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London.—Travelers to and from the tube station at Trafalgar Square have had to walk some distance in the subterranean tunnel to reach their trains for over a year past. But now the sound of hammers and pneumatic drills has ceased and the fine new hall and escalators have been opened. The lifts which have been in use for 20 years have done their last trip and the station, when the finishing touches have been added, will be right up-to-date.

The Bakerloo was one of the first of London's tube railways and though Trafalgar Station now deals with 4,000,000 passengers yearly, the new arrangements are capable of dealing with double that number. Another great convenience which is in course of construction is a public subway from the station to Cockspur Street under the very wide maze of traffic crossings which goes on above.

To remove fat from soup or gravy, strain through a cloth that has been soaked in cold water.

**S.S. LESSON**

June 20. Judah's Plea, Gen. 44: 18 to 45: 15. Golden Text—A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—Ps. 51: 17.

**ANALYSIS.**

I. JUDAH'S INTERCESSION, 44:18-34.  
II. JOSEPH MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN, 45:1-15.

**INTRODUCTION**—The intervening chapters, between our last lesson and this, tell of the imprisonment of two of Pharaoh's officers in the same prison with Joseph, and of his interpretation of their dreams, then of Pharaoh's dream two years later and Joseph's summons to interpret it, of his astonishing exaltation to high rank and power in Egypt, his preparation of stores of food for the years of famine, and the beginning of the famine. The story then turns to Jacob and his sons, who were also in the midst of famine conditions in Canaan. The brothers come down to Egypt to buy food, and are recognized by Joseph, but they do not recognize him. On their return journey they are much puzzled and alarmed at finding their money returned to them hidden in their sacks of corn. They are also disturbed by the fact that they have been taken for spies, and have been told that to prove their innocence, when they come again, they must bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, Joseph's full brother, with them. Some time later, pressed by hunger, they come again, bringing Benjamin. This time they bring a present of the products of their land for the ruler of Egypt, and a double supply of money. They are treated with unusual consideration, are entertained by Joseph at the noon-day meal, and sent on their homeward way.

I. JUDAH'S INTERCESSION, 44:18-34.

V. 18. *Then Judah came near.* The two previous verses show that Judah is convinced of Benjamin's guilt. Joseph's silver divining cup had been found in Benjamin's sack. He attempts no excuse, but admits that the Lord of Egypt, whose hospitality they have thus abused, has a right to hold them all as bondmen. Joseph insists upon keeping Benjamin only. Had the brothers been without natural feeling with regard to their aged father and Benjamin, his youngest and much loved son, they would have consented to this, glad to get off so easily. Judah, however, speaking both for himself and the others, shows genuine and very deep feeling. "In a speech of singular pathos and beauty, remarkable not less for grace and persuasive eloquence than for frankness and generosity, he makes a personal appeal on Benjamin's behalf, explaining how all had happened from the beginning, he entreats Joseph to have compassion on the feelings of an aged father, and to allow him to remain as bondman himself in his brother's stead." (Driver.)

V. 19. *Even as Pharaoh.* He regards Joseph as like the king in authority and dignity.

V. 20. *Of his mother.* Both Joseph

and Benjamin were sons of Rachel. Judah assumes that Joseph is already dead, or in bondage somewhere and as good as dead.

V. 25. *And our father said.* See 43: 1-14.

V. 32. *Thy servant became surety.* See 43:9. Judah feels the sacredness of the pledge which he gave, that he would bring Benjamin back in safety to his father.

II. JOSEPH MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN, 45:1-15.

V. 3. *Doth my father yet live?* Here, as in many other parts of the Pentateuch, there seems to be a combination of two ancient stories. The whole of chap. 44 is taken from one of these stories, the first part of chap. 45 from the other. This accounts for the question here, which does not take into account the fact that Judah, in the previous chapter, has spoken of his father as yet living.

V. 5. *Be not grieved.* The brothers are, no doubt, both dismayed and conscience-stricken. Joseph treats them with magnanimous and unreserved forgiveness. He declares that God had overruled what they had done for good. *God sent me before you to preserve you (v. 7).* Compare the story as told in Acts 7:9-14.

V. 8. *A father to Pharaoh.* The expression used means simply a counselor. Compare Isaiah 22:21. The king of Egypt here mentioned is generally believed to have been one of the so-called Hyksos, or Shepherd Kings, who ruled over Egypt at some period, not exactly determined, between 2,000 and 1,600 B.C. They were Semites, not native Egyptians, who invaded Egypt from the east. Their capital city was somewhere in the Delta, the northern part of the country. They may have recognized in the Hebrews a kindred race, and may have welcomed their coming and shown them peculiar favor on that account. The land of Goshen (v. 10), was in the north-eastern corner of Egypt, not far from the Asiatic boundary, where there is said to have been some of the best pasture land in Egypt.

**MISSING PROSPECTORS DISCOVERED IN WOODS**

**Porcupine and Chipmunks Had Furnished Subsistence for Two Weeks.**

Lindsay.—Weatherhead and Solomon, the two missing Toronto prospectors, who have been lost since May 24, in the woods of Haliburton, were found by a trapper, George Boyce, near Hollow Lake. They had been subsisting on wild game and also on some food found in an abandoned camp near the lake. They are both in good condition, although worried with being lost and very tired with tramping.

The two men existed for two weeks and a half on porcupines and a few chipmunks. According to their own story, they must have tramped over 500 miles to the camp at Boudy Lake, at the edge of Hollow Lake, where they took shelter in an abandoned lumber camp owned by Mick and Diamant. Nevertheless they were only 10 miles from the camp at Greazie Lake, from which they wandered on May 24. It took a day for them and their guide to brush their way out through the dense forest, as there are no roads. Their alarm of rifle shots could not be heard and fires would be dangerous in the thick forest.

**Plane Trip to Continent Popular With Newlyweds**

London.—Flying has become so popular with the newlyweds that facetious observers of the tendency of the "just-marrieds" to take to the air are suggesting it soon will be necessary to add a "Honeymoon Special" to the Continental airway schedule. Two or three couples, patently not long since at the hymenal altar, are not infrequently to be found traveling in a plane to the Continent.

The men are usually the more backward in boarding the air expresses, airdrome officials say. The brides seldom show any signs of balkiness at essaying the experience.

**Cutworms Are Menace to Crops in Saskatchewan**

Regina, Sask.—Serious damage to growing crops by the "pale western" and ordinary "red back" cutworms, are reported from various points in Saskatchewan. The full extent of the damage done is not clearly known at present, but K. M. King, federal entomologist, has returned from a visit to Kronau and Lakeport-Lajord districts and reports that about 1,000 acres of wheat have been wholly or partially destroyed in those districts. Other outbreaks of cutworms are reported from Abernethy, Ba-carres, Tregarva, Young and Richardson.

**Death of Missionary Brings Eventful Career to a Close**

Regina, Sask.—By the death of Rev. R. Hyde, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dockray, here, Canada loses one of its oldest missionaries.

At the age of 83, the life of a man who took part in the Fenian raid, traveled Manitoba in an ox-cart as a missionary, pioneered in Saskatchewan, 1901, and lived for 75 years in Canada, was closed among the surroundings he loved so well in his last years.

Still waters run deep, but there is no music like the laugh of a swift-running brook over tickling pebbles.

**TO PRESERVE BEAUTY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

International Board is Appointed by Canada and United States.

Ottawa.—An international board to study preservation of the scenic beauty of Niagara Falls. Agreement to this end has been reached between the Governments of the United States and Canada, the board consisting of: Canada—J. T. Johnston, Director of Water Power and Regulation; Dr. Charles Campbell, Deputy Minister of Mines.

United States—Major D. C. Jones, United States Corps of Engineers, Buffalo; J. Horace McFarland, former President of the American Civic Association.

The board will not consider the question of allocation as between Canada and the United States, of any additional power which could be made available. This is a matter reserved for subsequent negotiation.

"While the investigation which has been agreed upon by the two governments has primarily in view the study of the conditions which have been, and are adversely affecting the scenic beauty of the Falls, with a view to designing such remedial works as are feasible for the protection of the Falls from further erosion, and for the preservation of their scenic beauty. The study will also include an investigation into the total amount of water which, in conjunction with the restoration and maintenance of the scenic beauty of the Falls, could be released for the development of power. The board will not consider the question of allocation as between Canada and the United States of any additional water which it may find could be made available. This is a matter reserved for subsequent negotiation."

**Canadians Ratify Four Conventions**

London.—The Canadian Government has formally ratified four conventions relating to seamen's welfare, adopted at different annual sessions of the International Labor Conference of the League of Nations, these being the first formal ratifications to be received from Canada, it is announced here.

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adopted at the second session of the conference held at Genoa in 1920, and referred to the fixing of the minimum age of employment at sea at 14 and the payment of unemployment indemnity to seamen in the case of loss or foundering of their ship. The other two were adopted at the third session in Geneva in 1921 and referred to the

fixing of the minimum age for employment as trimmers and stokers at 18, and the compulsory medical examination of children employed on board ship. The last three conventions were ratified in March by Great Britain.

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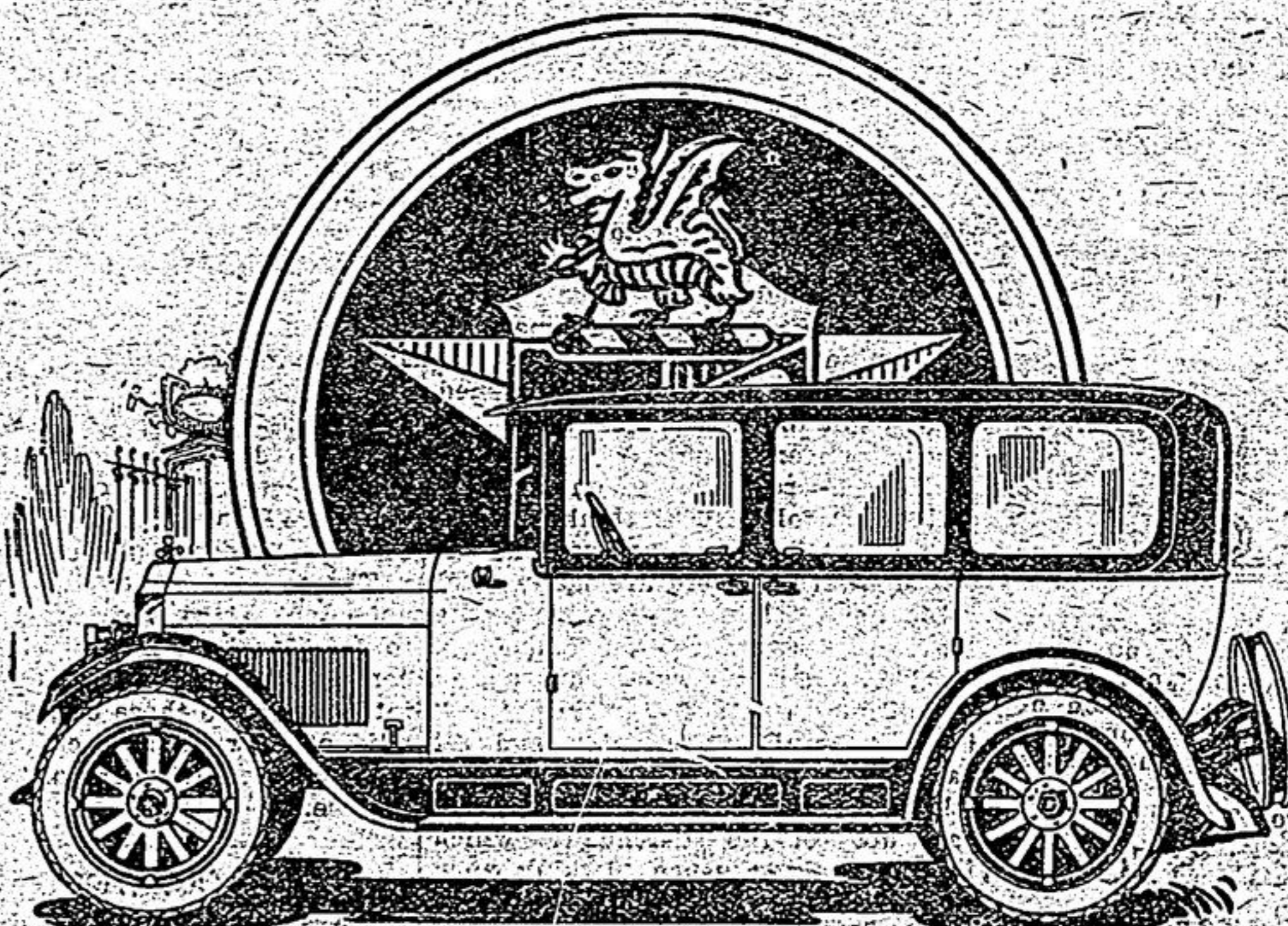
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