

The Saturday "News" Special Foreign Service.

Is Your Aura Green?
If So, All's
Well.

Free Speech Saves England From Horrors of Anarchism.

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No Bomb Throwing or Assassinations in King Edward's Land—"Talk Your Head Off If You Wish," Say the Police to the Would-be Agitator—Always Under the Eyes of Scotland Yard, But Are Never Molested Unless They Attempt to Suit the Action to the Word—More Anarchists and Socialists in London Than in Any Other City in the World.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.
LONDON, Aug. 27.—London now has a regular hospital where the poor are treated daily by means of drugless medicines and knifeless operations and with remarkable results. Of course a lot has been written in recent years on mental treatment, Christian science, and such things, but psychical therapy, as the treatment is called, differs from all these, so much as in fact, that many well known physicians of good standing are now sending their patients to the Psycho-Therapeutic hospital at 3 Bayley street, Tottenham Court road, London. Inside the waiting rooms of this hospital every week you see long lines of patients from various London hospitals waiting to be treated by the "operators" who administer "psychic tonics" that restore health when all other ordinary curative methods have failed.

PHYSICIANS IN LINE.
Quite a number of regular medical practitioners in London have identified themselves with this institution as vice presidents. Among these are Drs. Robert Bell, A. D. Deane, J. Stenson Hooker, J. H. Jolliffe, J. M. Peckham, J. H. Paget, C. W. Withinslaw and Forbes Winslow, all of whom have regular medical and surgical degrees, and several are recognized as prominent in the profession. Another strong supporter of the hospital for soul-treatment is Dr. Bernard Hollander, physician to the British Hospital for Mental Disorders, who advocates "mental gymnastics" for the cure of insanity. In addition to these open supporters of the psychic treatment there are a large number of physicians and surgeons who send their patients to the hospital regularly, but who do not wish their names used in connection with this treatment which is, perhaps, somewhat too novel for the conservative-minded.

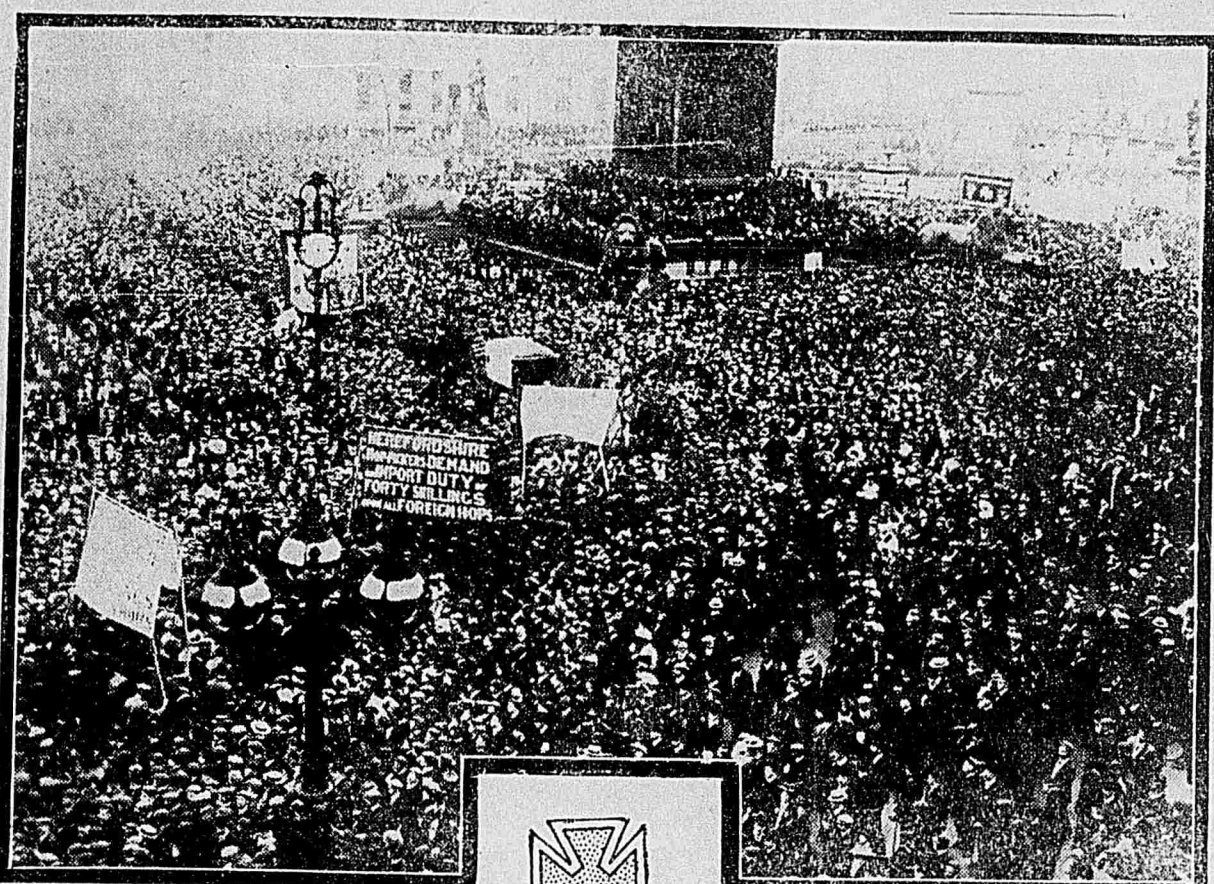
VOLUNTEER STAFF.
A remarkable feature of the soul hospital consists in the fact that the entire staff gives its services for nothing, and large numbers of the poor of London are treated without charge. Among these voluntary workers who "open" on the poor from the London slums is Lady Comara. Twice a week, her ladyship attends at the hospital and gives treatment to hundreds of poor children from some of the worst slums of London. As this "treatment" means being enclosed in a stuffy cubicle, and working personally over the bodies of the patients, the strain on her ladyship is considerable. Lady Comara can well be understood, especially in view of the fact that many of the patients seem to be unmanageable, but who do not wish their names used in connection with this treatment which is, perhaps, somewhat too novel for the conservative-minded.

UNIQUE TREATMENT.
The treatment in psycho-therapeutics differs from most agencies of this character in that it bases its claims on the idea that forceful "rays" of healing emanate from certain persons who are gifted with healing powers. The psychical doctors say that every human being is surrounded by a "aura," known as an "aura," this aura being a set of nervous atmosphere. The auras of healthy persons—the doctors, for instance—can be made to affect the auras of diseased persons. By placing his hands on an ill person, the psychic doctor can abstract most of the disease from his patient, and return to the patient a healthy one. Instead, anyhow, that is the way the doctors claim that this queer hospital are explained.

GREEN THE PROPER COLOR.
It all sounds weird enough, but the rays of the human rays have been recently demonstrated to the satisfaction of a good many French scientists. Dr. Baraduc of Paris has not only succeeded in photographing the rays, but has invented a machine, called the biometer, which shows how many degrees of "ray or color force" each human being possesses. Prof. James Coates has taken good photographs of various auras, and the reality of human rays is now accepted pretty generally. Some psychic doctors say that every normal light and to distinguish their person's aura has a lot to do with his health. If you have a grey aura, it is very bad, and you will be a melanocholy disposition; whereas a yellow or orange aura is a good one. Every day a violet "aura" is a highly desirable variety, possessed by few. Not every psychic doctor can, however, see the rays, nor is this considered essential. All the doctors need to know is that the rays exist, and that they can be operated on.

HYPNOTISM ALSO.
At the Psycho-Therapeutic hospital in Bayley street, there are two large rooms, each divided into a number of small cubicles. In each cubicle is a couch, upon which the patient reclines, while the operator, by the sides. In most cases, when cures are effected by mental treatment, hypnosis is resorted to, but in the Psycho-Therapeutic establishment, while hypnosis is recognized, it is seldom used, except in cases where the treatment of the "rays" will not suffice. Sometimes, mild hypnosis is combined with the treatment of the rays.

CASE OF A LITTLE GIRL.
Many of the cures effected at the Psycho-Therapeutic hospital are upon children who are not amenable, as a rule, to hypnotism. Partial hypnosis, however, used in some cases. For instance, one little girl, 12 years old, was cured of a serious disease of the throat, which had suffered severely for more than a year and treatment at various London hospitals had proved ineffective. She was pronounced by the attending physician to be in serious danger of brain inflammation. At the end of total loss of eye-sight, light massage, and put into a condition. The pain was removed by massaging, and after a few treatments, it was suggested to her that she should not wear her spectacles any more. In three days she returned, re-



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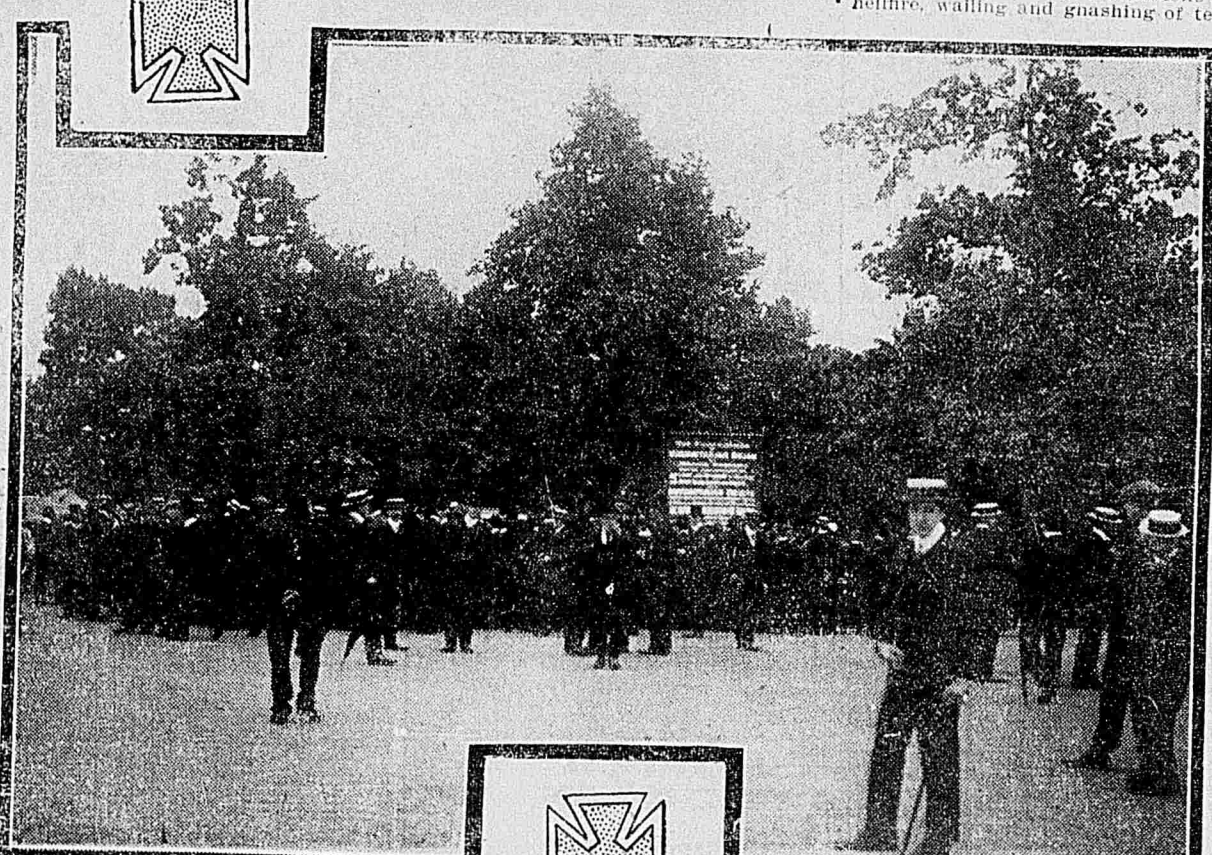
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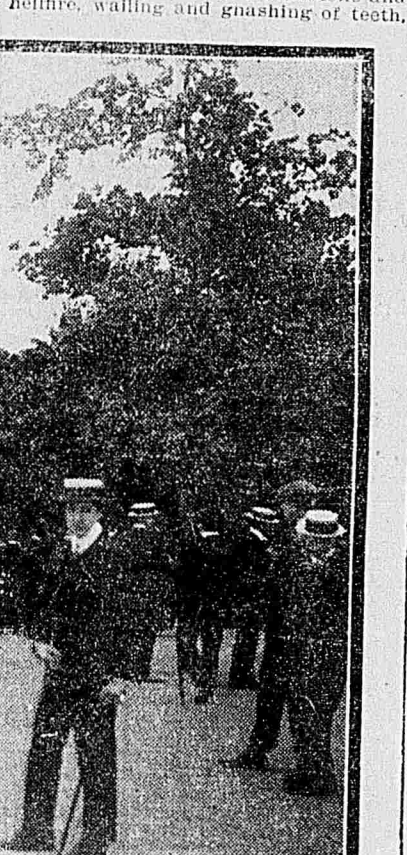
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half million more than half are willing to hear what is said from the "spouters' stands."

SOAP BOX ORATORY.
Each speaker brings with him or her a stool or chair or soap box or some sort of improvised platform. I have, in fact, seen a platform composed of soap boxes which actually had room for a half dozen speakers, and also possessed a railing. As to a topic, you can take your choice. Here is a woman who is talking on female suffrage, and she can give an answer and a quip with telling effect against the raw youths or break a lance with her. Next to her is a stout lady who is trying to interest a handful of people on the subject of cruelty to animals. She is particularly anxious on the aristocracy who will not do away with the beating rein. Her little audience is not listening, but speculating on how soon the legs of her chair will fall and provide them a sight, for the lady is very stout. The next speaker is a pale girl, not bad looking, undoubtedly a Jewess. She wears a flaming red bow and talks straight out revolution—but for Russia. She tells all about the horrors of Kischineff through which she and her people are also pale-faced and sickly looking in the bright sunshine. She is pleading for little children and is a rampant Socialist. She tells her audience it is a crime to bring children into the world if the parents are sickly or if they are poor. She traces the pitiful life story of the slum child, the boy a criminal, the girl driven by hunger to ruin. A buxom, rosy-cheeked woman, such a contrast to the last named, is imploring the crowd to be converted to her particular form of religion. She ladies out large doses of bromstone and hellfire, wailing and gnashing of teeth.



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Edward should pass at the next moment the whole crowd would off with its hats and cheer him right royally. The crowd likes its speeches red-hot. It craves more for word-pictures of the golden future in store for the Socialist than for a dissertation on "Where and What is the Soul?"

One man preaches Christianity, another atheism, the next No Popery. A dozen or more with talk about socialism in its various phases, two or three anti-socialists. Here a group of labor leaders are laying down the law. Here are some reformers talking of iniquitous taxation. This man is putting the house of lords out of business and others are inveighing against the aristocracy and the wealthy classes generally. If their words counted for anything the aristocracy and wealthy people, as well as royalty, would long ago have had their heads cut off and London would be sacked and looted to the uttermost cent.

MUST BE QUICK-WITTED.
Many of these spouters have the conceit taken out of them by the crowd which applauds or jeers as it sees fit. Some audiences or clink down, at least a dozen of the spouters are not orating, but are holding some humble service as the Salvation Army does. They speak a few words, read a few verses from the Bible and then sing hymns. It is an open-air church and the only one some of the more outcast Londoners ever attend.

POLICE DISCIPLINE.
There is a policeman here and there, but they have their orders and do not interfere. The London policeman is unlike his American brother, in blue. He has not got to do much thinking. That is done for him. The "bobby" in London has his orders, and he is a soldier, and foremost in that he obeys implicitly. He is more old than his American confrere, but about all things he keeps his temper. That is one of the most important rules which he has to observe at all stages of the game. He is not a policeman, sufficient to make people behave, but it does not affect their speeches or sentiments one bit.

SYSTEM CRITICIZED.
As to what is generally thought of London's system of keeping the anarchist and other agitators quiet I give the opinions of some of the more prominent leaders. They are all practically unanimous in favor of the present system.

J. Ramsey MacDonald, M. P., secretary of the Labor party and the leader in the house of commons of the independent Labor party, said: "I have noticed what General Bingham said in reply to Mr. Hunter in New York. From what I gather, conceding the cable reports as being correct, I should say undoubtedly that Mr. Hunter is right and that the wind bag or 'gas bag' is General Bingham. The best system is that in use in London. Hyde Park is a great big venue and one is needed. There is room there for all. If the public wants to take the air there is room. If they want to listen to the speakers they can do so. If they do not they can go and sleep on the grass and go to sleep. This is a free country."

HINT TO UNITED STATES.
Mr. Hugh Lea, M. P. for the St. Pancras division of London, said: "President Roosevelt is to be complimented on his action. He will have the support of every right-minded man throughout the world."

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BEFORE BURNS "REFORMED."
Burns and his friends were acquitted of the charge, but the police chief was retired from the force. For more than a year, meetings continued to be held, Burns being the man who waved the red flag. The Socialists held many great church parades, asking preachers of different churches to preach the socialist gospel. In this way they socialized and intermingled were able to march in procession and to hold public meetings elsewhere than in Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square. There was a great big venue, a memorable church parade to St. Paul's cathedral, and a mob of 50,000, unable to get in, gathered in and around the churchyard. Afterward, as the procession started for the Thames embankment, a riot was almost caused by the attempt of the police to arrest John Burns.

It was the same night at a mass meeting that Burns said: "We are prepared quietly, peacefully and constitutionally to agitate our grievances. There is a chance of those grievances being quietly, peacefully and constitutionally redressed at once. If not, then we will invoke the dread arbiter of the destiny of all nations—force, force."

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.
RUSSELLS, Aug. 29.—Although the happy day is still some months away, the fair maids of Luxemburg who have not yet been fortunate enough to secure a husband, have begun to prepare for "Lovers' Fair." New dresses are being made, old ones repaired, and all the subtle arts known to womankind the world over are being brought to bear upon the problem of making the unattached daughters of the households irresistible in the eyes of the eligible young men.

Every year, on the first Thursday in December, the peasants of this hilly province flock into its chief town, Arlon, in char-a-bancs, carts and every other description of vehicle, in order to attend the curious ceremony. The young people strike up acquaintance while their parents exchange confidences as to the possibility of a match. The young men, who are invariably dressed in their best black clothes, offer presents to the girl of their choice and even go so far as to claim a formal engagement. These operations take place openly in streets, in houses of refreshment and in the public gardens. All this, however, is but a preliminary and of but slight interest compared with what follows. If two young folks become mutually attracted at this "fair," the respective families apply to a marriage broker, or as he is called "a holy man." This person becomes the honored guest in the house of the parents of both contracting parties; he makes himself acquainted with their exact social position, their habits of life, their tastes; transmits these details to the "other side." Indicates how housekeeping may be best started on the given conditions, in short, he fixes the marriages. These brokers or holy men are generally counted as first-rate tranchmen and wine-swallowers. All the same they are held in considerable esteem by the two families, whose table they are accorded the place of honor.

A month later—that is to say, on the first Thursday in the new year—there is a second "fair." Here the Arlon lovers formally plight their troth, the families give their mutual consent to the union, and the broker receives his remuneration, consisting of a commission on the amount of the dowry, and in accordance with an ancient custom, a pair of top boots and a top hat! As the parties leave the town in the evening it is easy to see the number of young girls loaded with presents, whether the "holy men" have done good business.

another speaker gets up. It is the pamphlet and the literature which is sent out by the ton which harm. They are crowded with misstatements. I understand the pamphlet in the United States is even bolder than the one in England. Repressive legislation should start with the suppression of much of this stuff."

AGREE WITH PRESIDENT.
Herbert Nield, the Conservative M. P. for Ealing, one of the outlying districts of London, said: "The ventilation of opinion freely in the parks is undoubtedly a wise thing. The criminal records prove that the English system is a question better than the repressive policy of the police of many of the other countries. The American situation I have not studied, but I certainly agree with President Roosevelt. The boys and girls who are stamped out, and I believe that all nations should join hands in this endeavor."

And there are scores of other prominent men who hold exactly the same opinion—among the Socialist leaders, Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells, Rev. R. J. Campbell, Sir Sidney Oliver, governor of London, and the right honorable Hardie and his lieutenants; among the anti-Socialists, the Earl of Wemyss, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Curzon, Sir Felix Schuster, the great banker.

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