

American Wives of Foreigners Welcome New Citizenship Law

Paris.—Thousands of American-born women, married to foreigners and living abroad, have joyfully hailed news from Washington that the Cable act has been so amended that they will be able without much difficulty to regain their American citizenship.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, president of the National Women's party, whose daughter, Mrs. Jacques Balsan, born Consuelo Vanderbilt, former Duchess of Marlborough, is one of the outstanding American heiresses married to a Frenchman, said:

"I am deeply gratified. This bill was introduced in Congress by the National Women's party and we have devoted nearly a year to working for its passage."

Mrs. Jacques Balsan, whose marriage to the Duke of Marlborough was annulled by the Roman Rota in 1925, is only one of the many American women of wealth with foreign husbands.

Among international marriages within the last few years are those of Virginia Willys, daughter of John North Willys, Toledo automobile manufacturer, to Louis de Aguirre, scion of a Buenos Ayres family; Countess Guy de Bourges de Bozas, daughter of Joseph Fuller Feder, of New York, to the French inventor; the former Mrs. An-

son Burchard, of New York, to Prince Henry XXXIII. of Reuss; the former Mrs. Gifford A. Cochran, of New York, to Prince Chlodwig Hohenlohe-Schillingfurst of Austria, and Princess Ilynsky, daughter of the late J. Emery, of New York, to Grand Duke Dmitri of Russia.

A subcommittee of the Paris Vassar alumnae group, with headquarters at the Women's University Club here, has a long secret list of American-born women married to foreigners who are anxious to regain the nationality of their birth but who do not wish to return to the United States every few years to re-establish their passports, as was necessary under the 1922 Cable Act.

There are several titled names on the list, according to its vice-chairman, the Countess of Lauzanne de Vourroussel, formerly Ethel Macomber, a Vassar alumna. The committee chairman is Mrs. Maurice Guinet.

"To give out the names of women who have manifested their interest in re-establishing their American citizenship would be breach of faith," the countess explained, "since undoubtedly many women communicated with the committee for women's nationality rights without the knowledge of their husbands."

Britain Overcoming Depression Period

Secretary of Trades Congress Guest of Toronto

Toronto.—It is not the first time Great Britain has been forced to overcome a depression, and, as in the past the Mother Country will overcome the present era of industrial and labor depression, said Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, who was tendered a civic reception and dinner on his arrival here.

Great Britain has retained a full share of world trade throughout the period of depression, he stated, and because of labor resiliency has actually fared better than many other nations. He warned Canadian labor leaders, however, that a solution of the problem facing labor at the present must be found by labor in each country to meet its own condition. Past policies, he said, could not be expected to solve present problems.

Canadian Supplies

Leave for Arctic

Ottawa.—Canada has again blazed the trail in the Arctic, by providing a fully equipped miniature hospital ship for use in the Canadian Northland. The ship, called the Medico, is a 38-foot cabin cruiser type. At present it is on its way to Aklavik, Northwest Territories, which will be its base of operations. Its operating base will make the Medico the most northerly situated hospital ship in the world. The ship will be used to convey patients from any place that can be reached by boat to the hospitals at Aklavik. Dr. J. A. Urquhart, Government physician at Aklavik, will be in charge of the ship's operations.

The craft, which was built in Edmonton for the Northwest Territories branch of the Department of Interior, left Fort Simpson, on the Mackenzie River, bound for Aklavik, recently.

World Needs Older Men

"Older men should never quit. The world needs their experience. I prefer to have a good part of my employees not young men. Men thirty-five to sixty—and in some jobs even older—are more desirable. Not only are they more dependable than the average young fellow, but they are able to set the younger ones an example and pass on their experience to them. If all the men over fifty got out of the world, there would not be enough experience left to run it."—Mr. Henry Ford.

Denmark to Discard Last Two Cruisers

Copenhagen.—Denmark, which owns but two cruisers, the Heimdal and Niels Juel, has decided to dispose of them. The Heimdal will be scrapped and the Niels Juel, just returned from a royal visit to the Iceland Jubilee, probably will be sold to a foreign power—China, naval officers believe.

The Minister of Marine, L. Rasmussen, has confirmed recent reports of the intended "naval reduction."

Workers Struggle To Quench Blaze at Refugio Gas Well

Refugio, Tex.—Human ingenuity was pitted recently against a towering pillar of flame as weary workmen struggled to quench a gas well fire which menaced this oil town for two days.

The safety of the city's business section was at stake and a six-inch pipe line was under hurried construction from the river ten miles away.

The flames shooting 300 feet in the air and only three blocks from the centre of the city, repeatedly threatened to fire buildings as shifting winds scattered the blaze and heat. Refugio has no city water supply.

Rumania Pensions Aged Journalists

Bucharest.—The newspaper men of Rumania are to receive old-age pensions, and when they retire from active work are to live in nicely furnished and attractive "journalists' retreats," according to a law which has just been passed by the National Assembly here.

Of course all this is not to be given to them as a gift, pure and simple. They are to help build up a pension fund. As the workers, school teachers and state officials in most European countries contribute from their monthly salaries or wages toward a pension fund, from which they draw in cases of need or after retirement, so the Rumanian journalists are going to be required to lay money aside for a rainy day.

Every real newspaper man or woman in the country, whose chief occupation is journalism and who receives for such work at least 4000 lei, or \$25 monthly, and who is a member of one of the authorized Rumanian journalists' associations, is to contribute regularly toward the retirement fund, which will be administered, controlled and supplemented by the state.



"Aren't you taking a vacation this summer?"
"No."
"Didn't you ask for one?"
"Yes."
"Wouldn't they give it to you?"
"That's what's the matter. They were so much more enthusiastic about it than I was that I grew a little suspicious."

Big Increase Shown In Plane Freight

Paris.—Records of Le Bourget airport just published for 1929 show nearly a 17-fold increase in value of goods imported in France by plane. Imports at the field last year were valued at \$140,000,000, compared to the 1923 figure of \$8,430,000. Exports by air increased from \$11,960,000 to \$13,500,000 in value.

Included in the imports were heavy gold shipments, dogs, and cloth from England, laces and furs from Belgium, fresh cut flowers, paintings, and strings for musical instruments from the Netherlands.

Moscow Ends Shoe Craft

Moscow.—The Government recently instituted a system designed to check speculation and end the selling of shoes in the private market at prohibitive prices.

Children will be provided with shoes upon presentation of their bread cards. Adults may purchase shoes at normal prices in government shops upon presentation of special coupons issued by the house committee of the trade unions factory organization.

A Good Catch!



Mrs. P. Morgan, Sturgeon Point, Ont., is seen here holding 24-pound lunge caught in Sturgeon Lake, recently. The fish is 47 inches long and has a girth of nineteen inches.

Nature Planned to Control Insect Pests

The use of parasites to destroy insect life injurious to the forest or to agricultural crops is a popular subject. Aretas A. Saunders, ornithologist for the Roosevelt Wild Life Station, New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University, discusses this interesting problem in a recently published bulletin on the summer birds of the Northern Adirondack Mountains.

"Insects are most abundant and occur most commonly in uncontrolled numbers," says Dr. Saunders, "not in natural forests, but on city shade trees and in agricultural areas where natural conditions have been destroyed so that birds cannot live there in normal numbers. Destruction of natural cover decreases bird life but has no appreciable effect on the abundance of parasites, yet in such cases parasites seem unable to hold their insect hosts in check. I believe that birds are at least of equal importance with parasites as destroyers of harmful insects and should be given equally thoughtful and serious consideration, both by farmers and foresters."

All kinds of woodland insects have their bird enemies in a natural forest, according to Dr. Saunders. Nature intended to maintain a balance between them. It is only where natural forest conditions are altered that we cannot rely wholly on birds to keep harmful insects in check.

Austrian River Flows Backwards

Linz, Austria.—The amazing spectacle of a river flowing up hill was beheld by vacationists here recently. The waters of the Lake Atter receded and the strange phenomenon caused the River Ager, which has its source in the lake, to start flowing backward.

Many boats on the lake and at the mouth of the river were stranded.

Canada's Marriage Statistics Satisfying

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics makes an announcement which should be envied by those countries deploring a decrease in the marriage statistics. June weddings in the various provinces of Canada showed an increase of more than eighty-three per cent. over the month of May. The Province of Quebec led with a gain of one hundred and forty per cent. The Maritime Provinces had a gain of sixty-eight per cent.; Ontario eighty-three per cent.; the Prairie Provinces forty-two per cent.; and British Columbia sixty-two per cent. Even after allowing for the natural augmentation of "June brides," figures such as these should go far to counteract the dismal croakings of the pessimist who argue that social standards are degenerating as a result of a growing disregard for the marriage state.

Argentinians Will Study Canada's Grain Handling

Montreal.—Two hundred members of the Agrarian Producers' Union of the Argentine will arrive at Victoria, B.C., on September 14 to commence a tour of Canada, during which the party will study Canadian methods of handling grain. The tour is under the direction of Luis J. Skinitzer, official representative of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce in Canada, who resides in Montreal.

Mr. Skinitzer organized the trip, and has received from the government the assurance that Canada will offer every facility for surveying grain-handling methods in this country.

Traveling eastwards through Canada the Argentinians will investigate all featured connected with grain. They will come as far east as Montreal whence they will depart on October 13 for New York.

"The only religion known to new Russia is the religion of work,"—Emil Ludwig.

Importance of Good Scoutmasters Emphasized by Lord Baden-Powell

London.—"Although I think that the right sort of man at the head of the Boy Scout movement is an advantage, I can certainly say that if I left it tomorrow it would carry on without pause or hitch," Lord Baden-Powell told a newspaper correspondent when asked whether he foresaw a successor to himself in the future or whether matters would be left in the hands of a council.

"We've got our council," he added, "and every department is fitted out with understudies so that work is never held up if anyone happens to be away."

The Chief Scout also said that the difficulty of getting the right type of man as Scoutmaster was gradually being solved now that the big schools were coming into the movement. Lord Baden-Powell was very insistent on

the tremendous importance of getting the right type of man for these posts.

Asked about the co-operation between Rovers and Toe H. and kindred organizations, the Chief Scout said that already this was in being so far as Toe H. was concerned. Co-operation between Boy Scouts and Girl Guides is always fostered, and this was well in evidence recently at a big rally of some 7000 Currey Guides at Guilford, on Empire Day, when Rovers were assisting in many ways.

When asked where the next Jamboree in 1933 would be held, Lord Baden-Powell said he would much like to have it in Australia, but he thought there would be too many difficulties in the way at present. The matter would be settled at an international meeting which is to be held at Kandersteg in Switzerland this summer.

Square Handkerchiefs Decree of Royalty

Do you know why handkerchiefs are usually square? No?

It is because this shape was fixed by royal decree, and usage, has perpetuated the form. At one time handkerchiefs were of any shape that individual fancy dictated—round, oblong, oval, or what not. One day at Trianon, Marie Antoinette happened to mention to Louis XVI. that she was tired of these various shapes. The king at once decreed that "The length of handkerchiefs shall equal their width throughout the kingdom," thereby settling the matter for the years to come.

And did you know that had it not been for the camel in Arabia the world might be without butter? The origin of butter has been traced to the Arabian habit of carrying sour milk in skin bags across the desert. The swaying motion of the camels caused the contents of the bags to turn to butter.

That Tennyson's habit of reading from his works for the entertainment of friends and guests was not always fully appreciated we well know. Carlyle walked out on him once, for the Sage of Chelsea could not endure to listen to anyone reading aloud, not even his friend Alfred Tennyson. Mary Gladstone (Mrs. Drew) notes (in her diary) an occasion when she was visiting the Tennysons during which the poet read "Maud" to an assembled company.

"We were forced to take no heed of such earthly things as luncheon," she laments.



Missionary: "Are the natives becoming civilized?"

Chief: "Gradually. Eighteen of the chiefs played a game of baseball last week and only four umpires were killed."

Fox to Advertise In Newspapers Only

New York.—The Fox Theatres Corporation announces that henceforth it will advertise only in newspapers. Money heretofore used on other forms of advertising will be used for increased newspaper space.

The reasons assigned are superior flexibility, ability to make last minute changes and digestion of newspaper advertisements at the convenience of the reader.

Police Quiet Rioters



Interesting view of street crowds of Mansura, Egypt, while police pacify populace during recent rioting, when six were killed and several injured.

New Style English For Universal Use

A new kind of English intended to replace all other languages and to become the universal speech of the civilized world has been invented by Professor R. J. Zachrisson, well known philologist of the University of Upsala, in Sweden, who is urging its adoption in a series of radio talks broadcast from Stockholm. English at present possesses, Dr. Zachrisson believes, many of the necessary characteristics of an international language. It has adopted thousands of word roots from other tongues, so that it possesses words for almost every possible shade of meaning. The grammatical structure of English is simple and there are no insuperable difficulties about such matters as pronunciation or the order of words in sentences. More than most languages, English may be mispronounced without becoming unintelligible, as is witnessed by the large number of mutually intelligible dialects which already exist. The only difficulties with English, Professor Zachrisson urges, are incidental matters like irregular spelling, the complexities of the irregular verbs, the shades of meaning of such words as shall and will, and others of similar character. In his new regularized English these troublesome points have been removed, the Swedish expert believes, so that anyone can learn and use the new kind of English quickly and still be intelligible to persons speaking ordinary English. A similar proposal to regularize English for use in Japan instead of Japanese was considered many years ago by the Japanese Government, but fell through because no expert was found to undertake the regularization.

Scientists Explore Silky-Hair Myth

The idea that women's hair is softer and silkier than men's will not stand the cold, unromantic light of scientific investigation. To discover just what limits of hair size, color and other characters are shown by American white people, Miss Mildred Trotter, of Washington University, in St. Louis, measured 10 hairs from each of 340 individuals. Single hairs were found to vary in thickness from one end to the other and different hairs from the same head also vary. But when such variations are averaged and compared, Miss Trotter reports to the Wistar Institute Anthropological Service of Philadelphia, no difference at all is found between the male and female groups. Individual men or individual women may have silky hair or coarse, but of any rule that women's hair usually is finer there is no trace. It is true, however, that young girls tend to have slightly thinner and finer hairs than boys of the same age; probably because a boy's hair begins to take on its adult characteristic at a much earlier age than happens with girls. An incidental discovery is that grey hairs tend to be larger than other hairs from the same head which have not yet turned grey, perhaps because larger hairs need more nutriment and thus tend to turn grey first when the blood supply of the scalp begins to fail.

Turkish Village Gives Up Smoking

Belgrade.—In Yugoslavia the saying for a man who smokes much is "he smokes like a Turk." But there is one Moslem village in south Serbia which gives the saying the lie.

A month ago the hodja (Moslem priest) of the village of Mala Horva in south Serbia preached in the mosque and spoke of the harm done by tobacco, asking the peasants to give up smoking. The latter obeyed him, giving their "best" or word of honor that they would not smoke any more. Further, they decided to boycott any one of their number who should break his word.

Old American Plate Brings High Prices

London.—Pieces of American silverware brought big prices at Christie's Auction Room recently. A plain saucepan, made in 1720, weighing about 10 ounces, brought 260 guineas, approximately \$1327.50.

Victim of Hay Fever: "I should like a bottle in my head to-night, Mary." Mary: "Yes, sir, Irish or Scotch?"

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