B.M.A. RETORT TO A CORONER

MOTHERS ARE SAFE AT HOME

TWO DEATHS—AND 11,000 EAST-END BABIES

"UNWARRANTED ATTACK ON LONDON DOCTORS"

DR. ALFRED COX, THE MEDICAL SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, IN A LETTER TO THE "DAILY EXPRESS," REPLIES TO STATEMENTS MADE BY DR. EDWIN SMITH, CORONER FOR WEST LONDON, AND FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS A GENERAL PRACTITIONER, ON THE QUESTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.

In an interview in the "Daily Express" on Wednesday, headed "Mothers Who Need Not Have Died," Dr. Edwin Smith, referring to the fact that 3,000 women die every year in childbirth in Great Britain, said, among other things:—

"Nearly all the mothers who die are those who have their babies in their own homes.

"The sooner this country realises that childbirth should take place only in medically expert institutions, the better it will be for our future generations."

Dr. Alfred Cox's reply is as follows:—

To the Editor of the "Daily Express."

SIR,—Your article in the "Express" of the 13th instant headed, "Mothers Who Need Not Have Died," is one which demands notice from the medical profession.

I do not know whether Dr. Edwin Smith's desire is to frighten women who are about to have babies and make them believe that to go to childbed is more dangerous than going into war, or whether he wants to keep the birth-rate down.

His statements are admirably calculated to fulfil either purpose, but they show a lack of knowledge of the facts which should have prevented him from ventilating his opinions.

TWO OBJECTS

His remarks seem to be directed mainly to two objects, first, to persuade the public that the ordinary family doctor is unfit to attend confinements; secondly, that every pregnant woman ought to go into an institution.

What are the facts?

The British Medical Association, after careful and detailed consideration of this problem, is definitely of opinion that the normal midwifery case can safely be attended at home.

If you want evidence of this you need go no further than the East End Maternity Hospital, situated in a poor district of London, which, with its district service under the supervision and direction of its medical officers, carried out during the year 11,196 deliveries in the homes of the women concerned. There were only two deaths.

Further confirmation may be found in the recent report on maternal mortality by the Department of Health for Scotland. This gives, on page 29, an analysis of the maternal deaths in Aberdeen over a period of ten years, and the inquiry shows no definite relationship between the environmental condition and puerperal deaths.

My own experience in twenty years of general practice was that I attended some 2,000 cases with five deaths, and there are very many medical men in this country who could show a similar or better record. All these cases of mine were attended in the patients' own homes, many of them very poor and some of them filthy. And one bears my mind back to those years I remember that all the deaths occurred in houses which were by no means the worst of those I visited.

"IMPRACTICABLE"

Dr. Smith's suggestion that all births should take place in medically expert institutions is quite impracticable. In the first place there are not the institutions, and, secondly, the removal of the average mother from her home and her family creates serious difficulties at home which would make most of the mothers very loth to be removed into an institution.

In making these remarks I do not wish to gloss over the fact that there are many maternal deaths which should never happen. Medical men are as much concerned in this problem as any other section of the community, and they have given a great deal of attention to the subject during recent years.

We believe, and the B.M.A. has urged on the Ministry of Health, that there should be a national maternity service scheme which would provide for every case—

(a) The services of a qualified midwife to act either as midwife or as maternity nurse in co-operation with the doctor;

(b) A doctor to carry out ante-natal and post-natal examinations in every case and to attend whenever it may be found necessary;

(c) A consultant service available whenever required by the doctor in attendance; and

(d) The provision of hospital beds for such cases as need institutional care.

I consider that Dr. Smith's attempt to scare the women of this country into a belief that childbirth is a danger to be avoided at all costs is a distinct disservice to the community, in addition to being an unwarranted attack upon the great body of general practitioners of the country.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary, British Medical Association.

FIVE-DAY-WEEK FOR U.S.

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 15.—The institution of a five-day week for "some phases of industry" is necessary for any recovery from the prevailing depression in the opinion of Mr. Hoover.—Reuter.

WOMEN DRIVERS will compete for the first time in the 1,000-mile race at Brooklands on June 3 and 4. *Mrs. T. H. Wisdom and (right)* Miss Joan Richmond will take turns at the wheel.

NEW ATTACK ON SIR H. DETERDING

HE OFFERS TO BE WITNESS AGAINST MME. HANAU

"LET THEM SEND FOR ME"

"Daily Express" Special Correspondent.

ASCOT, Friday.

"I STAND by my challenge. Let the Sûreté Général in Paris send for me. As surely as I stand here I will go and give evidence against Mme. Hanau and her group."

I had shown Sir Henri Deterding, head of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, a translation of a vigorous attack on him published in Paris to-day in "Forces," the financial newspaper formerly directed by Mme. Hanau and now published under the heading "Directed by the collaborators and friends of Marthe Hanau in prison."

This was the substance of Sir Henri's reply, and he gave it with emphasis, marching up and down before the fire-place of his study in his country home near here, in the same way as he had related to me the story of his two years' persecution last Sunday night.

One of the charges against Mme. Hanau, who was recently arrested in Paris, is that she manipulated the stock exchange by false rumours concerning Sir Henri Deterding and his group of companies.

"ENEMY OF FRANCE"

Now "Forces," reprinting the exclusive interview published last Monday in the "Daily Express," accuses Sir Henri of being an enemy of France, of withholding vital statements of his companies' investments, and of secret dealings with M. Tardieu, the French Premier, when he was Minister of the Interior.

"Enough of bluff; enough of cynicism! Make way, you and your French and international business adventurers, who are in your pay," the article in "Forces" declares. "Off with you!"

Sir Henri read through the report. He shrugged his shoulders; his eyes hardened.

"I have been criticised by my friend, for making my position public," he declared, "but it must come out. These are facts that must be faced—I know that!

"And if I go into the witness-box"—here he reiterated his determination "to do to it sent for"—"then I shall be able to say much more than I can in the present circumstances.

"These people should be ignored if it were not for the misery and damage they cause. Such things as this article really deserve nothing more than contempt.

SIR HENRI'S NOTE

"But the whole subject is before the public now; so let every fact become known."

Sir Henri then borrowed my pencil, and taking the typescript of the Paris message which I had handed to him, went to his desk and began writing on the back of the "copy."

After a few minutes he handed back the paper to me. This is what he had written:—

"I don't mind in the least if you care to publish anything that is published by such a criminal character. All I can say is that it does not even deserve comment.

"It is on a par with the statements of the Bolshies, who deny that there is such a thing as misery in Russia or that it is not a paradise for the working man.

"The whole world says differently, but the Soviet says, 'We are the only people who tell the truth.'"

Sir Henri gave me this promise as I left:—

"If they want me to go to Paris I shall go, and my evidence will give these people something to think about."

GRANDFATHER WINS A CAR

Mr. A. C. Sheppard, a retired business man, of Monahan-avenue, Purley, Surrey, has won the seventy-second Austin car for the best Kensitas cigarette slogan.

"I have a grandchild out in Toronto," he said, "and she will be glad to hear I have won something wherewith to enjoy my leisure days. I am sixty-nine years old, so you see a car is a useful win at this time of life."

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ALL-UNDER-20 GIRLS FOR TENNIS TRIALS

MISS STAMMERS, MISS SCRIVEN AND MISS HEWITT

Miss Kathleen Stammers, Miss Peggy Scriven, and Miss Sheila Hewitt will be invited by the Lawn Tennis Association to take part in the final Wightman Cup trials at Wimbledon in June.

The omission of these three promising young players from the trials now proceeding at Queen's Club created surprise.

Miss Stammers, Miss Scriven, and Miss Hewitt are all under twenty years of age. Miss Scriven astounded Wimbledon last year by reaching the last eight, beating Miss E. H. Harvey, Miss Mary Heeley, and Miss Joan Ridley, before going down to the champion of France, Mme. Mathieu.

Miss Stammers, a left-hander with a powerful drive, won the Surrey hard courts singles championship last Saturday after beating three Wightman Cup internationalists, and Miss Hewitt last year won the junior championship singles of Great Britain, beating Miss Stammers in the final.

CARNERA

BOXER TO DEFEND BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

Primo Carnera, the giant Italian boxer, has instructed his solicitor to defend the action for breach of promise of marriage entered by Miss Emilia Tersini, formerly a waitress in a Soho restaurant.

Before leaving Croydon on a flight to Paris on Thursday, Carnera instructed Mr. O. L. Richardson, solicitor, of Thanet House, Strand, to enter an appearance on his behalf. The action cannot be tried until the Michaelmas law sittings.

Carnera is now on his way to Turin, where he is to meet Pierre Charles, the heavy-weight champion of Belgium.

HOT WATER DANGER

DOCTOR ON "BATHROOM HABITS OF WOMEN"

Dangerous bathroom habits of women were spoken of at Southwark Coroner's Court yesterday by the medical superintendent of Guy's Hospital at the inquest on Elsa Madeleine Bache, aged twenty-eight, a probationer nurse at the hospital, who died from scalds.

"If you know the habits of nurses and women in general," said the superintendent, "you know that they turn on the hot water tap and go away for a chat. Meanwhile the bath fills with boiling water and cold water has to be added to make it bearable. The waste is terrific."

He added that a million gallons of water are used at Guy's every week.

The deputy coroner, Mr. C. G. Moran: I am afraid some of us do not obey the simple safety rule of putting cold water into the bath first.

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was recorded.

Top-Hat Comedy In German Fascist Riots

"Daily Express" Correspondent.

BERLIN, Friday, April 15.

GRAVE unrest has now taken the place of the quiet resignation which first followed the disbandment of the Fascist storm troops.

Almost everywhere there have been demonstrations by excited Fascists in protest against what they consider the entirely one-sided measure of the Government in disbanding the storm troops of the Fascist Party while leaving the Reichsbanner organisation, the private army of the Socialist leaders, intact.

In Karlsruhe, Goettingen, Chemnitz, Brunswick, Neuwied, Breslau, and many other towns and villages throughout Germany there has been fighting and rioting in the last twenty-four hours. A large number of people were injured, three seriously, while two were killed.

In Karlsruhe the rioting was so serious that the police erected barbed wire barricades, shutting off an entire portion of the city from the rest, while the main traffic arteries of the town remained closed almost all last night. Police made continual truncheon charges on the crowd, bludgeoning indiscriminately Fascists and non-Fascists.

In Wuppertal disbanded members of the Fascist storm troops demonstrated in top hats instead of their uniform caps. They caused much laughter at the expense of the police who, threatening the Fascists with their revolvers, confiscated the top hats on the ground that they represented a substitute for the forbidden uniform.

In Brunswick and Breslau Fascists attempted to take by storm Socialist newspaper offices, but were repulsed by the police.

A correspondent of the "Berliner Zeitung am Mittag" points out that it was not until Thursday morning that the German public heard of the decision for the disbandment of the Hitler storm troops—while the "Daily Express" had twenty-four hours before been able to inform its readers of the wording of the disbandment decree, thanks to the information of its Berlin correspondent, Sefton Delmer, who got them by telephone direct from the Brown House in Munich (Hitler's headquarters).

"Thus," says the correspondent, "a strange fact was revealed—that the Brown House already, on the evening of April 12, was in possession of a copy of the important emergency decree, even if only in its original form."

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'GANGSTER CHIEF MURDERED

CAR RACE AGAINST EXECUTIONERS

MACHINE-GUN HAIL

"Daily Express" Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Friday, April 15.

RACING for his life over rough country roads, with machine-guns spitting death behind him, Tommy Hayes was "rubbed out" in typical gangland fashion last night.

Two members of his bodyguard, Jiggery Bechler and Willie Gilbert, preceded him in death.

Hayes, lord of gangdom in Illinois, and former chief of the Cuckoo gang of St. Louis, was found perforated with bullets in his motor-car near an exclusive country club.

The bodies of his protectors were found in another car several miles away.

CRIME RECONSTRUCTED

Police, from these facts, thus reconstructed the triple gang murder:—

Hayes was driving along the dark road alone, with his bodyguard following in another car.

The killers first disposed of the bodyguard, then raced through the night after Hayes. The gang chief, either before or after his death, crashed into a fence, wrecking the machine.

Police believe that several car loads of enemy gangsters followed Hayes and his companions from Chicago, where they have been staying recently.

Hayes, it is said, was marked for death by the Cuckoos—his one-time followers.

Police also were seeking the gang leader for alleged participation in two murders, and for a kidnapping in St. Louis. He had also been suspected in connection with the assassination of two men in a beer garden in last St. Louis a year ago, and was arrested on suspicion after the kidnapping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelly, a prominent St. Louis physician, but was released.

"THE BABY IS ALIVE"

RENEWED HOPE OF CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS

NEW YORK, Friday, April 15.—"Information furnished to us indicates that the baby is alive and well."

This announcement, made to-day by the Rev. Dobson Peacock on behalf of himself and other Lindbergh intermediaries, gives renewed hope that contact may soon be re-established with the kidnappers.

This feeling is strengthened by an appeal to the Press which Colonel Lindbergh has made to-day asking that his representatives should be permitted to come and go without being followed. The deduction is made that the colonel feels that he is again about to get into touch with the kidnappers.—Reuter.

'HELEN OF TROY'

TO SAIL FROM GENOA WITH DR. SEARLE

"Daily Express" Correspondent.

SOUTHAMPTON, Friday.

Dr. Searle and Mrs. Place ("Helen of Troy") and her daughter did not sail to-day, as expected, in the German liner Watussi, but their luggage did, and they themselves will join the ship at Genoa.

Cabins 100 and 105 in the intermediate class have been reserved for them. There were twenty-one pieces of luggage consigned to Mombasa in the name of Madan, and they were placed on board the ship with great secrecy.

BACK TO VARIETY

Negotiations are on foot to turn the London Palladium, once a variety house, and at present a cinema, into a theatre for modern continuous variety or high-class revue.

A number of syndicates are involved, but the final decision has not yet been made.

RIDDLE OF CREDITS FOR RUSSIA

ORDERS WAITING THAT TOTAL £4,000,000

WHEAT CROP FAILURE

"Daily Express" Special Representative.

WHAT is the mystery underlying the credit difficulties which are causing Arcos, Ltd., the Soviet trading agency, to delay placing important orders among British manufacturers?

It is announced that Arcos has orders aggregating £4,000,000 available for allocation in Britain in the immediate future.

Official representatives of the Soviet import organisations are now in this country endeavouring to negotiate large orders for railway equipment, electrical plant, and machinery.

It is understood that the delay in completing negotiations arises through the Soviet representatives requiring a minimum credit period of eighteen months, while the utmost that British manufacturers can give, with Government assistance, is a year.

SHORTER CREDITS

Between July and October of last year there was no difficulty in obtaining a Government guarantee, through the Exports Credits Guarantee Department, of eighteen months. The department now appears to have changed its attitude, and will not guarantee credits for a period longer than a year.

The private organisation which has successfully specialised in credit insurance has received a great number of inquiries to underwrite long-term credit risks in Russia. I understand that all this business is being declined on the ground that the risk cannot be gauged, and should not therefore be undertaken by a private concern.

Uncertainty regarding the position in Russia is being increased by the sensational failure of her wheat crop.

Russian exports of wheat to this country last month were almost negligible at £3,785, compared with no less than £555,901 in March 1931. The total for the quarter ended March 31 amounts to only one-fifth of the amount for the corresponding quarter of last year.

JOYCE WETHERED TO WRITE FOR "SUNDAY EXPRESS"

Bobby Jones was once asked by a fulsome fellow:—

"Who, excepting yourself, Bobby, is the greatest golfer in the world?"

To which Bobby gallantly, and doubtless meaning every word, replied—"You get that wrongly. What you ought to say is who, excepting Miss Joyce Wethered, is the greatest golfer in the world!"

"The greatest golfer in the world" this week joined the staff of the "Sunday Express."

Week by week throughout the golf season she will show the golfers of the world, through the "Sunday Express," how she became the incomparable star of golf, and how they, too, can rise to eminence in their own clubs.

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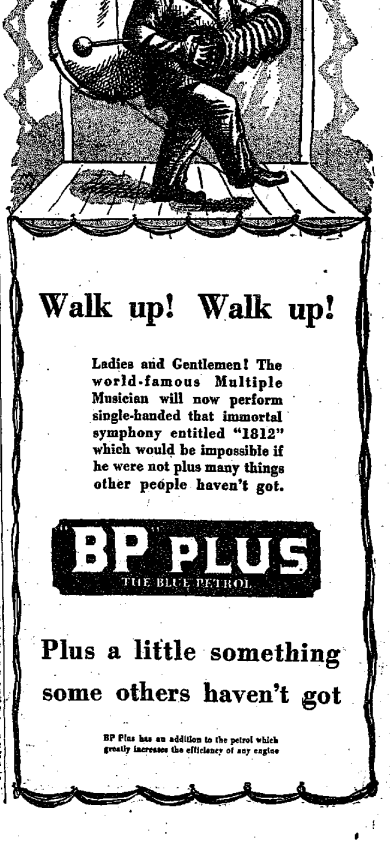
POLICE SPEEDOMETER EVIDENCE REJECTED

A summons against a man for driving a goods motor-car at a greater speed than thirty miles an hour was dismissed yesterday at Brighton Police Court.

It was submitted successfully for the defence that the speedometer of the policeman who followed the man on a motor-cycle should have been tested immediately after the constable used it, and that the tester should have been brought as a witness.



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Unsolved Murders: No. 4

Who Killed Edward Welham?

It is a matter of public anxiety that no fewer than thirty murders during the past three years remain mysteries.

Questions arise, as this total of unsolved crime increases, whether the police are allowed sufficient freedom in their inquiries.

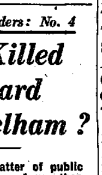
Rules enforced to safeguard individuals may possibly endanger public safety.

By STANLEY BISHOP.
"Daily Express" Chief Reporter.

WHO killed Edward Welham, the young manager of the Coverdale Kennels, near Blandford, Dorset?

He was found shot in his office on October 1, and died later in hospital. Lying under his body was a shot-gun.

There was a plan behind this murder, for the shooting had been staged to give the appearance of suicide or an accident. If the local police and the doctor who was called in had not been particularly astute, a gun accident might have been set down as the cause of the death of Edward Welham.



Mr. E. Welham.

It was proved, however, by the doctor that the direction of the pellets made it impossible for Welham to have shot himself either accidentally or with intent.

A significant discovery was made by the police—money was missing from the office.

Now the police worked on this detective story kind of murder! Inquiries were carried on without a break for many days, and at the end there was not sufficient evidence to justify an arrest and charge.

CLEVER MURDERER

The murderer had been too clever in his carefully thought-out crime for the police and their eminent medical experts.

One of the reasons for the failure was again the difficulty in securing full information from possible witnesses.

A reluctance on the part of several people to speak out the truth freely and without fear was the fatal obstruction.

If the police had been given the opportunities of the French police in their investigations, the murder of Coverdale Kennels might not have remained a mystery.

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