



Speaker of The British Commons May Soon Retire

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Repeated reports in circulation of the imminence of the retirement of J. H. Whitley from the speakership of the House of Commons have been fostered by the bareheaded disapproval of the younger Conservative members of the House at Speaker Whitley's inability or unwillingness to deal drastically with the disorderly element on the benches.



When the Prince of Wales visited Reading recently to open the new Caversham Bridge, he was shown some giant green peas of the balloon-tire variety, produced with the aid of science and said to be the largest in the world. His Royal Highness also visited the Reading Homes at the Girls' Village Home, Industrial Co-operative Bakery, Barking, Essex.

Summer Bible School Successfully Conducted

The Summer Bible School which was held daily for two weeks at the Caledonia Presbyterian church, closed on Friday, July 30. The work accomplished in this school has gone even beyond the vision of those in charge of it. The enrollment in the school was 65 pupils, and the average daily attendance was 62 pupils which made a percentage of attendance for the school of 95.4%. This remarkable record in the amount of work accomplished during the two weeks of concentrated study of the Word of God. During the two weeks' time 1896 verses of Scripture were learned, which was an average of 30 verses per pupil enrolled. The younger pupils—22 of them—were only expected to learn 14 verses, so that the average for the older pupils was much beyond this. One girl learned 154 verses of Scripture beside the 107 questions in the shorter catechism and 245 other questions. A total of 1897 questions in the catechism were learned of which made an average of 30 each. 22 pupils completed a book of 56 questions. The Bible, the Christian's Sacred Book, which includes all the names of the books of the Bible, their writers as far as known and other valuable information about the Bible. Many questions were learned in another book "The Life of Jesus," and also in "The Twelve Apostles," and a history book "Adam to Saul." All of these courses are fundamental knowledge for a student of the Bible.

Department Stores In Big Merger

TORONTO, Aug. 20.—Twenty two department stores of Canada with approximate assets of about \$10,000,000 are included in a new company, Canadian Department Stores Ltd., which is being formed by the municipal bankers corporation. Toronto, according to the Toronto Telegraph today. The ultimate intention is to expand and enlarge the chain until it reaches from coast to coast in Canada. Sir William Hearst is president of the Banking Company, Sir John Wilson is Vice President, the Telegram states. The companies named are all from Ontario.

Explosion Wrecks Army Arsenal

(Special to the Guardian) NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 20.—Magazine L-11 at Phipps Point Arsenal, near Portsmouth, Va., was in ruins today after an explosion due to lightning which set off a billion rounds of revolver and rifle ammunition. None of the score of soldiers stationed at the army arsenal or the civilians who worked there were killed, but several are suffering from temporary partial blindness from the flashes of exploding material. Soldiers of the arsenal were attending a picture show some distance away from the Magazine L-11 when the lightning struck and as to that fact it is believed they owe many of their lives.

UNITED STATES PROHIBITION CHIEF COMING TO CANADA

PAUL SMITHS, N.Y. Aug. 20.—General Andrews, chief of the United States Prohibition forces who recently negotiated an agreement with Great Britain designed to prevent smuggling liquor into the United States through the medium of British ships, may go to Canada with the purpose of arranging similar agreements with that country. This would be aimed directly against liquor which comes by vessels from Nova Scotia and from border points.

Says Coffin Was Tampered With

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Frank Power, British newspaperman, who recently announced that he had found the body of the late Lord Kitchener, today reiterated his contention that some one tampered with the "Kitchener coffin" which the Home Office had found empty.

BALANCING ON HEAD CHASES FATIGUE, SAYS CHASES

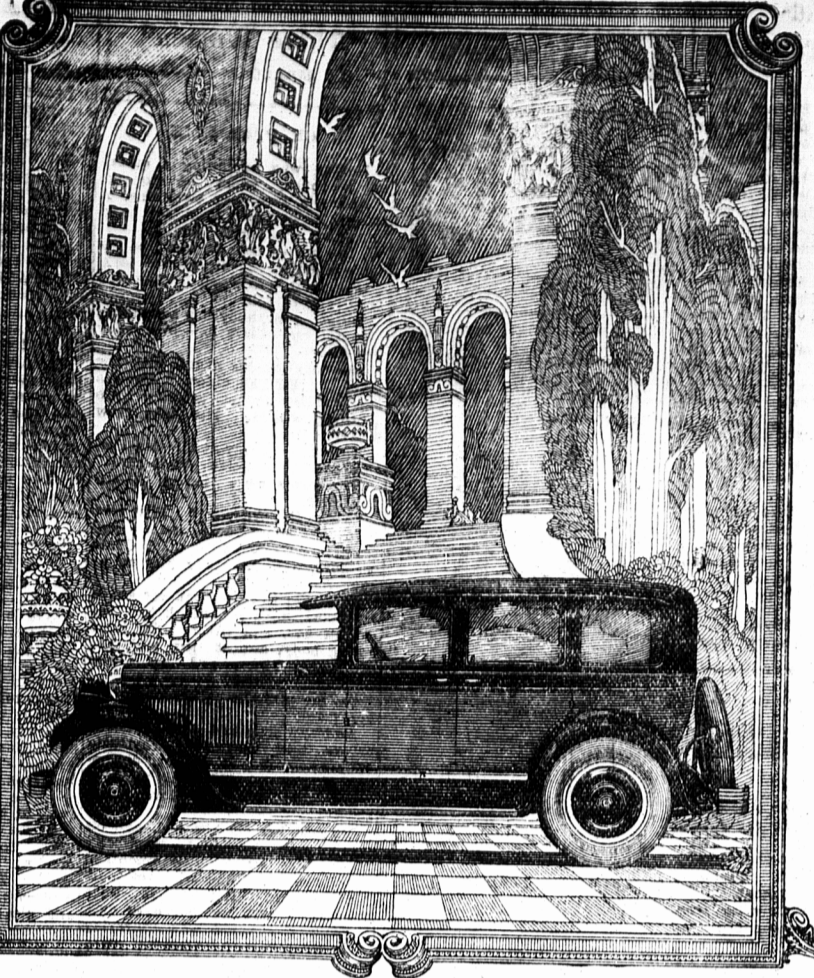
LONDON, Aug. 20.—Mrs. James Corrigan, American society hostess, who has penetrated the outer wilds of London society, has found what she claims to be an antidote for fatigue.

MEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN COLLISION

DIGBY, N. S., Aug. 20.—Two men almost lost their lives last night outside Potato Passage when the Norwegian steamer "J. H. Kivly" rammed the schooner "Regina C." in a dense fog and ripped a large hole in her side, causing the lighter craft to fill.



The Bishop of London, Dr. Winthrop Ingram, who is now in Ontario on the occasion of the marriage of his niece, the daughter of the late Lord Kitchener, to whom he pays personal visits. It had been intended he should officiate at the wedding ceremony, but Ontario laws are unlike those of England, and he can only participate in a minor capacity. The bishop is setting out on a world tour on this trip and is accompanied by Mr. Ormond Blyth and Rev. H. C. Thomas, his private chaplain, shown above.



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or confusion. Christ said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Certainly the children deserve a place in the church. And it is the duty of the church to see to it that her children are trained so that they will be able to do more efficiently the work of the Church when it is laid down by their fathers.



Lady Astor, M. P. for Plymouth, home of her sister, Mrs. Charles David, aged 16; Hon. Michael, 10; Hon. John Jacob, Jr., 7; and Hon. Priscilla, 17 (standing in back).

The density of population in the Prairie Provinces is only 2.5 persons per square mile, yet these provinces in 1925 produced 388,433,000 bushels of wheat, 322,254,000 bushels of oats, 94,141,000 bushels of barley and 11,546,000 bushels of rye, besides other crops. In comparison, the United Kingdom has 329 persons per square mile.