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Investiture

London: Interest centred on Buckingham Palace for "Honours Day" when among the recipients of awards from the Queen, was Matron Hardy of Chelsea Hospital, ^{who} was created a Member of the Order of the British Empire. ^{WAS} The George Medal for Sister Freda Holland - who ~~though~~ badly-burned - ^{IN TRYING} rushed through ~~blazing~~ wards to save ^{fifteen} ~~thirteen~~ babies ^{from} at a Reading Nursing Home ~~last Spring~~ fire - last Spring.

Tub voyage

Washington: "Rub-a-dub-dub," one man in a tub - ^{AND IT'S A} ~~home-made~~ home-made washtub ~~built~~ built on a raft and powered by a tiny engine. ^{THE} intrepid fifty-year old pioneer of tub-travel, ^{ROY BERGO,} sets off on a twelve hundred mile voyage to Alaska.

Twelve hundred miles to go. Well - he ^{did} twelve miles ^{before} ~~before~~ Then engine-trouble forced him back home. ^{LAUNDRY BLUES FOR MR BERGO - AS} ~~with~~ ^A daring wash-tub project goes down the drain.

Locust Plague

^{The} Canary Islands: Flying in from Africa, a swarm of locusts attacked the crops of these fertile islands of the Atlantic. At first, the only defence against the ^{all-devouring} ~~pests~~ pests, was a joint sweep by the farmers. But soon - the Ministry of Agriculture came to the rescue with aerial spraying. And that soon put paid to these unwelcome visitors.

Riots in Japan

Japan: For the first time - the Stock Exchange in Tokyo is closed by a strike - as six hundred employees picket the building - demanding a sixty-per-cent increase in basic wages. ~~and~~ Violence breaks out when hundreds of police arrive to disperse the demonstrators. Finally, a wedge of club-swinging police fought its way through the mob. The strike continues; meanwhile, in the ^{Stock Exchange} ~~market~~ - industrials are marked down as rather unsteady...