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1
Time seemed to have gone back hundreds of years in the Vatican. Recruits to the historic Swiss guard took the oath of service to the Pope. The ceremony was held on the 450th anniversary of the formation of the guard. In ^{turbulent} the/sixteenth century the occupant of the Holy See was not immune ~~from~~ ^{the} risks of war and political strife. The Swiss guard is a picturesque survival.

3
Earls Court showed an interesting facet of the age of automation. Displayed at the Mechanical Handling Exhibition were ingenious labour saving devices, all kinds of methods of moving goods (light and heavy) from place to place. An individual escalator could solve many an invalid's problems. The age of leisure seems to be getting nearer.

2
Another big scale hydro-electric plant is under construction on the river Syr Darya. It's the largest river in central Asia, ~~1,500~~ 1,500 miles long, flowing into ~~the~~ Lake Aral, 200 miles east of the Caspian Sea. The scheme is part of Russia's plan to develop all possible hydro-electric power. Current will be generated here by the end of this year.

4
The C.P.R. Liner Empress of England was launched by Lady Eden at Newcastle upon Tyne. The new vessel is of 26,000 tons, a sister ship of the Empress of Britain, which has just completed her maiden voyage, and ~~like~~ ^{mainly} like her the new Empress will ply/between Liverpool and Montreal. There will be accommodation for 150 first class passengers, 900 tourists. Ocean crossing at 21 knots, in super comfort.