

For a clear head

BEECHAM'S PILLS THE NATION'S LAXATIVE

The Paris 'Espionage' Case

HINT OF BRITISH CONNECTION.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Some of the newspapers openly assert to-day that Great Britain is the power for which Marthe Moreuil, the 25 year old Parisienne and former nurse, artist's model, and parachute jumper, was trying to obtain information about French air services.

The young woman is under arrest charged with espionage and there also are in custody three men, James Leather, Fisher Williams, and Ernest Oliver Phillips, who are alleged to have employed Marthe Moreuil. The newspapers assert that Leather and Phillips are Englishmen, the former a lieutenant and other a non-commissioned officer of the regular British army who have been detached in to the intelligence service.

When Marthe Moreuil was questioned by the police, who said she had been extremely active in spying during the past few months, she is said to have told them tips to Ours, Pierrefeu, and St. Raphael aviation bases, and to St. Nazaire, Bordeaux and Ayre.

Tells of Her Doings.

Glibly she is said to have recounted her experiences, to have made a full confession and to have given the names of the three men, who she asserts, had paid for her services. On the strength of this Leather, Williams and Phillips, who conducted a radio store, were arrested. All of them denied the charge.

During the summer at Rennes and Nantes, Marthe Moreuil achieved notoriety by going up in an airplane and jumping from them with a parachute attached to her body. The military authorities had given a card admitting her to flying fields.

The Petit Parisien, which rarely ever editorializes on any subject to-day departs from its usual practice and treats of the espionage case. It asks if governments are going to continue in peace time the miserable game of spying and counter-spying with its long record of swindles and hoaxes.

"The League of Nations Council," it adds, "has not to make peace between the English and the Turks. It is a good opportunity to add to its

agenda peace between the espionage services."

Was Wasting Time.

Henri De Kertillis, the air expert of the Echo De Paris, expresses amusement over the situation. He remarks that if Marthe Moreuil sought information at places mentioned she was wasting time, for all the facts there are public property. He also declares that French air service has no secrets for anybody. He has drawn the attention of the under secretary of aviation, Laurent-Bynac, to the gravity of certain facts. For one thing, French aeronautic workshops were shown from top to bottom to visiting technicians of all nations and French technical reviews which are subject to no sort of control, publish daily drawings and detailed descriptions, not only of the latest planes, engines and special devices, but of projects and inventions still in the experimental stage which ought to remain the secret of laboratories.

The authorities assert that any information which Marthe Moreuil may have obtained was quite inoffensive. The secret police, however, are declared to be annoyed over the publicity given the affair, saying that by it suspects have been warned and given time to destroy all compromising documents.

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Warning the World

It must be difficult sometimes even for his most devoted admirers to follow the tortuous processes of Signor Mussolini's extraordinary mind. His latest restatement in a speech that only a megalomaniac could have delivered, is to warn the world. He announces to the inoffensive universe at large that when "the Fatherland" is threatened from outside two million youths will spring up at a word from their hero in shining armor. But where in all the continents is the nation or Government that has threatened or is likely to threaten the Fatherland? We have never heard a murmur of it. Even the Russian Government, whose mission is commonly supposed to be contra mundum, is creditably reported to be teaching a quite friendly plot with the Fatherland's Father.—London Daily News.

Weighing a Full Stop

MODERN MECHANICAL MARVELS.

As you smoke your cigarette and flick away the paper ash, it is difficult to believe that a thousand cigarette papers piled tightly together would measure no more than one inch high.

Yet the minute thickness of a single sheet can be ascertained easily with a Pratt-Whitney machine, the will measure with perfect accuracy things even one hundred times thinner than a cigarette paper. By its aid you can discover the exact thickness of a housefly's wing—accurate to one-hundred-thousandth part of an inch.

To find out the diameter of a hair from your head is quite clumsy work for a machine of such delicacy, and it might surprise many people to know that a thousand human hairs of ordinary texture, laid side by side as closely as possible, barely stretch an inch.

Monster Sandwiches.

Thousands of tiny particles called corpuscles float about in your blood. They can only be seen under the strongest microscope. But an amazing machine has been invented by which it is possible to cut a blood corpuscle into three equal parts! With this machine you can cut a piece of cheese measuring one inch in each direction into twelve thousand slices, and thus make a monster sandwich, for the cheese would then cover completely a piece of bread ten feet long and eight feet wide.

No less astonishing is an instrument constructed by Lord Blythwood that is used by engineers for drawing parallel lines nearer to one another than you can imagine. On the edge of a sixpence this remarkable machine can draw nearly one hundred separate parallel lines.

Time-measuring instruments have now attained extraordinary perfection. Some years ago, even the finest chronometers could not be relied upon implicitly, and after travelling for a few weeks from land the captain of a ship could not be certain of his longitude within a margin of about fifteen miles or so. To-day these instruments are made so accurately that after a journey right round the world they show no greater variation than one second a week, and sometimes less.

Heat of the Stars.

More wonderful still is an invention of Mr. W. Duddell, by means of which the heat of the stars can be registered. Light from the nearest stars, travelling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, takes many years to reach us, yet the warmest of these far-off bodies give to the earth's heat been measured. So delicate is the instrument that it will even measure the heat from your hand if you hold it ten feet from the instrument. Other marvellous machines have been devised to weigh the stars.

Moving at the rate of one inch every hundred years, which seems almost undetectable, the change in position of "faulds" in coal and other mines can be forecasted with astounding accuracy. An instrument called a cup-micrometer does this, and is so sensitive that it can also check the leakage from a huge water reservoir, even though it amounts to no more than one bucketful in a night.

Errors in Lenses.

Have you ever wondered how the lenses of your eyeglasses are ground so accurately? An instrument called a spherometer is used for detecting errors in the curvature of lenses, and is able to register variations as small as one-hundred-thousandth part of an inch.

Most astounding of all modern mechanical marvels are the scales so exquisitely balanced that it is possible by their aid to weigh things which you would think have no weight at all. If you place a piece of paper in one pan of the scales, for instance, and an equal weight in the other, the beam will tip delicately if you mark a full stop in pencil on the piece of paper.

Here is a delicious supper sandwich—buttered toast; WILSON'S CERTIFIED BACON fried crisp; thin slices of fried tomato; season to taste. dec2,13,ed

British-Americans Get Gold Mine in Siberia.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8. (U.N.)—Kuhn Loeb and Company, in conjunction with British interests, has taken over the Lena goldfields in Siberia, according to a dispatch from Moscow to the Berlin Sketched.

The Lena fields are the largest in Russia, and the new concessionaires have guaranteed an annual production of 131,440 ounces of gold, according to the dispatch, of which the Soviet Government would obtain 7 per cent. A small percentage of other metals mined would go to the state. This tremendous production is expected to have an important effect on the world's supply of gold. The concession stipulates that the fields shall gradually revert to the Soviet Union.

The bacon with a money back guarantee—Wilson's certified. dec2,13,ed

Very clean cooking utensils are necessary to good cooking. dec14,21

Ghost of Romanoffs Disturbs Slumbers of Red Official

WARSAW.—Volkoff, Soviet minister to Warsaw, and his wife are having a hard time breaking into Warsaw's diplomatic society because of his alleged participation in the murder of the Romanoffs.

At first the Polish government was unwilling to accept Volkoff, but when the Soviet officials denied the minister's hands were bloody he was received.

The book of Judge Sokoloff, who investigated the murder, however, included the photograph of a document, alleged to have been signed by Volkoff, asking for gasoline to burn the bodies of the czarist family. It became difficult for diplomats and their wives to ignore this.

Many of the wives declined to meet Madame Volkoff and the matter became the subject of diplomatic representations. At least one Scandinavian government offered apologies to Moscow for the snubbing given Madame Volkoff by the wife of its minister.

Madam Volkoff left Warsaw temporarily and upon her return apparently renounced her social ambitions, with the result that the boycott against her has been relaxed somewhat.

Britain's "Decline"

If it is in truth supposed that Britain is not so great as she used to be, the answer is that she never was. It is averred that she has no future, the answer is that she never had. In Elizabethan days, when all those glorious forces that led to the founding of English-speaking America were just beginning to work, an old chronicler like William Harrison protested that our day was visibly over.

Before Armageddon, with our railway strikes, our suffragette struggles, our threats of Irish civil war, the same view was held. Germany believed it implicitly. If she had not, Armageddon would never have occurred. After it, we only relapsed into our old ways and observers into their old delusions. It became common talk in France, Germany and Italy alike that Britain was ceasing to be a "Great Power"; and our commercial decline was announced, as so often before, but positively for the last time. J. L. Garvin, in the London Observer.



Professor W. Seeley

THE GREAT PHYSICAL DIRECTOR

Will be here in St. John's City until the first of April, 1926; will have a boxing and wrestling school opened now in a few days, where about one hundred pupils and myself will be training every night. Since I have opened my physical school here in the city I have enrolled about three hundred pupils, personal and classes by mail; within the next three months hope to enroll one thousand pupils; will have by the first of January 1926, fifty real strong, well-developed men, some of these men will perform at my next performance. Also have many young girl pupils, who will have the pleasure of seeing them perform later. I have one girl pupil that I am more proud to have her as a pupil, weight 120 lbs. I will put up a side belt, just for the sport of it, one or five hundred dollars that in less than three months she will perform feats of strength that no untrained man in Newfoundland will duplicate. If you weigh four hundred pounds, it is quite alright; this would be a fine chance for you to lose five hundred dollars. Have boy pupils, weight about one hundred pounds, who can perform feats of strength that no untrained man can duplicate, and I don't care how strong you think you are; every untrained man throughout the world is a little child as far as physical strength goes, compared with a scientifically trained man. If you will just call at my office for about three minutes I will convince you that I am telling you the truth; will not hurt you. Don't be a knocker and a quitter, be a real man.

Special Notice—Would like to get a boy weight about one hundred and forty-five pounds, to box one of my pupils, amateur or professional, which will take place at my next performance here in the city in the near future.

Special Notice to all Pupils and Boys on Bell Island—Will spend Monday night, Dec. 14th, on Bell Island, will be at John Garland's training camp early in the evening; will also enroll many pupils. Will be back in St. John's Tuesday the 15th.

PROFESSOR W. SEELEY.
Office: Renouf Building.
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Little Jack Rabbit
by David Cory

Professor Jim Crow is a very wise bird. Oh, a very wise bird is he. When no food is left in the old corn field he flies to the big blue sea.

Yes, he does, as sure as Monday follows Sunday and I'm your Uncle Dave, Little Reader of my stories. And as this learned old blackbird flew out of the last story, he winged his way down to the seashore. Pretty soon he found a clam—not a big clam—just a little one. But, dear me! How was he to open it? He had no knife in his feather pocket—only his Wisdom Book under his wing. So he thought and pondered, and pondered and thought, and having more brains than any of the birds, he suddenly lit upon a plan. Picking up the clam with his feet, he rose in the air and then dropped it kerplunk! on a rock. Smash! went the shell into a dozen smithereens, and the next minute Professor Jim Crow was enjoying a clam feast.

"I must fly back to my Tall Pine Tree to get Mrs. Crow and Blackie," said the thoughtful Professor, and away he flew. Yes, sir. He has a tender heart for his own family, as have all crows, Little Reader. Once in a while they may eat eggs and little birds, but for their own young they have great affection.

And another thing, while your Uncle Dave is on the subject, Crows have regular hours for sleep. Functionally at sundown they go to roost, sometimes as many as a thousand in one place. So don't forget when mother says it's time for bed, to kiss her goodnight, and go to your room without a murmur. Little Jack Rabbit, as soon as he hears the tiny Cuckoo Bird call from her little clock house on the wall:

"Time for bed, You Sleepy Head."

at once kissed Lady Love, his pretty bunny mother, and hops up stairs to dream of jollity and ice cream cones.

"Goodness me, Professor Jim Crow has just complained of the same thing," answered the little rabbit. "Who said them about you?"

"I don't know and I don't care I should worry, I declare. People should say pleasant words when they talk of little birds,"

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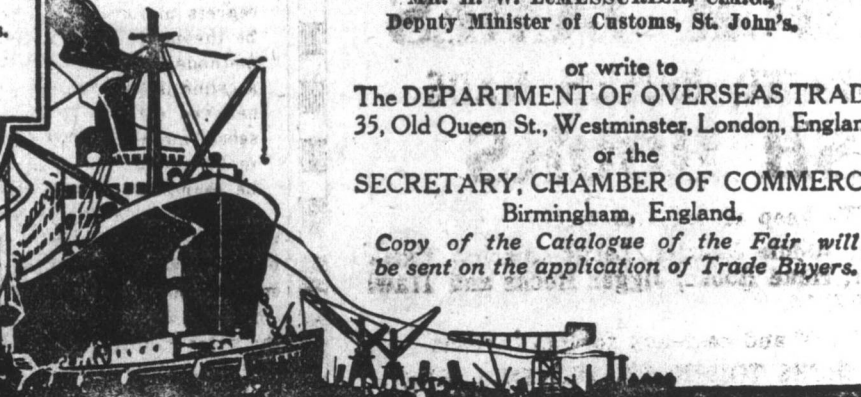
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Abolition of Pridesmaids as Social Economy

LONDON, Dec. 4.—There is a movement afoot to put an end to the quaint and pretty practice of having bridesmaids at weddings.

Being a bridesmaid took too much time and cost too much money, say the debutante.

"We all have so many other and more interesting things to do," she said. "Frocks have to be chosen, and there has never been a frock made that suited all the bridesmaids equally well. Then they have to be fitted usually by the bride's dressmaker, when one would much rather go to one's own. They are usually quite unsuitable for wear afterwards, and hats, when worn, are out of fashion by next season."

A famous London dressmaker who makes many bridal outfits confessed the objection of expense.

"Bridesmaids' dresses may be very expensive indeed if they are made of gold or silver lame with much trimming," she said, "and wreaths or hats cost anything from three to four guineas upwards, according to the fancy of the bride. If a girl has to pay for her dress out of her allowance, she does not want to be bridesmaid more than once."

"I am always being asked to alter bridesmaids' dresses so that they can be worn afterwards," said another dressmaker, "and these fashions for period and mediaeval dresses are very expensive, unpractical and unpopular with bridesmaids."

So that it looks as if there will have to be the corps of professional bridesmaids suggested in "Rudigore."

Whites of eggs will beat more easily if they are thoroughly chilled. There is some indication that capes will be very smart.

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