

Westminster Pier on London's River Thames is famous for many Royal occasions including the Queen's homecoming from the Commonwealth Tour. But now it has come into the news again by springing a leak. Despite all attempts to save it, it went to the bottom. The next day workmen and salvage vessels were busy cutting the links between the pontoons, and trying to raise it. But their first attempts ended in failure.

ARCTIC UNDERGROUND.

American Army engineers had to solve an unusual problem in building an Air Force base on the polar ice-cap in Greenland; how to make the foundations, when the ice and snow were nearly two miles deep. To do it --- they made a building on submarine principles which will sink slowly, on an even keel; and the Air Force, when on the ground, will be underground.

EISENHOWER'S AUTOGRAPH.

At the White House in Washington --- President Eisenhower received a visit from Mrs Moulden, who has been an enthusiastic autograph-collector all her life. She is a hundred years old; and the first name in the book that Eisenhower now signs is that of President Abraham Lincoln. She collected it, when she was only ten.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW.

New York fashion designers gave a preview of their spring models in aid of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; and helping to put it across, was little Mary Kosloski who is featured on American posters in the cause of the fight against polio. Also present was Margaret, the daughter of ex-President Truman.

MALENKOV RESIGNS.

Not for the first time --- the Kremlin took the whole world by surprise with the announcement of the resignation of Mr Malenkov --- who took over the position of Prime Minister and head man in Soviet Russia in 1953, after the death of Stalin. The councils of these members of the Supreme Soviet are closely kept; but the reasons given for the resignation, are lack of experience, and unsatisfactory leadership.