

## ACROSS WORLD TO STAND TRIAL

Story of Three "Wives" of an Engineer

### MET IN HYDE PARK

Girl Tells of "Husband's" Alleged Confession

Brought back from New Zealand to face a charge of bigamy, Arthur Ronald Harris, aged thirty-four, a motor engineer, appeared at Marylebone Police Court yesterday.

Harris is charged with bigamously marrying Roberta Jessica Wadkin, of St. Mark's-crescent, Regent's Park, and Evelyn Newton, of Percy-road, Kilburn, during the lifetime of his wife, Georgina Vance, of Linden-avenue, Gloucester.

Georgina Vance said she was married to the accused at the register office, Cheltenham, on December 19, 1923. He lived with her at her parents' house for three or four months and left at the request of her parents. Later a child was born, but he had never supported her or the child.

Roberta Wadkin said she met the accused at a dance in September, 1927, and understood that his name was John Charles Pelham-Harris.

#### LETTER FROM A GIRL

He later asked her to marry him and go abroad with him, and she consented. The "marriage" took place at the Marylebone register office in October, 1927, and they lived together at Marylebone.

Some time in 1928 she discovered a letter addressed to him from another girl, and she spoke to him about it. He said he would stop seeing the girl, but he did not.

She threatened to go to see her and to write to his father. He then confessed that he had committed bigamy when he married her. She left him while she considered her position, and stayed away for a couple of days to talk it over with friends. The result was that she returned to him. About this time a baby was born.

He sailed for New Zealand on October 4, and the understanding was that she should follow him out when he had obtained work and established himself in the country. On his way out he wrote to her from the ship. She added that he was a very affectionate father to the child.

#### PARK MEETING

Evelyn Newton said that the prisoner met her in June, 1929, in Hyde Park, and took her for a ride in a car. They met several times that week and then he disappeared for a time.

Some time afterwards he came to her and said he had been ill with pneumonia, and they renewed their friendship. Later he proposed marriage and she accepted him, and they went to Chelmsford to see if they could get a house.

In September, 1929, he "married" her at the Willesden register office, and they went to her parents' home for the honeymoon. Four days later her father had a dispute with him, and he said he would go away and make good and would get her a home.

Later she and her mother saw him at Wood Green and he admitted that he was a married man. He added that he would ask "Jean" to divorce him. She did not know who "Jean" was.

Harris was sent for trial at the Old Bailey.

## A TEARFUL JOB

Cutting Onions for Housewife's Ready-Cooked Dinner—60,000 Tins Daily

About a dozen working girls in Bermondsey are earning their living at an occupation which the average housewife would describe only as—tearful.

They peel and chop onions all day. Round a long table in the Elizabeth Lazenby kitchens they stand, with big, black-handled knives in their hands, slicing up the onions with lightning speed into tin baths.

These are taken to other girls, who weigh out so much onion, so much pork and so much rabbit. This is placed in 1lb. tins, which are hermetically sealed, and then run into a huge oven to be sterilised. Afterwards they are taken to big iron retorts to be cooked.

After being labelled they are packed, and finally find their way into the shops to be sold at 6d. a tin to save housewives trouble.

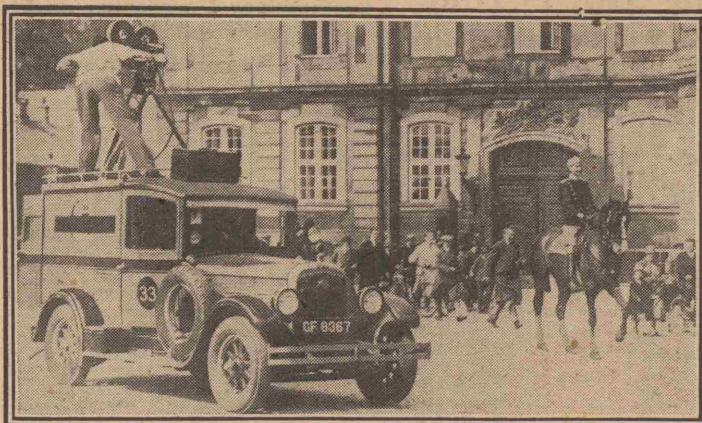
Girls and men are working in day and night shifts in the kitchens just now to produce these Chef ready-cooked meals for 6d. There is Irish stew, hotpot, or spaghetti in tomato sauce with Parmesan cheese, and, for the second course, lemon, currant, sultana or fig puddings, each of which is supplied with sufficient custard powder to make sauce.

According to one of the heads of the factory, about 60,000 cans a day are filled with various foodstuffs in this place.

#### HAMMOND "BOWLED OUT"

When Walter Hammond, the cricketer, was at Southampton yesterday fined £2 10s. for motoring offences, the magistrates' clerk said to prosecuting solicitor: "You have done something that everybody cannot do, you have bowled him out."

## KING OF DENMARK AS TALKIE STAR



The Danish King, in cavalry uniform and followed by an admiring crowd, rides before the camera when posing for a talkie at Copenhagen.



V.C. WEDS.—Commander V. A. C. Crutchley, R.N., V.C., leaving St. Mellion Church, Cornwall, with his bride, Miss Joan Corryton. He took part in the Zeebrugge and Ostend raids.—("Daily Mirror.")



Mr. John Coxon, aged nineteen, of Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, rescued a dog from a perilous position on the side of a deep marl-hole.

## BANK RATE DOWN

Reduced to 3 per Cent.—Now Lowest Since 1922

### AT PRE-WAR FIGURE

The reduction in the Bank Rate to 3 per cent, yesterday will come as welcome news to the members of the Stock Exchange who were enjoying their usual May 1 holiday.

This reduction did not come as a surprise to Lombard-street, in view of ruling rates in the open discount market. The world-wide depression in trade and low level of commodity prices has played a big part in the cheapening of money during recent months.

We must go back to July 13, 1922, for the last occasion on which our rate was reduced to 3 per cent. It then remained at this level until July 5, 1923.

Before that date we had a 3 per cent. rate on January 29, 1914, the rate being raised to 4 per cent. on July 30 of that year, to 8 per cent. the next day and to 10 per cent. on August 1.

Moving back, the rate was reduced to 3 per cent. on May 9, 1912, May 9, 1911, and June 9, 1910.

The Belgian Bank Rate was announced on Wednesday.

The French Bank Rate was yesterday reduced from 3 to 2½ per cent.

New York Rate Reduction.—The New York Federal Reserve Bank has reduced its rediscount rate from 3½ to 3 per cent., to come into effect to-day.—Reuter.

## WOMEN'S FIRST AID CUP

Marks for Not Worrying the Patient in Railway Team Contest

Ninety young women comprising eighteen teams competed in the L.M.S. Railway first ambulance competition for women, held in London yesterday.

The cup winners were Liverpool (Waterloo Docks) No. 1 team, with 270 points. Euston Audit Department were second with 247 points, and Camden (London) third with 243 points. A boy scout acted as patient. Eighteen times a startled cry rang out and eighteen times the scout had to collapse after pretending to scald himself.

Marks were given for such minor details as encouraging words to the patient and not worrying him with unnecessary questions.

## MILK 4d. A QUART

Oswestry Price Lowered Yesterday—Cheapest in the Country

Oswestry Milk Retailers' Association lowered the price of milk yesterday to 4d. a quart.

This price is to remain in operation for three months.

The milk is high grade and is believed to be the cheapest in the country.

## 2,000 GIRLS' TRIBUTE

Factory Workers Line Road of Funeral of Lady Barratt

More than 2,000 factory girls lined up outside the sweet factory of Messrs. Barratt in Wood Green yesterday when the funeral procession of Lady Barratt passed. The interment was at Highgate.

Lady Barratt was known as "the Lady Bountiful" among the factory hands.

The funeral service was of a family nature and was conducted at Lady Barratt's home, Totteridge Park, Herts.

## STOLE TO MARRY

Unemployed Youth Placed on Probation—Footprint Leads to Arrest

Said to have broken into a club and stolen money in order to provide himself with the means of getting married, William Edward Saunders, twenty, an unemployed silk spinner, was placed on probation at Lowestoft yesterday.

Evidence was given that Saunders burst open a door with his back, obtaining leverage by pressing his foot on a wall opposite.

He left an indistinct footprint on the wall, and this led to his arrest.

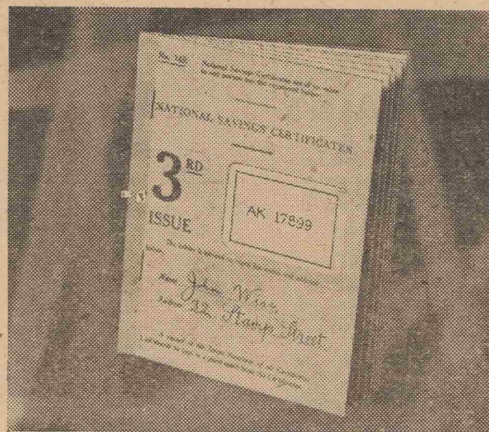
## BANDITS' JEWEL RAID

Man Detained After Motor-Cyclist's Two-Mile Chase—Struggle on Van

A man drove up to the jewellers' shop of Messrs. Cowlin and Hawkins in High-road, Ilford, in a motor-van yesterday, threw a hammer through the window, grabbed a tray of rings, returned to the van and drove off.

Mr. Hawkins, junior, a son of one of the proprietors, mounted his motor-cycle, and chased the van for two miles. When he overtook the van there was a struggle in which civilians took part.

A man was subsequently taken to Barking police station and detained.



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