

In Munich a German Illustrated Paper dug out the oldest mail coach they could find, with the idea of reconstructing a famous journey of the literary past. It was the trip to Italy, more than a century and a half ago, by the great German poet Goethe. In accordance with custom, the old mail coach took along some letters. Unfortunately, on the road they discovered that the old coaching inns didn't cater for coach parties any more. When they asked for horses, the landlord thought they wanted to eat them. So the American Army gave them European aid, and took them along on a trailer.

MACEBEARERS.

Macebearers at all times are men of dignity; so when Macebearers from all over Britain met in Folkestone it was a solemn occasion, and not a jamboree. For macebearers must have superb self-control; carrying the great mace of authority --- but never ~~giving~~ giving way to ^{the} temptation to hit anyone on the head. This was the installation of Mr Harry Gregory of Blackpool, with the Chain of Office as Prime Warden of the Guild.

SPRAYING.

There have been heavy floods in the countryside round Gmunden in Austria; As a result, the district has been overwhelmed by a plague of gnats. To beat this menace, scientists have declared war on the pests with a mixture of insect repellent and heavy oil. So now in Gmunden there are no more gnats.

LARGEST FERRY LAUNCHED.

In Denmark, the launching of a new ferry-boat was a royal occasion. It was attended by King Frederick and Queen Ingrid. And performing the launching ceremony itself was their daughter the Crown Princess Margarete. ^{this} ~~it~~ is claimed to be the largest ferryboat in the world.

ROBBER

The Sheriff of the county of Devon has been informed that a robbery was committed on the coast of Devon last night. The robbers were seen to enter a small boat and to take away a large sum of money. The boat was seen to depart from the coast at about midnight. The Sheriff is now searching for the robbers and is offering a reward of £100 for their capture.