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LADIES GENTS

We have it now, on the authority of the Army Council, that a number of men serving in the Army Reserve have applied to be taken back to the colours because of their inability to find work. It is impossible to over-estimate

the seriousness of the announcement, in view

to a very great extent, responsible for this—no the War Office, because I think every effort the

been made there to find employment for the men; and I hope that the War Secretary will now hasten to urge on the other departments their duty in the matter.

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Confidence is still shaken in Mr. Battours assurances that, provided we maintain a pre-dominant. Navy, we need never fear foreign invasion. The discussion verges, however, on the academic, the premisees remain problematical, the security we are promised is still conditional. Not so the threat to India which looms much nearer, with no more managers assignate it than as forwarding Afgha

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CALINO
Esbeltoh, Ataba el Khadra,
Also at Alexandria and Hantah. GOODS faddists. As matters stand, the way is smoothed for the moderate drinker to become a total abstainer gradually if so disposed, a process which constantly produces the effect desired by the testotal crusadors. They would do well to reflect, therefore, whether the cance they have at heart—a right good cause, in itself—would be likely to benefit by barring out from membership of the association every soldier who could not see his way to subscribe to their particular shibboleth.

ARMY AND NAVY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 25.

The colonelcy of the 2nd Battalion King's Royal Rife Corps is vacant by the appointment of Lord Grenfell to that of the 2nd Lafe Guards.

Some details of Engineers, Artillery, and ofsatry will be sent to Egypt next month, to accancies in the usual course.

It is expected that the 2nd Battalion Royal uniskilling Fusiliers and the 2nd Battalion oyal Berkshire Regiment in Egypt will leave that country next trooping season for Malta and India respectively.

Lieutenant B. G. Bromhead, Royal Berk-hire Regiment, on completion of three-years' ervice with the South African Constabulary, as been posted for duty to the 1st Battalion t Dublin, and joins this week.

The 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, which left England in 1887 for Egypt, will leave Aden about September for home. On arrival home it will be stationed at Devonport.

Rear-Admiral Edmund S. Poe, C.V.O., Rear-Admirat Edmond S. Peo, C.V.O., a well-known (queen's County officer, has been selected to succeed Rear-Admiral G.L. Atkin-son Willea as Commander in-Chief of the East Indies Synadron. Rear-Admiral Poe has com-manded the First Croiser Squadron for some time and Phor to that he was second in command of the Home Pleer. and of the Home Fleet

to find work. It is impossible to over-estimate the seriousness of the announcement, in view of the fact that the whole recruiting problem turns on this question of the employment of soldiers on their return to civil life. Things have been tending this way for some time past, and it is having its due effect on the recruiting to join the ranks of the unemployed in return for serving their King and country, it is unreasonable to expect respectable parents to allow them to enlist if they have the power to prevent them. The behaviour of some of the railway companies and other large employers of labour in finding work for exceedings is most patriotic, and it is to be regretted that the Government departments do not follow their example. It is rather the duty of the authorities to set the example, but they do not do so. At the recent meeting of the Society for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers, it was prominently remarking upon that the civil departments of the Government, outside the War Office, have done nothing; they are most apathetics in the matter. Among the class from which the Army used to draw its best recruits it is now common report that calistment in the Army is the very worst look-out for a decent lad. The Government is, to a very great extent, responsible for this—not the War Office, beause I think every effort; has Yesterday -- Empire Day -- the King witness some manusures at Aldershot and subse et sue maneuvres at Aldershit and subsequestly unveiled a memorial to the memory of
the theors and men of the Royal Army Medial Corps who laid down their lives in the late
South Africas Max. In doing so his Majesty
soult at it gave him a melancholy pleasure to
socois to the request to unveil the memorial
in remembrance of the gallant efficiers and men
who fell in South Africas. He was aware of the
valuable services they rendered to their country
and to the sisk and wounded, and he was sure
that the Corps would now and in the future,
if possible, excel in those duties. A number of
difficers of the R.A.M.C. were afterwards presented to the King.

Empire Day was marked at St. Paul's

mperance principles are making such barely progress in the Army that even the fanatical zealot might be expected to and watch for the final outcome. It ait and watch for the final outcome. It pears, however, that some of these well-aming but utterly wrong-headed persons tetriving to confine membership of the opal Army Temperance Association examples in the control of the control o would hold alout were total abstinence of these statums mas even processed in a green procession of disputed that this professional position against over-induspens in stong its operates must beneficially both indil stally and collectively. All military florities are agreed on that point, and they also practically unanimous in opposing of convertible or the stall of procession opposing of the fanatical powerful weapon in their bands.

OUR LONDON LETTER

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

London, May 27.

It is, perhaps, just as well to recall the fact that the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, which was signed on January 30, 1902, is to remain in force for five years from that date, and that it contained a stipulation to the effect that if it contained a stipulation to the effect that if neither party to it notified, twelve months before the expiration of that period, an intendent of the expiration of that period, an intendent of the expiration of one year from any date on which either of them should denounce it. The Treaty, therefore, primarily holds good until January 30, 1907, but his Majesty's Government must, agturally enough, already to seriously counidering what steps, in the not very distant future, will have to be taken in regard to it. The considerations that necessarily arise are whether it should be renewed in its present form, or whether a new Treaty should be entered into, giving a much wider and more comprehensive scope to the alliance between the two countries. The subject is one of the most vital importance, and we may rest assured that it has Lord Lands. where very earnest and anxious attention, So long as the war between Russia and Japan lasts the existing Treaty, of course, endures; but as we all devoutly hope that it may be perfectly desirable that negotiations between Japan and ourselves should proceed so that when the adjustment of things in the Far East has to be faced our position and theirs may be perfectly clear. neither party to it notified, twelve months

serious warning in the "Times" against the light-hearted optimism of his Majesty's Govern-ment on the subject of possible "raids" upon our coast lines by the enemy in the event of ment on the subject of possible "raids" upon our cost lines by the enemy in the event of war. Mr. Anrold-Forster has stated, in the Hones, that raids "are not a source of serious anxiety to his Majesty's Government." To which Colonel Lonsdale Hale replies, in effect, that, if they are not, they ought to be. Mr. Anrold Forster has issued certain Army Orders giving thereograssisation formillary commanders of coast defences." But, where are those "200,000 Volunteers, thoroughly trained and thoroughly equipped," who, he told the Hones of Commons, "will suffice to meet a raid"? And echo asswers—"Wabler ("Colonel Hale points out that raids are not only possible but extremely probable, and, forthermore, that it will be impossible to improvise adequate coast-clience at the least moment. All which suggests that, pace Mr. Ballour, we have yet something. defence at the last moment. All which suggests that, pace Mr. Balfour, we have yet something to do before we ought to feel quite happy and confortable as to the safety of our enormous

Monday's "scene in the House" wa Monday's "scene in the House" was, of course, in colloquial language, "sinch a seene as never was." It has shocked the members and the public, and amazed the oldest inhabitant of Westminster, who can find no parallel for it, in his experience. The damage done reacts is several directions. This crary "scene" makes us contemptible in the eyes of foreign observers, once envious of our calm and order, and encourages the further ravages of that discovered that makes modern government a disc.

only degraded the Mother of Parliaments in the eyes of the world, but have done what they could to stifle aspirations towards freedom in other lands. Once again the Channel Tunnel scheme, which has been in abeyance for over twenty years, is likely to be dragged into the light and seriously considered as a practical project. The

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I am glad to see that the Motor Union have determined to take stringent measures against reckless driving, but they will not need to less time if they have hopes of doing anything to ward off fresh and drastic legislation. There are some edifying items of motoring intelligence in this morning's newspapers. A lady cyolist near Windsor was knocked off her machine by a large motor-oar and left insensible upon the road. In South Wales a labourer has been discovered bleeding and senseless on the spot where he had been run down by a motor several hours before. It appears to be the settled policy of certain drivers to make a run for it if they think the victim is too seriously hurt to be able to take a note of their number. It only requires a few more incidents of this It only requires a few more incidents of this kind, and we shall have something approaching

Slowly but surely the motor omnibus is dis placing its older rival, the horse-drawn vehicle Two new motor omnibuses were put to-day or the Cricklewood to Marble Arch route by the London General Omnibus Company, brigging the Cricklewood to Marble Arch route by the London General Onnibus Gompany, bringing its total up to four. This number would be considerably greater had there not been so many disappointments in the delivery of some of the sixty odd similar vehicles on order. These are being supplied by seven different makers, as the desire of the company is to decide by trial which is the best make. The London Road Car Company has at present twelve motor omnibuses on the streets, and welve motor omnibuses on the streets, bout fifty more on order from three diffe

In the opinion of Mr. Kingham, the Secretary of the London General Omnibus Company, as well as Mr. Duff, the manager of the London Road Car Co., the new vehicle has come to stay. As regards the financial side of the question, neither is willing to express an opinion. Both, however, state that on any route a saving of time would be effected, which is the principal factor towards success. A motor-omnibus is capable of a daily mileage half as great tagain as that of a horse-drawn omnibus on an average route. The earrying capacity also is greater.

capacity also is greater.

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