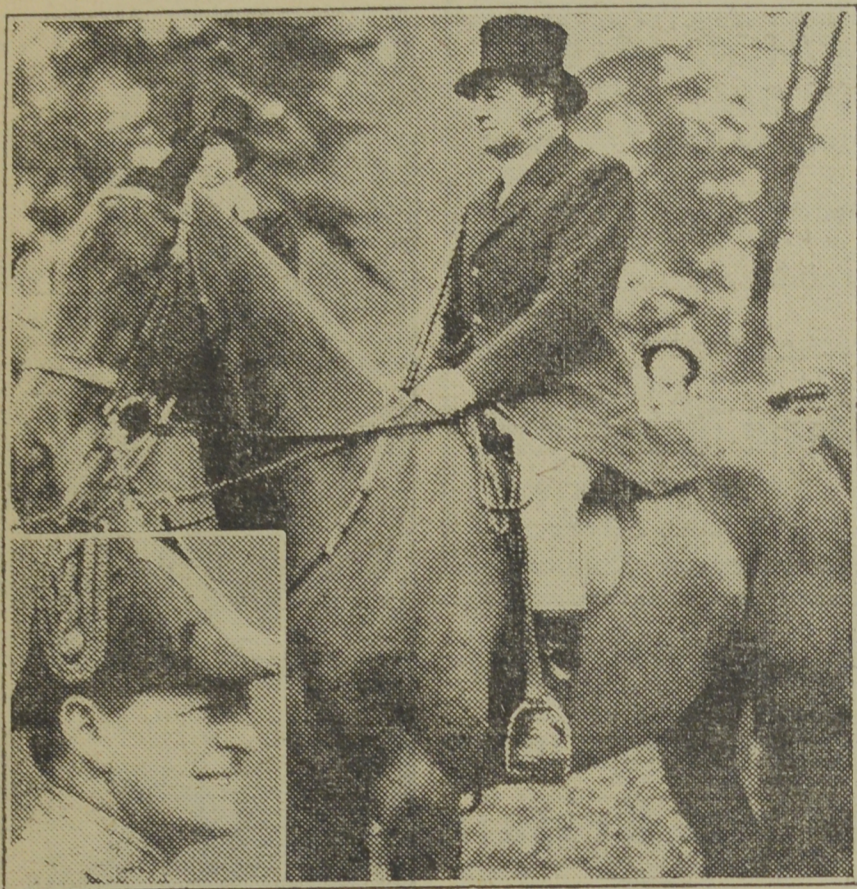


FAMOUS ADMIRAL RETIRES



Admiral of the Fleet EARL BEATTY has been placed on the retired list as he has reached the retiring age of sixty-five. Earl Beatty climaxed a brilliant career in the Royal Navy by his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet at the end of 1916, succeeding Earl Jellicoe. Earlier in that year he won wide publicity for his part in the Battle of Jutland. Above we see him (inset) as he appeared at the height of his career, while the other picture shows him ready to ride after the hounds, his favorite sport.

Men Armed With Razors Hunt For Phantom Hoaxer

English Community Is Aroused Over Threats on Citizens' Lives.

Sheffield.—Hoaxers, masquerading as "Phantom Avengers," are terrorizing the small towns and villages of south Yorkshire and north Lincolnshire.

"We shall take very severe measures against any person we find responsible for this type of foolishness," a police official declared.

But that may not be all. "If we find the Phantom Avenger in this district," said a Maltby miner, "there is a danger of his being lynched, whoever he is. Many of the men are walking about armed with razors."

Three Maltby families have received threats.

At 7.00 o'clock curfew is being observed and families over the week-end sat up throughout the night behind barred doors.

The Phantom Avenger, who threatened to strike at Lee village near Gainsborough, on December 13, thought better of it.

C. H. Watson, occupant of a 17th century mansion there, who was to have been the victim, however received another letter bearing a Gainsborough postmark.

"You are winning this time," it said, "but beware—my time will come, and may God forgive me for what will happen when I do come."

The note was signed "The Phantom Avenger."

Police guards were strengthened at the mansion during the week-end and are still on duty.

Women in the neighborhood are afraid that an attack may be made on them and they are doing their shopping in the day.

They travel by bus, as they are afraid to walk along the roads.

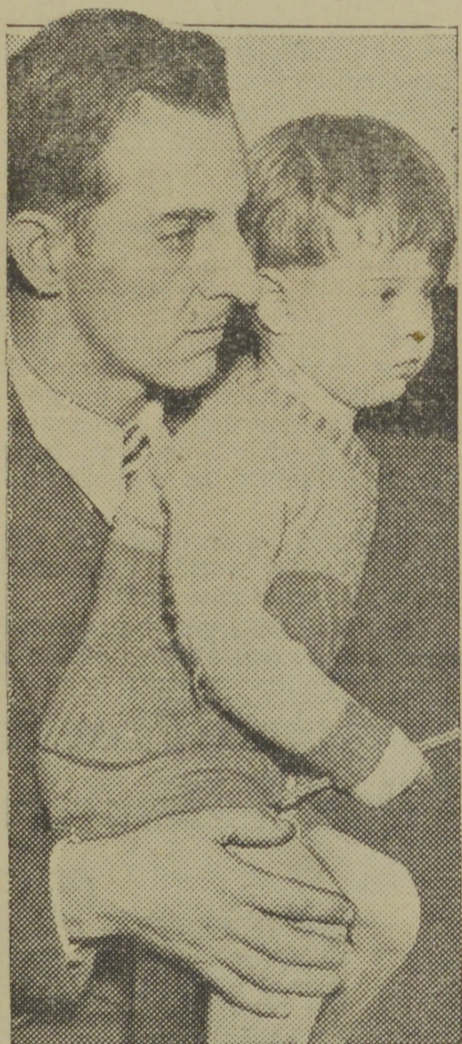
Cars passing through the village at night are being stopped.

The police may accept the offer of J. W. Clarke of Melton Mowbray, a water diviner, who has assisted the Gainsborough police in finding the bodies of missing people.

He says he thinks he can trace the sender of the threats by means of a hazel twig, and by holding one of the letters in his hand.

"The truth is always the strongest argument."—Sophocles.

Would Sell Baby



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hardt, of Chicago, both deaf mutes, offered their three-months-old son, Edward, for sale for \$10,000, and then lowered their "price" to \$1,000 to buy food for themselves and their other son (above), Warren, aged two.

SOFTENING BELLS

That sound can kill is now an established fact, but few people are aware that bell music can have harmful effects. Realizing this, however, architects have initiated improvements in belfry design that will remove all terrors from bell-ringing or listening involuntarily to bell music. The old-fashioned belfry, fitted with louvres or shutters, sloping downwards and outwards to repel the rain, reflected the whole volume of sound through these apertures in a downwards direction. Householders in the vicinity thus received frequent doses of bedlam. Lack of harmony, too, was often noticed, as the bells nearest any window naturally "tollled out" on that side before the others.

The new idea, to which the Anti-Noise League lends a powerful backing, consists of bricking up the louvres and allowing the sound to escape from a lantern in the roof of the tower. This increases not only the tone of the

bells but their range. The tumbling voices of Lincoln Cathedral, where this alteration has been carried out, are now heard with beautiful clarity and sweetness in outlying villages six miles distant.

A USEFUL BEAN

Burlington, Vt. — When Soy beans and their uses were exhibited at Fleming Museum of the University of Vermont, farmers learned uses of the bean include paints, enamel, automobile parts, electrical fixtures, pigments, chemical products, glue and articles resembling those made from celluloid as well as stock feed.

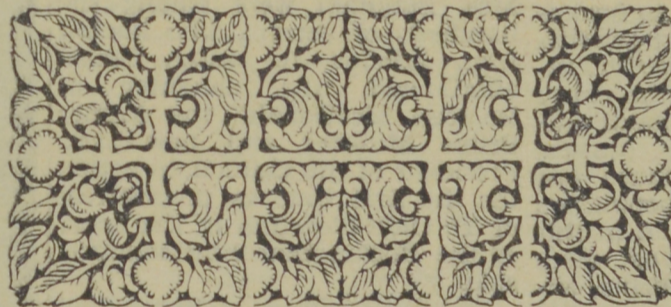
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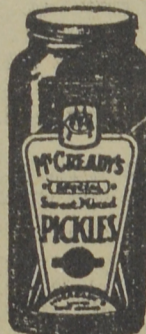
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TO SPEND \$11,000,000

Derby, England.—The London, Midland and Scottish Railway is to spend \$11,000,000 on its rolling stock program next year. The work will include the building of 687 new passenger vehicles.

AIR TRAFFIC POLICE

Salford.—Traffic policeman in Salford have been provided with telescopic gas standards for use when fog descends. The flood-lighting apparatus will ensure their safety.



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