

FIRST COURT OF LONDON SEASON

Beauties of England and the U. S. Presented

Reported Plans of the Prince of Wales—Society Huffed About Close Inspection by the Multitudes.

London, June 15.—Those who were present at the brilliant assembly in Buckingham Palace on the occasion of their Majesties' first court of the season, declare that nothing so splendid has been seen before during the present reign. There were two important absentees from the royal circle, of course the Prince of Wales being still aboard the Renown, homeward bound tour, and the Duke of York away in Belgrade, acting as best man to his cousin, King Alexander of Serbia, at his marriage. But all the other members of the royal family were present, including, for the first time since her marriage, Princess Mary, whose wonderfully smartened appearance since she attained the dignity of her own establishment was the subject of general whispered comment among the superbly-fashioned throng. Those most interested in court affairs were particularly concerned, moreover, to observe how Viscount Lascelles, who was in attendance, and looked extremely handsome in his perfectly fitting Guardsman's uniform, would be treated in certain matters of detailed court etiquette. The court assembly was not only brilliantly fashionable, but also brilliantly illustrious, for those present included most of the famous figures and personalities of our times.

English and American Beauties. An extraordinary feature was the presence of a large number of distinguished American visitors, introduced by the American ambassador, a sufficiently impressive figure in his semi-court dress and American glasses, and, in the case of the ladies, presented by Mrs. Harvey, a typical American matron of much self-possession and personal charm. Directly the date of the first court was announced quite a number of American society leaders booked their passage to London with the object of having their daughters presented. Comparisons were inevitable between the characteristics of the American belles and the English debutantes, prominent among whom was the stately eighteen-year-old daughter of the Ulster King at Arms, Miss Gwendolen Wilkinson, who stands six feet too in her silk stockings. The American beauties presented several splendid types of womanhood, but the most divinely tall of them was dwarfed beside the Ulster lady, and the court critics, who may, of course, have been slightly prejudiced, awarded the palm for simplicity and girlish charm to the English debutante. A big crowd drew round the palace gates, and assembled down the Mall to watch the arrivals, and some of the fashionable elite had to submit, with as complete a *Verre de Vere* demeanour as they could, to astonishingly outspoken personal comments. Women even glued their faces to the carriage windows to study the court modes worn by those within, and made remarks as callously as though society folk were wax images at Madame Tussaud's.



This splendid group picture of the royal family, was taken at Buckingham Palace, upon the return of the prince after his world tour. From left to right: Queen Mary, Prince Henry, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the King, Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary.

No Engagements for the Prince. Despite the fact that during the last few weeks many invitations have been received at York House, St. James', for the Prince of Wales to undertake public engagements after his arrival in this country, none of which will be accepted since his medical advisers are strongly of the opinion that he needs a thorough rest and freedom from all responsibility for some time to recover from the fatigue attendant upon his recent tour through India and the Far East. After Cowes he will likely go to Balmoral to stay about a couple of months. As at present arranged the first public engagement to be undertaken by His Royal Highness will be a visit to a great Scout "rally" at the Crystal Palace on the afternoon of Saturday, October 7. The greater part of the winter the prince hopes to devote to hunting, and it will not be until the eastern part of next year that His Royal Highness will really get into harness again.

Roman Bathing Parties. A friend of mine, a young man with a flat in the centre of the East End, and a manlike smothered in invitations, has just been the guest at an unusual entertainment. A few days ago he met at dinner a well-known hostess, who invited him, a little mysteriously, to a "Roman bathing party." He arrived at four, and was ushered by a maid down a

long hall, and through a charming doorway into an amazing chamber containing the reproduction of an old Roman bath, surrounded with dressing boxes. His hostess was already in the water with two or three friends. In the box he found a bathing dress waiting for him, and he soon found himself swimming in the cool water, upon which the sun shone through a glass roof. After the bath he found laid out a set of classical robes, in which he arrayed himself. Then, very conscious of his sandals, he bashfully emerged to find tea arranged on the wide marble at the end of the bath. When he left the house an hour later, clad once more in the garments of the twentieth century, he could hardly believe that he had been no more than a mile from Piccadilly Circus.

Street Fashions. In the Row last Sunday, after morning service, there was a great crush of fashionable gowns, of the very latest and most daringly brilliant and bizarre designs, and a still greater crush of humdrum suburban costumes, that had come to gaze at them. Some of the suburban sightseers of the gentler sex behaved so scandalously, actually stepping up to Lady Vere de Vere to examine her and her toilette as though Lady Vere de Vere had been a mannequin and her expensive gown a public exhibit, that Ascot Sunday may be abolished.

AN INSURANCE AMALGAMATION

An amalgamation has been effected between the insurance companies of Rainnie, Keator, Ltd., of Halifax, and G. E. Fairweather & Son, of this city. The company of Keator, Rainnie, Ltd., which carried on all lines of insurance business, is one of the largest insurance companies in Nova Scotia, and until recently had a branch office in this city. G. E. Fairweather & Son have conducted an insurance business in this city for forty years and in the new company will carry on as general insurance agents and brokers. J. Gillis Keator, of Halifax, was in the city yesterday to complete arrangements in connection with the local office of Prince William street which will be under the management of Edgar H. Fairweather. The new company is considered a strong one and will enjoy the patronage of all who have done business with the amalgamated companies.

EAST ST. JOHN SCOUTS' CAMP.

At a meeting of the Boy Scout troop committee, arrangements were completed whereby the boys of Edith avenue No. 6, under Scoutmaster Lawson and Assistant Scoutmaster Archer, will enjoy a ten day outing at Mipec. This trip will be under the management of the chairman, Mr. Franklin, who, in company with Mr. Lawson, had inspected several of the nearby camp sites and reported Mipec as the ideal spot. The trip is being financed from the troop's camp fund, which fund has grown during the year through the efforts of the scoutmaster, troop committee and boys; also a very generous donation received from an interested lady. Friday night will see the boys under canvas and if the weather is agreeable all should have a good time.

MASQUERADE DANCE.

The Fair Vale Outing Association held a most enjoyable and successful masquerade dance, last night at the club house, which was attended by a large number.

DRY LAW PRAISED BY BUSINESS MEN

How Cities Have Been Benefited—Bank Savings Grow, Fewer Persons Need Charity, Trade is Expanding.

Evanston, Ill., July 18.—Prohibition was declared to be a civic asset by officials of Chambers of Commerce in some of the principal cities of the U. S. in statements sent to the Union Signal, the official publication of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and made public by that organ. The Union Signal quoted the following:—

James S. Cady, secretary of the Minneapolis Association—"Prohibition has proved an economic asset in our community. It has promoted thrift and has been beneficial generally to the interests of our city."

Vance C. Criss, secretary of the Springfield, Mo., Association—"Prohibition has been helpful to the community for the reason that the oncoming generation has not had the access to liquor that was had by young men and boys of four or five years ago. In other words, there would seem to be less opportunity by far for members of the next generation to become addicted to the liquor habit."

Nelson Marshman, associate secretary of the Springfield, Mass., Association—"I believe that prohibition has proved to be an economic asset to this community and that it has promoted thrift among our people. A statement from the various savings banks shows that more people have savings accounts and that the balances are larger."

"The charitable organizations of the city tell me that, taking into consideration the recent business depression, there are fewer people receiving aid than during the time before prohibition. The former saloons in most cases are being used for other lines of business. Prohibition has been, I believe, very beneficial to the general interests of our city."

Pool of Jersey Citizens. William A. Searle, secretary-manager of the Camden, N. J., Chamber of Commerce, took a pool of representative citizens. (Two bankers, a clergyman, an insurance man, a Salvation Army leader, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, chief of police, a large manufacturer, the director of the Bureau of Charities, and his own. The questions and answers follow.)

Has prohibition proved an economic asset to your community? Yes, 7; no, 2; uncertain, 2.

Has it promoted thrift among your people, as indicated by an increase in savings banks deposits and depositors? Yes, 6; no, 1; uncertain, 4.

Are fewer people receiving aid from charity organizations as a result of prohibition? Are there fewer delinquents and dependents in your institutions? Yes, 4; no, 2; uncertain, 3.

Are the buildings formerly occupied by liquor concerns now used for other lines of business? Yes, 10; no, 0; uncertain, 1.

In your judgment has prohibition been beneficial generally to the interests of your city? Yes, 9; no, 1; uncertain, 1. "Uncertainty in regard to questions two and three was due to the fact that unemployment and other factors enter into the question, and the confusing nature of a satisfactory answer," Mr. Searle said.

O. O. McLeish, acting secretary of the Rockford, Ill., Association—"You may place our organization on record as very enthusiastically and energetically favoring both local and national prohibition."

"Rockford was given Camp Grant because it had a record for many years previous of being a temperate town. Of course, immediately following local prohibition we had several buildings vacated, but only temporarily, as they were filled very soon afterwards by the normal expansion of business."

E. W. Porter, secretary of the Concord, N. H., Association—"Prohibition has proved an economic asset to our community. It has promoted thrift among our people and the savings banks depositors are constantly increasing."

"Fewer people are receiving aid from charity organizations and there are fewer delinquents and dependents in our institutions. Buildings formerly occupied by liquor concerns are all used for other lines of business."

"It is my judgment that prohibition has been of the greatest benefit generally to the interests of our city."

GYRO CLUB ELECTIONS.

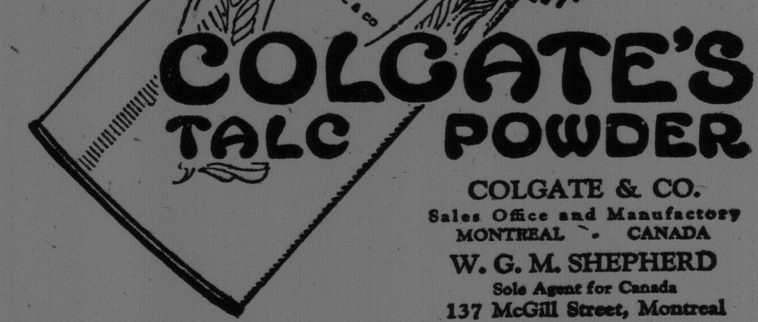
Yesterday's luncheon of the Gyro Club at Bond's was given over to a business session, with G. Sherman Dearborn in the chair. The following were elected additional members to the board of directors:—Alexander I. Machum and G. S. Dearborn, both to serve two years; Charles J. Agar and C. Harold Scott to serve for one year. The following members were elected chairmen of the various committees:—Civic affairs, G. K. Shells; membership, R. S. Stephenson; entertainment, Dr. P. L. Bonnell; affiliations, Rev. A. Gabriel; athletics, Charles Burpee; fines, Harold E. McLean.

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KILLED, 7 WOUNDED IN ROADHOUSE FIGHT

Hold-up of Resort Near Baltimore Followed by Gun Fight—33 Persons Held.

Baltimore, July 19.—A man was killed and at least seven others wounded in a gang fight and robbery at Belle Grove Inn, a resort on the Annapolis road, a few miles out of Baltimore. The dead man has been identified as Michael Cadora of New York, as Moots Dillon of New York and as George Jenkins of Baltimore. At a late hour tonight the police had failed to secure a positive identification. Thirty-three persons, men and women, are in Annapolis Jail, pending further investigation of the shooting. Judge Robert Moss of Annapolis has been asked by the State's Attorney to call a special session of the Grand Jury to investigate the case.

The shooting and hold-up came in the early morning hours, when about 150

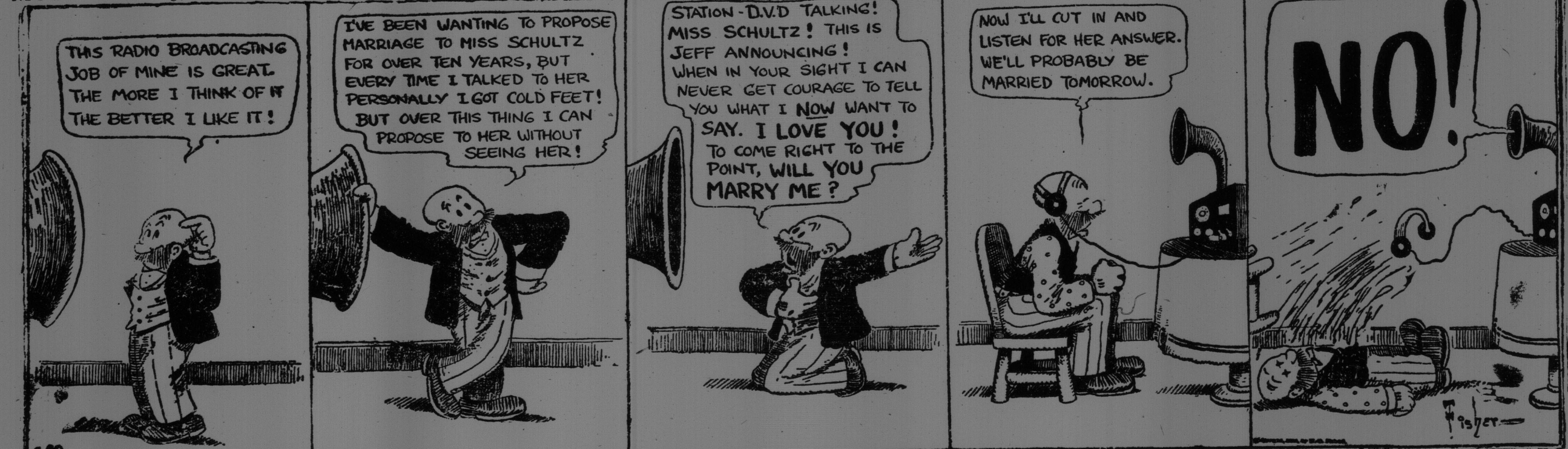
guests were eating and drinking at tables at the roadhouse. Eight men approached the building in automobiles, entered the place and held up William Rosky, the proprietor. The guests came to the aid of Mr. Rosky, and a gun fight which lasted about thirty minutes ensued. More than 100 shots were fired. Between \$500 and \$600 was taken from the cash register and about \$400 from a small safe near-by. As the hold-up-men were going through the cash register the men who have been identified as Jenkins, Dillon and Cadora, is said to have raised a chair as if to strike one of the robbers. Before he could bring it down, a shot was fired and he fell. Other guests then took part in the battle. In a few seconds all of the lights in the building were extinguished, but the fight continued. Gradually the centre of the battle was moved from the large dining room of the inn to the front porch and then it was carried to the grove of trees.

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