# Byng of Vimy Will be Head of London Police

## Scotland Yard to Have Canada's Ex-Governor-General at Their Head

### RESULT OF SHAKE UP

**London.—Viscount Byng of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada, and one of the outstanding British Generals during the Great War, will become Commissioner of Police next autumn.**

**Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, to-day told the House of Commons that Sir William Horwood, the present Commissioner, will retire within a few months, and that Viscount Byng would succeed him.**

**Sir William Horwood was connected with the recent inquiry into charges against the police following the arrests of Sir Leo Money and Miss Irene Savidge in Hyde Park, but his retirement has nothing to do with this case.**

**The Government, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, pointed out, aimed at getting the best man possible. Viscount Byng had hesitated greatly before accepting the appointment, but finally accepted it as being a call to duty.**

**Viscount Byng made his great name in the world war, when in November, 1917, as commander of the third army on the west front, he broke the Hindenburg line to a depth of several miles along the St. Quentin line, taking thousands of prisoners. He was elevated to the peerage a year or two later and was appointed Governor-General of Canada in 1921, returning from that post in 1926.**

**This is the first time that an ex-Governor-General of a great Dominion and a member of the House of Lords has been called upon by the King to preside at the Scotland Yard.**

**Viscount Byng will be in control of 20,000 men policing an area of 700 square miles.**

**The Commissioner of Police is direcetly responsible to the Home Secretary, who himself decides what police tax shall be levied upon the metropolitan boroughs and parishes. The police forces in England are controlled by municipal or county police committees, but the State pays half the maintenance costs.**

**Though controlling such a large area, the metropolitan force does not guard the one square mile of London City proper, which is like a little island in the big police area. It possesses its own force, controlled solely by the Corporation of London. This curious arrangement in regard to the financial district is said to work satisfactorily.**

# Twice Go Astray From Fisherman

## Dory Crew Has Second Adventure Within One Week

Canso, N.S.—After 30 hourse of hard rowing, William Kippen and Edward Benham arrived here in their dory recently from Sale Island bank, where they had strayed from the Lunenburg fishing schooner Mary Ruth. The men were none the worse for their long journey, and will be returned to their vessel by the Government steamer Arieux.

This is the second time Kippen and Benham have gone astray from the before they were picked up by the Mary Ruth within a week. A week trawler Good Hope and returned to the schooner.

# Swedish Air Mail to England Starts

Stockholm.—The first Swedish air delivery of mail to England has been successfully completed, despite adverse weather conditions. The Swedish machine took off from Stockholm for Malmoe, in the southern province of Scania, where it awaited the arrival of the mail trains from Stockholm and Gothenburg before proceeding on its way to Hamburg. From Hamburg the machine hopped to Amsterdam and thence on to London. Mail sent from Stockholm in this manner arrives in London the following day in time for distribution for noon.

# Receives Letter After Six Years

## Toronto Man Gets Missive Posted in February 1922

Hamilton, Ont.—A letter posted in Toronto, 40 miles away, six years ago, reached M. Pliskow, leather goods merchants, 125 St. James street north, the other day. The letter was mailed by S. F. McMorran in Toronto on February 11, 1922.

John A. Webber, postmaster, said it was likely that the letter had been delivered to the wrong person in February in 1922, and that that person had evidently failed to remail the letter until a few days ago. Such instances were rare, Mr. Webber declared.

**Labor Leader and Daughters To Visit Canada**

INTIMATE PHOTOS OF RAMSAY MacDONALD AND FAMILY

Canada is soon to be host to Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former British Labor premier, and his three daughters, Ishbel, Sheila and Joan. They left on June 23 to spend a vacation at Lake of the Woods on the Ontario-Manitoba border. They will also visit Lord and Lady Willingdon and Mr. MacDonald will fill a number of speaking engagements. Above are shown Ishbel (at the wheel) who has taken an active part in her father's political campaigns, and her sister Sheila. A full length view of Ramsay MacDonald and Ishbel is also shown.

# Reveals Farmers Aiding Themselves

Aid for the farmers from a governmental agency is a moot point among politicians, but the mid-westerners who have so long clamored for help know how to work together and help each other on their own farms, points out George Godfrey, a farmer writing in the July issue of "Successful Farming."

"The farmers as a community," says the note-book haymaker, "might be likened to a huge family. Everyone is working at the same thing at the same time without any apparent competition except in the speed and quality of the work. Each strives to have his plowing, planting or harvesting done along with the rest. Each does his work slightingly or thoroughly, characteristic of himself. Each keeps a friendly account of the other's progress. Even the hired man is sure to know at just what stage in their work every neighbor is. Farm life has a side of real community living."

"This group of community living," continues Mr. Godfrey in "Successful Farming," "develops a friendliness not found elsewhere. Nowhere in the world is there a finer feeling of friendliness. It is never expressed so much by words as by deeds. We farmers are a class not much given to expressing our sentiments in words. Let misfortune, however, come to one of a farm community and see the expression of sympathy. A neighbor is sick in the spring and is unable to plant his crop. It is done for him by his neighbors, without thought of direct remuneration. Let him break his leg at harvest time and his crop is gathered at a community picnic. All of us that have lived our lives in a farm community know all this. Most of us have felt the unspoken sympathy expressed by kindly hands in time of trouble. Seldom do we consider the fact that this is a condition not often found outside the rural community. We fail to recognize it as another view of the glory and richness of farm life."

# Pays Debts

## Cornelius Vanderbilt Makes Sacrifice To Pay His Debts

Chicago—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., scion of one of America's oldest and foremost families, recently signed a unique legal document in Chicago, by which he relinguishes his inheritance of more than $1,000,000 in order to repay the ostckholders of his defunct newspaper properties.

The money, left to young Vanderbilt by his maternal grandfather, the late Richard T. Wilson, and his paternal grandfather, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, is to be placed in a trust fund for the stockholders.

Previously young Vanderbilt gave up more than $990,000 of his personal fortune to meet issues incurred when the tabloid newspapers in Miami, Los Angeles and San Francisco failed.

# WORLD'S LARGEST LINER BEING BUILT IN BELFAST SHIPYARD

London.—Constrction of the world's largest liner according to a dispatch in the Daily Express from Belfast, has begun in the yards of Harland & Wolff, Limited, for the White Star Line.

An official announcement says that the dimensions are not yet available, but it is understood the vessel will be larger than the Majestic, which is 915 feet long, with a gross tonnage of 56,000. The new liner is expected to be about 1,000 feet long and have a gross tonnage of 60,000. She will take between three and four years to construct and cost £7,000,000. The keel is to be laid this month.

The new liner is to be employed in the passenger service between Southampton and New York. No official information is available as to the type of propelling machinery to be installed.

# Old Port Up-to-Date

## Port of London in Surveying Work, Makes Use of Echo-Sounding Device

London—So far as is known, the Port of London is the only port to make use of the echo-sounding device in its surveying operations. This means of ascertaining the depth of water by sound was utilized as long ago as 1912 in Newfoundland and is now widely used in the deeper ocean waters.

The Port of London has hitherto used the ordinary lead line and while some parts of the river are surveyed only once in five years, in other parts where silting occurs, soundings have to be made frequently. An acoustic sounding machine has now been installed on the St. Katherine, the port's survey vessel, and the lead is used only in shallow waters. In some places, such as Barking Reach, soundings are taken twice a year, this reach being the approach for the big liners to King George Dock.

In water of a depth from 3 to 15 fathoms, obstructions such as abandoned wrecks are more easily detected by the echo sounder, as it has the property of returning a note which indicates an obstruction. With the old lead line an obstruction might be missed, although the area surrounding it has been thoroughly plumbed.

The advantages of the echo sounder over the hand plummet are: An increased frequently of soundings in a ratio of 10 to 1; a more thorough examination, owing to this increased frequency; a ready response to an obstruction and an indication of its height which is impossible with the plummet; the ability to take soundings in rough weather, and the reduction in the time taken or a survey, thus adding to the scope of the ship's operations.

# Economics Take Place of War in New China

## Reconstruction Key Note of Southern Policy—Chihli Province Renamed

Shanghai—Developing the move to strip Peking of all vestiges of capital importance and make Nanking the new government seat the Nationalist Government decided to rename Peking as Peiping, and also reorganize the present metropolitan area. It further decided to rename Chihli province, in which Peking is located, Hopeh, meaning north of the Yellow River, the present name having a bearing on the Manchu conquest which the Nationalists dislike.

It is reported that Dr. C. T. Wang, the new Foreign Minister, will request the powers to send representatives to Nanking. Chiang Kai-shek is leaving Nanking for Peking to confer with Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan and discuss the northern situation in an effort to compose the differences splitting these two leaders, over the division of influence, which is likely to cauuse further trouble unless it is settled.

With the military campaign practically completed the Finance Minister, T. V. Soong, has called an economic conference here of financiers, economists and industrialists to decide on a scheme of national policy. Mr. Soong declared that with the capture of Peking the Nationalist Government can now divest itself of war "psychology" and devote its efforts toward reconstruction.

### Ain't It the Truth!

Sir: Baron Gunther von Huenefeld declares he is not beautiful enough to be a matrimonal prospect, but, if beauty counted that much, most of the husbands I see running around this town would still be single men. Hoping you are the same.—The Duchess of Dougall Av.

### Try This On Your Tonsils

The helpful editor of the Rolls County, Missouri, Record, has an effective test for bootleg likker. Place, he says, a ten-penny nail in the liquor and deave it for a day. If the nail comes out rusty, it is fit to drink. If it becomes bent in the middle you had better leave it alone.

# King John's Signature of Magna Charta Commemorated at Island of Runnymede

London.—The annual commemoration of King John's signature of Magna Charta in 1215 took place at the little island of Runnymede on the Thames on Sunday. Baroness Ravensdale, who described herself as "the first woman to speak on this historic ground," declared that a new Archbishop Langton is required today "to excommunicate those distinguished barons who bar the door" against women's entry to the House of Lords.

The celebrations, accompanied by a religious service, were attended by representatives of many denominations and friendly societies. The event is of special interest this year owing to the fact that July 9 marks the seventh centenary of Stephen Langton, whose assistance is generally regarded as having been the deciding factor in enabling the barons to force John to sign the charter.

An appeal has recently been renewed that Runnymede should be turned int oa sort of national park.

The Coalition Government in 1921 placed the site on the market, but a popular outcry prevented its being split into lots for the erection of bungalows. The present Government has promised never to sell the island, but presumably the decision could be reversel unless the island is definitely acquired for the nation.

# Urge Premier King to Attend League

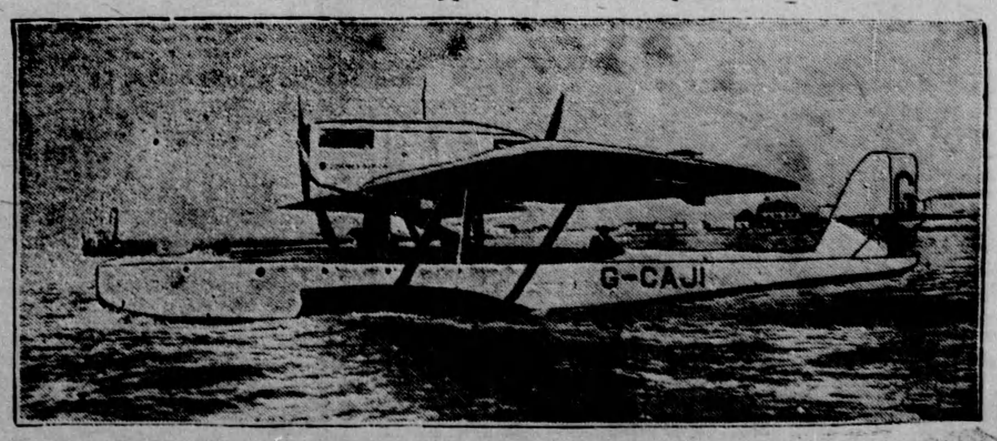
## Colleagues Say He Should Represent Canada at Meeting

Ottawa.—Efforts are being made by his colleagues in the Cabinet and by others outside to have Premier King go to Geneva in September as Canadian representative at the League of Nations Assembly. Canada has always been represented there but never by a head of the Government.

Stress is laid on the fact that last year Canada was given a seat in the League Council and at the meeting. Meanwhile Senator Dandurand has filled it. In fact the Senator for years has been one of the delegates to the League and is a former head of the Assembly.

It is being represented that an English-speaking minister should go to the League Council this year and the Prime Minister is being urged to do so, but he is said to be disinclined.

**A New Type of Ocean Transport**




CAPT. COURTENAY'S TRANSATLANTIC EXPEDITION SEAPLANE AT PISA

It was here that the British airman formerly accepted the machine after giving it thorough tests. It's radio call is G-CAJI and a well equipped station is housed aboard. Doubtless many amateur radio operators will be picking up this station soon.

# Clever Swindlers Make Big Haul

## Get Away With $750,000 on Forged Bills of Exchange From London and Continental Banks

### Biggest Thing in Years

London.—British and continental banking circles, thirsting for justice, have called on Scotland Yard and the Belgian and French police for the swift capture of a clever gang of swindlers who have mulcted British, Belgian and French banks of $750,000 in recent days.

Not since the famous Bidwell gang came to London from the U.S. 65 years ago and induced the Bank of England to part with $500,000 for forged bills of exchange have the bankers been so alarmed.

The present swindlers began their activities in London only recently. Within the last few days several banks in West London were presented with forged letters of credit on large amounts, all of which they honored except in one instance. This incident almost resulted in the capture of the cheaters in a similar manner as the Bidwell quartette, who were arrested when they presented an undated letter of credit for $125,000.

The banker told the member of this modern gang to return later while he examined the $50,000 bill of exchange, but the swindler failed to appear. At other banks, however, they were eminently successful and reaped a harvest of $300,000 in London alone.

When things got too hot for them in England they chartered an airplane at Croydon and flew to Brussels, where they fleeced Belgian banks in a similar manner to the sum of $100,000.

Chief Constable Wensley, of Scotland Yard, believes that a member of the criminal organization is employed in an Italian bank where the drafts are supposedly issued on London banks.

The British authorities describe one of the criminals as a native of Brazil or some other South American country. He is believed to be an international crook who has been convicted of similar frauds in France and the U.S. His name and description have been telegraphed to the Belgian police, who replied he was seen in Brussels soon after the arrival of the Croydon airplane. Close watch is being kept at all continental and English cities, seaports and airdromes.

# British Pupils to Visit Canada

## Party of 25 Young Ladies from Secondary Schools on Tour

An educational party of unusual interest will travel throughout the Dominion, following their arrival at Quebec on August 11, and continuing until their reparture from the same port on October 19, and during the interval they will cover the country from Halifax to Victoria, taking in all the important communities. This party will consist of 25 pupils of the public secondary schools of England, whose litinerary has been arranged through the enterprise of the Society for Overseas Settlement of British Women, aided by the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire and the Children of the Empire (Junior Branch).

The young ladies will come from upper class homes and will be students of such colleges as Cheltenham and Rodean. The purpose of the trip is educational, and while in Canada all hospitality will be provided by the I.O.D.E. (

The students will range in age between 17 and 19 years. Travelling to Canada they will be in charge of Miss Edith Thompson, head of the All-English women's hockey team.

# Canadian Secures Aztec Manuscript

## John Cornyn Makes Valuable Finds During Mexican Tour

Mexico City.—John Cornyn, Canadian, well known as an Aztec ethnologist, who has returned from a two months tour for leading Canadian and United States libraries, declares that he discovered 33 unrecorded Aztec manuscripts of great historic value. Among them is a Spanish-Latin Aztec dictionary written by Sahagun, famous scholar of the Aztecs during the days of the conquest of Mexico, which was believed to be in existence by local historians who did not, however, know where it was.

Among the documents, Cornyn says he has found three Aztec plays.

### Reported Executions Denied

Washington—The Press reports from Canton relating the execution of large numbers of young Chinese boys and girls because of Communistic beliefs are denied in a cablegram from Gen. Li Chai-sum to Dr. C. C. Wu, representative of the Chinese Nationalist Government in this country. Press reports of execution in Canton of young girls and boys on account of Communism entirely untrue," the cablegram read.