

## A GOOD IDEA LOST IN PARLIAMENT?

### The Paid Holiday

Recently a private member's Bill to provide for annual holidays with pay for all workers passed Second Reading in the Commons, and was sent to a Committee for examination in detail, as is the usual course in Parliament.

The Committee, however, completely changed the Bill, making it read that annual holidays should only be given where the Minister of Labour was satisfied that wages and conditions did not make it possible for employees themselves to make provision for them, and, further, that they should not be given to the detriment of trade or industry.

When the Bill came back to the House for Third Reading the promoter washed his hands of it. We do not know if the Bill will survive; we hope so, for it embodies a good principle.

## THE FIRE ALARM

### New Fire Bells For Old

A Hull electrician went for a ride on a fire-engine the other day. It was a thrilling experience, but all his interest was in the bell which he had devised.

Instead of a fireman having to warn traffic, the bell was mechanically rung by a small piece of machinery worked by electricity. Though many inventions of this sort have been tried out, not one had ever proved really satisfactory. The ringing has to be furious and continuous if it is to be heard in crowded streets and if the sound of the engine's bell is to carry well enough to warn traffic sufficiently far ahead.

Now, after experimenting for two years, Mr Robert Carr has devised this simple but very effective mechanical bell-ringer, and it is quite likely that soon fire-engines up and down the country will be fitted with this device.

## MILLIONS OF YEARS IN A HOUSE

In the Yorkshire village of Oswaldkirk is a house in which there is one of the finest private collections of fossils in England.

It is the rectory, the home of Dr G. H. Richardson, an enthusiast who has been interested in fossils ever since he was a boy, when he used to spend hours in the Mappin Art Gallery at Sheffield and among the treasures of the Sheffield Museum. For 12 years he lived near the edge of the world's greatest fossil bed, the neighbourhood of the White River Badlands in South Dakota, and there he gathered fossils to his heart's content.

Among his fossils, most of them links with life as it was millions of years ago, are footprints of the dinosaur and the complete skull of a sabre-toothed tiger.

The University of Oslo has recently presented the rector with a series of valuable fossil remains.

## A WORD OF HONOUR

Near Boston the Borstal authorities have established a camp where a company of boys are reclaiming a big area of salt marsh from the encroaching North Sea. It is hoped to reclaim not the land alone but the young lives doing the good work.

What is specially notable is the fact that the boys are put on parole. They are free to run away, but do not do so. They remain because they have signed a pledge:

*I promise on my honour to do my best to keep up the good name of the camp.*

The boys respond to the trust placed in them. They do much more than reclaim land. They learn English, study arts and crafts, and happily will grow into good citizens.

## DOLL THAT SINGS A SONG What Might Be Done

Russian children are thronging to the Toy Show near Moscow to hear the Talking Doll.

It is much superior to the dolls of our nursery days which, when pressed near the waist, squeaked out Papa or Mamma. This doll can sing a song or recite "The boy stood on the burning deck" and other verses. The simple explanation is that where in most dolls is sawdust, in this one is a gramophone record.

These feats may prove all too clever for infant minds, but for the smallest of them we can fancy a doll which would teach them while at play. It would not be the best kind of doll, but in fact the worst, an ogre of a doll ready to devour little children, for it would be made of celluloid. But in its wicked breast it would carry a record which would cry: "I am made of celluloid. Be careful what you do lest I burn you to ashes. Keep me away from the fire. Do not let a light come near me."

If all celluloid dolls had to carry this warning there would soon be no more of them, and the Home Secretary would not have need to confess to the House of Commons that he was short of statistics.

## AMERICA'S ROAD BATTLE Veritable War

Three thousand people were killed on the roads of the United States in January, or about as many as are killed here in six months.

Our January figure was 521, and, even allowing for the much bigger American population, the United States figure remains an indictment of American law. Public opinion is growing on the subject; and little wonder. This is another case in which each of the 48 States is a law unto itself.

## SCHOOL BROADCASTS

There are several items of outstanding interest in this last week of the term's broadcast to schools.

On Tuesday John Hilton and K. C. Boswell will, in the light of recent controversy, sum up a few of their talks in the History in the Making series. On Tuesday, too, there will be an end-of-term concert comprised entirely of Schubert's works.

Thursday's geography broadcast will take us to Rio de Janeiro and its beautiful harbour, to a South American coffee plantation, and for a trip on one of the steepest and most costly railways in the world.

There will be no School Broadcasts on Good Friday.

### England and Wales—National

MONDAY, 2.5 Cultivation of Vegetables: by C. H. Middleton. 2.30 Senior Music—Concert of Pupils' Tunes.

TUESDAY, 11.30 History in the Making: by John Hilton and K. C. Boswell. 2.5 The Return of the Migrants: by C. C. Gaddum. 2.30 Book talk by S. P. B. Mais—Kidnapped, by R. L. Stevenson. 3.0 Orchestral Concert by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

WEDNESDAY, 2.5 Paper and Printing: by Wray Hunt and Vincent Stuart. 2.30 Biology—Kinship: by A. D. Peacock.

THURSDAY, 11.30 Coast and Highlands in Brazil: by L. Dudley Stamp. 2.5 Back to Better Towns: by G. M. Boumphrey. 2.30 New Schools Set Up: by Hugh Chesterman.

### Scottish Regional

MONDAY, 2.5 Edinburgh as the Capital City of Scotland: by Will Y. Darling. 2.30 Scenes from Dickens's What You Will, adapted by William McCallum Clyde.

TUESDAY, 2.5 Needles and Anchors: by H. Hamilton.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 As National.

THURSDAY, 2.5 Weekly News Review: by J. Spencer Muirhead. 2.20 Time and Tune—Revision: by Herbert Wiseman. 3.0 New Kings—Foray and Feud: by A. C. Mackenzie.

## WHICH BOY WON?



### HERE'S THE ANSWER



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