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THE COUNTRY

H. E. BATES takes one side in a Spring-time Controversy . . . "Town or Country to

Sporting Offers

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THE LOONIES

BRIGADIER - GENERAL J

WIGAN told an Essex Territorial Army Association meeting in London vesterday that he could not understand why the East Ham Council should refuse to help in recruiting 150 men for two sections of the anti-aircraft (R.E.) searchlights at East Ham.

It is understandable, but only on the assumption that the Socialist politician's savage bosom is consumed by an acid and devouring spleen that leaves room for no other emotion. But it is so irrational, so stupid and so childish that no other explanation is needed of the nation's clear determination not to trust its political fortunes to such people.

If these quaint cranks were merely determined to prevent Britain-where they have the misfortune to live-from defending herself against Soviet Russia, their spiritual home, they would at least be consistent. But they know well that in the present state of the world we are reluctantly strengthening our defences against every warlike and heavily armed country that might be tempted or provoked into attacking us, including all the authoritarian countries on which our Socialists never weary of pouring a stream of vitriolic abuse, with whom, if they had had their way, we should long since have plunged into

elamour incessantly for war with powerfully armed countries whose methods of government you happen to dislike, to lash and stir them to hatred with the frenzies of your own, and at the same time to refuse to lift a finger to repel the enemy when he decides that the time has come to replace violent words by still more violent

What the East Ham citizen thinks of these antics we cannot imagine. If the enemy bombers should come, erowded, riparian East Ham will pay more than its share of the toll of lives and homes. Are they not to be kept at bay, if the East Ham Council can help it, by even so much as a searchlight? Musical

Spheres

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM is a nonirlan, not a publicist, and we must not, there-fore, be a reprosed if, in apite of his abhor-rence of encombocution, he does not always

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Red-Yellow-and-Blue-But Why Not Red-White-and-Blue? :. A Nelson Room in Birdcage Walk .. The Original of Peter Pan .. Lights o' Malta .. At Last, an English "T.T."

I DINED last night with a man who I DINED last night with a man who lives in the house in Buckinghamgate where Emma Lady Hamilton is supposed to have lived for a time. It overlooks Birdeage-walk, and to get to it the eab passed along a whole row of Government Coronation stands. The woodwork is now being covered with coloured material, but, instead of the red, white and blue one would have expected, very much of the raterial, at any rate, is red, yellow and blue.

It's a Pity

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IT had been announced that yellow, as representing gold, was to enter a good deal into the various decoration schemes: but surely it is unfortunate that large areas should meet the eyes of foreign beholders.

As I came into Town early to-day, morgover, in Trafalgar-square with should he a rich, strong red in the decorations struck me as being a pate and softly morgover.

A Room With a View

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J ENVY my friend who lives in Bucking-ham-gate, the view from his study window must, the wew from his study window must be among the most lovely in London, right across Burkeage-walk, with a safe view of the Barracks, wheneve now and again came the sounds of the bugle.

The study is supposed to have a Nelson louch about it; the ceiling has a special skylight, giving the impression of a warships and the study of the study of

Down Devonshire Way

OTHER people's homes are always In-teresting. The one where we dined is specious. Our long is a power in the City, but has on occasion to travel widely up and down the country. It is his hobby to buy anything that strikes him as amusing during his travels, with which to decorate his rooms. In the fender was a tea put, for instance, that lie had picked up somewhere in Devon-shire—the biggest I have ever seen, nearly two feet high.

From Viking Times

THERE was a sort of Viking drinking cup that had cost a few shillings somewhere in the north country, and a splendid print of Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar that had cost him (gill frame and all) two shillings, in the East End of London.

Bigger and Better

PIRRIE was a time when even or eight inudeed people at a West End ball was a crowd. Americans, who gened much of their time and energy claiming security, moght fairly point out that New York's Wal-darf Astoria would make most of our hards hold like piggraines. This documents around a started the three-sub-digasaevers hall here.

Dancing Thousand

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LOOKED in towards midnight at the High
points Ball at Grosvenor House. The
ballroom there, recently air-conditioned at
much cost, is one of the largest in Karope,
and it folled as if there were not room for
a large sublithmal dancer.

The subject of the subject of the condition of the
room were inspired by two nen who were
responsible for those in the Italian liner.
Conte de Savola: certainly there is somelows an Allantic-liner atmosphere about the
place.

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time, for she was dawdling along at six or
seven intles an hour, well over to the left.
This was a couple of hundred yards before the Hyde Park-corner exit, where there
was a queine of more than a dozen cars waiting, in wingle file, to go out.

Cutting In

A LONG came the dawdling driver and cut in on the whole lot of us, calmly going right up to the very head of the queue and forcing her way into the traffic stream

She wouldn't dream of behaving like that in a queue or at a station booking office.

Victorian Wraiths

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NEW developments in itsal most conventional world, the publishers, are very rare. One such its announced to-day in an arrangement between the firms of Peter Davies and Heisermann. It is not any both houses Brinky, an amalgamation.

Publishing is a trade which one evolution of the publishing is a trade which one evolutioners. Around some of the older houses clings the air of long-age fame, and they seem haunted by the ghosts of Victorian authors, great and amali, their portraits loang on the walls and there is nearly always an old cells who remembers them coming an old cells who remembers them coming world elastic.

Publishing Mr. Masefield

THE house of Heinemann, however, a late nineteenth-century foundation, has been since the War progressive, and its long list of famous authors, from the Poet Laureate and Jain Galaworthy downwards, is evidence of the wisdom of that policy.

Mr. Peter Davies carries with him into humness one permanent add dainty embarcacing claim to lame. As a godsom of Six

LIFE ...!

WHEN, after living for twenty-five years in an ugly little town, I went to live in the heart of the country of the second of the country of the second of the country of the second of t . . .

THE country, they indicated, was all very well to look at, but it was an entirely different place when you lived in it, and fresh milk and butter and eags were poor compensations for a life of what might be earlier. Now, see require disconsion. Now, see require disconsion. Now, and the seed of the prophecies have failed to be fulfilled. In the prophecies have failed to be fulfilled. In the driving the prophecies have failed to be fulfilled. In the driving the prophecies have failed to be fulfilled. In the driving the prophecies have failed to be fulfilled. In the driving the prophecies have failed by the glown of factory hooters, the childling and factory hooters, the childling and factory hooters, the childling failed by the glown of machinery. I was tired of pery-holit streets of houses each keeping the flag of a goldistra glowning flying between the lare cursing of the front window.

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streets of houses each keeping the flag of a political p where it was fifteen minutes will be town, where it was fifteen minutes wilk away fifteen minutes wilk away for the formal walk away for the formal walk of the forma

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great circle of woodland going off into the high blue distances of hills. Instead of one great root of changeless falters it look out on a roof of oaks and circst-nut and berin and beech brown and from and the standard of the control of the control of emerals in spike and strings in summer, firely and will and thousand-coloured in autumn. . . 0

INSTEAD of chimneys I see spires of cherry-blossom. Instead of bricks I see branches. Instead of pro-bound paverments I see stretches of promoves and blossom and corn. Instead of iron fences below the branches of control of the second part of the branches of control of the branches of control of the branches of control of the branches of the branch

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Lights for Overseas

WHILE London "rigs" for Caronation William Institute and the second of the King's abigs overseas. These warships for away are to put up a brave show, and on nave alkations abroad are receiving large consignments of fittings, cable, and largus for issue.

A naval officer tells me that some firms



have been working overtime for weeks in order to get gear away for shipment, so as to reach places like Hongkong in time. Now all efforts are towards satisfying the de-mands of Malta and Gibraltar. The exer-tion of these urgent navel orders has, in-deed, kept quite a lot of workpeople hard at it on lighth that London will not zee.

H.M.S. St. Angelo

Till'S officer will be in Malta at Corona-

tion time.

"Warahipa times, pricked out in twinkling lights, nave perhaps the best background in all the world," said the. "The frowning bastions of Valetta, Senglea and Vittoriona are behind time. And when the fortress, Maltas' (Bagship, ILMS, St. Angelo, which just out, is floodlit as well, our Coronation lights are going to be a sight to remember."

The "T.T."

The "1.1".

TO-DAY come two pieces of motoring news; one that the most famous of all British races, the Tourist Trophy, is definitely to be held in England this summer. The other was the news of a nusty action to a well-known racing man. Major "Goddle" Gardner. The last time that Major Goddle "Gardner. The last time that Major Facilities was annahed up was in the Tourist pretensively on that twistly descent, on the Ulster course, called Bradshaw's Brae.

One-Legged

MAJOR GARDNER lost a leg in the and always walked with a stock in the Ulster smash he badly fracture good leg, and has been lamer than econsequence, but he in still a very

TALK OF THE DAY (Continued)

racing man, and started favourite for the big race at Brooklands last Easter Monday.

Not On Our Roads

outside Belliati, where it has been held every year since.

But last year's terrible accident, when a car careved into the crowd, got the rare care and the second of the belliating the second of the benefit is in going to be held on the Donington course, near Derby, which is to be lengthered by nearly a mile for the occasion.

So, after more than thirty years, England's premier motoring event is to take place in England itself. The law forbids its heligal held on an open-read course, as in the lale of Alian or in Uniter.

Bad Music-

YOW that "Hugh the Drover" has found its way into the repertoire of Sadler's Wells, where it was performed for the first time last night, one may consider it to be a standard opera. Its sheer Englishness has been against it, and it still a hindrance to standard opera. Its since song, the processing of the processing of the formation of the first fugital foliations in the state fugital foliations in them is thoroughly understood of very frequest without or the processing Dr. Vaughon Williams, the composer.

He core revealed to me a feature of this opera which cannot be enjoyed except by expects in folk russic. All such experts know that there are "good" and "bad" being in a degenerate tradition, with tarte-

For Villains

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ange expressions are they are avoid confusion. It is rid of at



different . . . It would be ridiculous to say that all are foot fair - haired, left-handed men should be fed on a diet of roast beef, betad and cheese exclusively, and dogs too have individual preferences, and that why Spraits Foods are not confined in two, three or four types only.

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