

### Senate Protests Tardy Commons Legislation

OTTAWA (CP)—The Senate Tuesday heard its annual protests against the old Commons habit of placing important legislation on its doorstep just before prorogation.

One Liberal member of the upper chamber — Senator J. W. De Farris of British Columbia — proposed the Commons be given a warning early next session that senators will feel justified in holding up prorogation if they consider time is needed for the study of bills.

The discussion came on a measure to revise the superannuation act for federal civil servants, recently passed by the Commons.

The Senate sent it to a committee and decided to start hearings on it later in the evening.

Senator John T. Haig, Progressive Conservative leader, joined in the protest against late legislation from the Commons.

He was "extremely disappointed" that the superannuation bill had not been brought before the upper house a month or six weeks ago.

He said the Senate should go into detail on the bill and could do so more effectively than the Commons. It was not "subject to political dictation" from the civil servants.

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The mother of America's latest incubator quadruplets is, 50-year-old Mrs. Leonard Ponder, of Murfreesboro, Ark.

All red heads the three boys and a girl are named Danny, Dickie, Dewey and Donna.

The Ponders have eight other children.

Legend says the great Koh-i-nur diamond which will be among the gems worn by Queen Elizabeth at her coronation next June 2, was found 50 years before Christ was born and it is smothered with double dealings and murder. Its value is approximately \$3,000,000.

Another gem in the Queen's coronation regalia is the Black Prince's ruby. It, too, has a blood-stained past. In the 14th century the ruby was owned by the king of Granada, in Spain. He was murdered for it by Pedro the Cruel of Castile. The Black Prince aided Pedro to regain his throne after having been toppled from it by his half-brother. The prince's reward for this was the famous ruby.

These and other famous and costly gems will glitter in the lights of Old Westminster Abbey when the young Queen puts on the royal robes during the coronation. The gems will be taken from their resting place in the Tower of London for the first time in 15 years.

A resident of King's County writes me that he scares crows out of his cornfield simply by placing his radio outside the house and turning it up loud.

"The crows," he says, "hate the stuff coming over the air. It's almost as bad as their cawing."

The last of the former slave girls in America, Mrs. Chaney Myers, 103, is living in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Myers and her deceased husband went west after the Civil War gave them their liberty.

Portable sewing machines, soon to be placed on the market, use a unique system of slip-on plastic discs that permit the "don't know how" housewife to do some of the most intricate needlework. The plastic discs act like "gray matter" and instruct the machine in sewing unusual things.

Nero was very fond of fiddles, perfume, woman, and human slaughter. At a single banquet he used \$150,000 worth of rose perfume for his guests.

When a native of Peru gets a bad cut he never thinks of calling a doctor to sew up the wound. What he does do, however, is summon his neighbors who go out and bring back a surgical ant. The insect, attracted by the taste of blood, bites the severed edges of the skin thus bringing them together.

The men then cut off the body of the ant, leaving the head firmly fastened into the wound until it heals.

If and when the army gets around to exploding the hydrogen bomb it could be a fearsome time for the inhabitants of earth. Why? Because dust from an H-bomb would be deadly to humans if they inhaled or swallowed any quantity of it. Scientists tell us that dust from H-bomb explosions would retain its poisonous qualities for years, and could be carried by the wind thousands of miles, before falling. That being the case, it might be better if the H-bomb never comes to fruition.

The "point" system for traffic violations now in use in the state of New Jersey might be used to good advantage in the Garden of the Gulf.

The demerit system was put into force by the police of New Jersey last July 1, and, according to State Motor Vehicle Director, Bill Deardon, the scheme has scared the daylight out of the state's 200,000 motorists. Here's how it works.

"If the driver gets 12 within a 3-year period, the state revokes his license for a one-year period. When he gets permission to sit behind the wheel again he carries a special "red" license which contains a record of the demerits. He has to use this special license for three years — a probation period.

Leaving the scene of an accident costs the driver 8 points, reckless driving, 6; drunken driving, 12; exceeding the speed limit, 4; other violations, excluding parking, 3. Additional 3 points are checked against anyone who gets 3 convictions within an 18-month period.

"The impact on the safety consciousness of the motoring public has been terrific," Deardon says, "for no driver who has once lost his license wants to break any laws that will result in a policeman's asking to see his driver's card.

A. A. like a lot of other world figures past and present, was no prodigy during his early school years. His high school academic record was anything but good, graduating sixty-first in grades in a class of 164. Yet he crawled up the ladder of success to become army chief of staff and served until 1948, when he was elected president of Cornell University in New York City.

Next we find him Supreme Commander of the allied powers in Western Europe. Today he is President of the United States.

### Christie Ordered To Stand Trial

LONDON, Reuters—John Reginald Christie, 55, a polite little London clerk, was ordered Wednesday to stand trial for the murders of his middle-aged wife and three young women of loose morals.

He pleaded innocent, reserved his defence—no clear motive for the slayings has been offered yet—and waived his right to call witnesses. Wednesday's was his sixth preliminary hearing to call witnesses.

The trial will be held at the next session of the Old Bailey, London's central criminal court and scene of many famed British murder trials in past decades, starting June 16.

### ROYAL STATUE

LONDON, (CP)—As part of its Coronation display an Oxford street department store will erect an equestrian statue of the Queen, standing 14 feet high and weighing four tons. It will show the Queen in the uniform of colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
 1. Contend  
 5. Spill over  
 9. Native of Rome  
 10. Walked through water  
 12. Wicked  
 13. Dust  
 14. Permit  
 15. Jolt  
 16. Cunning  
 17. Land  
 18. Kettles measure  
 19. Dispatch  
 20. Dishes  
 21. Lave  
 22. Artificial conduit  
 23. Article of furniture  
 24. Spirit lamp  
 25. Cause a train to run off the track  
 26. Ventured  
 27. Thallium (sym.)  
 28. Girl's name  
 29. Duct (anat.)  
 30. Feminine pronoun  
 31. An attic  
 32. Part of the verb "be"  
 33. Near (poet.)  
 34. Mother-of-pearl  
 35. Weakens  
 36. Emmets

**DOWN**  
 1. Bedspread  
 2. Leave out  
 3. Chum  
 4. Half an em  
 5. Weapon  
 6. Mandate  
 7. Excess of chances (golf)  
 8. Skin  
 9. To slip back to a former state  
 10. Man's name (poet.)  
 11. Scoff  
 12. Place  
 13. Turf  
 21. Beard of rye  
 23. Sleeveless garment (Arab.)  
 24. Slide  
 25. A Greek  
 27. Elevations (golf)  
 29. Expletive  
 31. A firm title  
 34. Man's name (poet.)  
 35. Scope  
 37. Denomination (sym.)

**Yesterday's Answer**  
 36. Knock  
 40. Forbid  
 42. Sodium

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it!**  
 A X Y D L B A A K R  
 is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
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### Senate Holds Up Pensions Bill

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