BABIES NOT PROTECTED FROM GAS ATTACKS

'No Young Child Can Use Mask,' Says Expert

CHIEF gas problem being faced by Home Office authorities attempting to provide protection for the public during air raids:—

It has been found that a child below the ages of four or five cannot wear a gas mask.

Major Stuart Blackmore, of the Home Office, told the Medical Practitioners' Union yesterday that the Research Department is doing its utmost to solve this problem of protection for babies.

He had these things to say about air raids:—

Gas, when used against a trained population, is the least dangerous form of air attack.

Principal danger comes from high explosive bombs—"against which it is practically impossible to provide adequate protection."

Fire Danger

Next in order of danger come the incendiary bombs, designed to start widespread fires and carrying their own oxygen, which makes it "highly undesirable to put water or chemical extinguishers on them.

"The method of dealing with incendiary bombs themselves is comparatively simple. If you have handy a coal scuttle or a stout bucket in which there is two of three inches of sand and a scoop with a handle of about six feet it is possible to put the bomb into the receptacle and take it outside."

Greatest menace of gas bombs, said Major Blackmore, was its effect on national morale

The Government does not propose distributing masks to the public in peace time as they are delicately constructed and need careful storage. If they were distributed now they might be useless when the time came for them to be used.

7-MINUTE MYSTERY

Daily Express Correspondent

DORCHESTER, Wednesday.—During a violent thunderstorm which swept Dorset tonight, the electricity supply to Dorchester, Weymouth, and many villages failed for seven minutes. Officials were unable to explain why.

Stavisky's Secretary Weds London Dancer: Opens Night Club

Stavisky's secretary and right-hand man, Gilbert Romagnino, has married a London dancer, Celia Nono. Stavisky's boxer-bodyguard, Maurice Nieman, former middle-weight champion of France, was best man. Romagnino and his wife have opened a new night-club in the Champs Elysées. *Left:* Romagnino mixes a cocktail.

TWIN PEERESS WEAK

The Dowager Countess of Lytton, who is suffering from a broken hip at her home at Knebworth, Herts, was last night said to be a little weaker.

Lady Lytton and her twin sister, the Dowager Lady Loch, were 95 on Tuesday.

Strikers Seize Managers, Start Plant Working

Daily Express Staff Reporter

PARIS, Wednesday.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED silk workers at Lyons, who yesterday seized their factory for a stay-in strike, today began operating the plant in defiance of the owners. Many of them are women.

When the workers occupied the factory, which is owned by the Rhodiagla Artificial Silk Company, they seized the manager and three of his assistants, and held them as hostages.

All night the employees, armed with bludgeons, guarded their "hostages," but released them today, when they began to run the machines themselves.

Forty followers of Colonel de la Rocque, French Fascist leader, were badly injured when Communists ambushed them last night in a street in Lyons and bombarded them with paving stones, beer bottles and broken glasses.

Twenty more Fascists had previously been injured during a revolver battle in a local assembly hall, when Communists tried to break up a meeting.

Riots Spreading

Strikes and riots are spreading in all the important towns.

In Lille the situation is becoming hourly more critical, as the 50,000 textile strikers, who have seized the mills and factories, impatiently await the result of Premier Blum's conferences with the millowners in Paris.

Two brothers, M. Jean Thery and M. Michel Thery, joint-managers of a cotton firm, were forced to draw revolvers when threatened by the strikers. M. Jean Thery fired, but no one was struck.

Tonight efforts are being made to bring the Government, the employers' and the workers' delegates in the Lille dispute together for a round-table conference.

This evening M. Blum received the delegations separately and it is not expected that any decisions will be made until a further meeting between the Government and the employers has taken place tomorrow.

CROUPIER 'WINS' £13,000 (IN CHIPS)

Daily Express Correspondent

MENTONE, Wednesday.

The head croupier at Mentone Casino has won about £13,000 from his colleagues at the tables since their stay-in strike (for reinstatement of dismissed men) began three days ago.

This money was in chips, which could not be converted into cash, as the croupiers only played for the "fun of it" and to while away the time.

Spinsters Demand Pensions At 55

Daily Express Staff Reporter

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY women assembled at the Kingsway Hall, London, WC2, last night and demanded that the nation become "spinster-conscious."

Occasion was a meeting of National Spinsters' Pensions Association: object—pensions for spinsters at 55.

Lady Fisher Smith presided, said: "Lighten the burden, correct the inequality of the daily life of spinsters." Five hundred hands clapped.

Star speaker was Miss Florence White, national organiser of the NSPA, founder of the movement which hails from Bradford, Yorkshire.

Spinster-Conscious

Miss White, flanked by huge poster which said in blue and gold "National Spinsters' Pensions Association—Join now!" addressed gathering as fellow spinsters, said, 150 members of Parliament were spinster-conscious, why not everybody?

She appealed for freedom, not slavery, of spinsters.

She said that 80,000 spinsters receive pensions at 65, but many more widows receive pensions at 55, clamoured that it was unfair.

The membership of the spinster association is 40,000, though it was only started a year ago. "We will not take 'No' for an answer," said Miss White. "The whole country must be swept by a wave of spinster-consciousness. We must set the whole town talking, the whole town working for our aim."

Biggest cheer of evening was given to Miss White's statement, "There is little possibility of us becoming wives, let alone widows."

Only men present were reporters. At the end of the meeting the spinsters stamped feet, and shouted for larger benefits from their payments to National Health Insurance.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Eight years ago Mrs Eileen Bondy, aged 25, of Woodman Rd, Coulsdon, Surrey, fractured her skull in a motor-cycling accident. She recovered and married, but died last Saturday. It was stated at the inquest yesterday that death was a direct result of the accident. Verdict: "Misadventure."

THE JEWISH YEAR 5697

Started Last Night

Daily Express Staff Reporter

Israel's "reveille," the melancholy note of the ram's horn, sounded in every synagogue in the world at sunset yesterday. It was the beginning of the Jewish New Year 5697, marking the beginning of Jewry's Ten Days of Penitence. In the synagogues the ministers wore white vestments, instead of the usual black.

The ceremony will conclude on the Day of Atonement.

From their homes to their relatives and friends Jews sent the time-old greeting yesterday: "May you be inscribed for a Happy Year." They ate apples dipped in honey to sweeten their New Year.

Injunction Against Miss Bette Davis

Mr Justice Lewis, sitting in chambers yesterday, continued the interim injunction he had granted Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc. against Miss Bette Davis, the film star, and ordered a speedy trial.

Warner Brothers are claiming the injunction to restrain Miss Davis from appearing in any stage or motion picture productions without the consent of Warner Bros during the currency of her contract with them.

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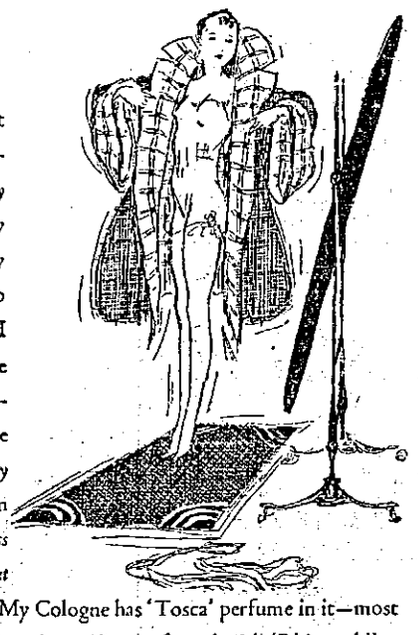

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