participation in the general strike. Yesterday morning a quantity of dynamite was found on the street-car track, and a labourer arrested at Lulea was found to have in his possession a margarine tub filled with dynamite and a fuse for detonating the same. He stated that he had bought the explosive in 1904. The compositors have refused to resume work. The strikers have established their own bakery at Malmoe, which turns out sufficient bread for their needs, and a co-operative meat supply also provides them with good food.

**THE GREAT BALLOON CANARD.**

AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNTS.

The brief excitement engendered by the "news" published yesterday that a German balloon had been fired on by Russian soldiers and that three of the occupants had been shot dead, has been quickly allayed by the true statement of the case, which we were able to publish yesterday. The story was first circulated on Thursday morning by a Silesian paper, and telegraphed by the news agency to all parts of the country. It is impossible to discover how these absurd "ducks" come into being, but the highly-charged imagination of the ubiquitous pressman is doubtless responsible. The facts of this balloon incident are contained in the following telegram, which reached us yesterday:—

Oppeln, August 12.

Trustworthy reports state that the occupants of the German balloon which descended this morning on Russian territory were merely detained while their passports were being examined, and that upon these documents being found in order they were at once released. No shots were fired at the balloon and nobody was injured. As the balloon came in sight the Russian frontier guards fired several blank cartridges as a signal to the other patrols, who quickly arrived on the spot to assist the descent. The balloon was the "Tschudi," belonging to the Berlin Airship Society, and the occupants were Dr. Brinckmann and Herr Messter.

These gentlemen ascended from the Schmargendorf aeronautical grounds yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of taking cinematographic pictures with a special apparatus. They had not the slightest intention of landing on Russian soil, and before starting they explained that if a landing should become necessary on other than German territory, they would endeavour to descend in Austria. Violent winds drove the balloon in a south-easterly direction, however, and early this morning a card from Herr Messter, thrown from the car, reached his family in Berlin, stating that the balloon was driving in the direction of Breslau, but that they hoped to make a landing in Austria. In the course of the morning a telegram arrived, according to which the two aeronauts had landed at Sosnowice, and would probably be unable to return forthwith owing to the necessity of passing the Customs formalities. The two gentlemen are expected to arrive in Berlin on Friday.

**ACCIDENT TO THE PARSEVAL AIRSHIP.**

Frankfort, August 13.

The Parseval airship ascended today from the Exhibition, but was forced to land in consequence of the violent air currents. The pilot was able to select an open space within the town on which to land, and during this manœuvring the perfect working of the reversing gear was particularly noticeable. The envelope, however, could not be prevented from striking the roof of a neighbouring house, and the damage thus caused made it necessary that the balloon should be deflated. The car was quite undamaged, and none of the occupants was hurt. As the envelope must be repaired, another ascent cannot be made for ten days.

**BOLIVIAN AFFAIRS.**

La Paz, August 12.

Dr. Villason, hitherto the first Vice President, has been elected President of Bolivia.