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London's Green Oases

London, indeed, is full of little oases tucked away here and there, which, by force of contrast, seem more peaceful than the most retired rural spot could ever do. Take that haven of rest, for instance, the Dutch garden in Kensington Gardens, with the pleached alleys and the quiet pool with the water-lilies, just off the Broad Walk, which always seethes with people hurring across the Park as they dodge the juvenile bicycles. How calm is the little courtyard of old brick houses in Staple Inn, although it is just behind those still older facades in Holborn which sturdily face the mechanical bustle of another age than theirs.

At Notting Hill Gate, too, you can flee hurrying humanity and converging 'buses and plunge under an arch between two shops, and hey presto, you are in little old Kensington, with a row of tiny houses with gardens and a cobble-stoned court. . .

In Knightsbridge, turn your back on the thunder of the Kensington Road, go into the tiny courtyard of Park Row, drink in the peace, and say farewell to the little old houses with the pretty porches and overdoors, for their time is short.

Victoria Square, close to the station, known throughout the world, is so quiet and retiring that comparatively few people have ever heard of it. Just out of the office world of Victoria Street, two minutes away from the excitement of Parliament, and five from a busy County Council, the dim cloisters of the Abbey, surrounding the emerald green of their immemorial garth, are the embodiment of peace.

We have moved a long way since the Strand was a street of noblemen's palaces with gardens to the river, and was open to the north. That way has an enticing sound, but the description of the highway in 1315, when the Savoy was new, as being almost impassable from ruts and holes, with brambles and bushes that got in the pedestrian's way, sounds depressing. York watergate, and that sad little built-in bit of Essex House gate, are the only remnants of the palaces except a series of names which catch the eye as we sail down the Strand on a 'bus like a procession of the imagination Charing Cross, Durham House, York, Cecil for Salisbury (will the name remain, one wonders?) Savoy, Norfolk, Arundel, Surrey and Essex. The Chapel Royal, Savoy, dates from the Hospital, and as it was burnt out in Queen Victoria's day, has not much old about it, except the walls.

Today there are gardens near the river, open to all, and beautifully kept up, where food can be had if wanted, and where one can bask in the sun on comfortable chairs. But those gardens are where the river came before it was embanked.—Dorothy Hood, in "Looking Back on London."

Iowa Students at Last Permitted to Dance

Indianaola, Iowa.—Students at Simpson College may now dance off the campus without getting into trouble with the college's board of trustees.

Dancing, prohibited for more than 50 years, regained its social prerogative by action of the board, whose chairman, A. V. Proudfoot, was the target of eggs last spring when students were striving to lift the ban.

Birmingham (England) has an average of one shop to every forty-eight inhabitants; in some areas there are said to be more shops than customers.

TRIP TO ENGLAND AT 86

Not so very long before she made a trip from Vancouver to London, England, this woman of 86 was almost helpless with rheumatism. Her daughter tells how she was able to make such a journey:—

"Some years ago my mother was a martyr to rheumatism, and could not get about without the use of two sticks. She was told of Kruschen Salts and decided to try them. After taking one bottle she found great relief, and after two bottles was able to walk without the aid of sticks. She has never been without Kruschen since, and takes a small dose two or three times a week. She is still able to travel and go about, although she was 89 last February. Indeed, at 86 she travelled the double journey between Vancouver and London, England. She has recommended Kruschen to many people who have also found benefit from it."—K. B. L.

What a lesson there for the younger folk! Why should anyone suffer from unfitness, rheumatism, constipation, backache—after reading this woman's letter? What Kruschen can do for a woman of advanced age, it can surely do for you.

Sweden to Unify Stage Organizations

Stockholm, Sweden.—A nation-wide and unified organization of the theatrical activity in Sweden is planned by the Swedish minister of education and worship, Arthur Engbery, and a committee has been appointed by the government to draw up the lines for this new work. The plan, which will be sponsored and controlled by the state, is intended to provide increased opportunities for the provincial districts of the country to enjoy good dramatic and musical art performed by first-rate artists.

The committee proposes that the Royal Dramatic Theatre and later perhaps the Royal Opera in Stockholm should organize provincial tours with specially engaged artists reinforced by leading actors and actresses from the Stockholm stages and that societies of play-goers should be organized in the provincial towns to safeguard the economic part of the activity.

Sweden has a number of travelling theatrical societies and local theatre buildings in most country towns. During the summer season there are excellent open-air stages in many places including the popular public park theatres. These park theatres this summer will send out 15 different groups with together 250 artists and about 50 programs to hold performances in about 130 different places.

Canadian Beaver Thriving Under Protection of the Law

Ottawa.—That extraordinary aquatic animal, the beaver, which has a place on the Canadian coat of arms, is increasng rapidly under the protection of the law in Northern Ontario. The fur of the beaver is valuable, and some years ago the species was being hunted with such vigor that Ontario prohibited its killing.

Seven years ago, with official approval, Michael Urban Bates established a beaver sanctuary at Metagama and to-day the three colonies with which he started have increased to seventy, in which last Winter about 300 beaver made their homes. Mr. Bates claims right to the title of "beaver king" of Ontario," and, perhaps, of all Canada.

Hollywood Studio Plans Big Program

Hollywood, Calif.—The motion picture industry is swinging into the line of businesses enjoying happier days.

United Artists Studio has announced a start on the largest program of releases in its history. Virtually idle since the first of the year, this producing unit will put many hundreds of workers back on the payroll.

English Town Puzzled Where to Re-erect Castle

Macclesfield, Cheshire, Eng.—Wanted—Site for an ancient castle.

This problem of what to do with its castle is puzzling Macclesfield. When erecting a new store on the site of the town's historic stronghold, an industrial concern offered the remains of the castle to the Corporation. The structure was demolished and each part carefully numbered and stored away.

No one could decide where to re-erect it.

Local antiquaries, however, are investigating the matter and funds are being raised to purchase a suitable site.

Sweden's Idle Get Piecework Relief Program

Machine is Minimized in New $45,000,000 Plan to Encourage Initiative

Stockholm.—The indifferent workman will find little encouragement in Sweden's new $45,000,000 unemployment relief program now practically assured by party compromise in the Riksdag.

Instead of being paid so much a day regardless of efficiency, the man who accepts relief work will receive a minimum wage, plus whatever he can earn under a piece-work arrangement.

This new principle is to be developed in several ways. On highway construction, for example, workmen may be divided into small groups and paid according to the number of cubic yards of dirt removed.

Machine Work Minimized

Machine work will be eliminated as far as possible so as to give full play to the new program. In this manner the social-democrat government leaders reason, private initiative can be encouraged instead of deadened, with the state getting value received for its money.

Under the old plan, where a man had merely to demonstrate his willingness to work, it is pointed out, the "made work" project has proved, in most cases, too costly.

Wages to be paid will for the most part be that of unskilled labor as determined in the open market, and will therefore differ according to the section of Sweden where the projects are carried out. Skilled labor will be paid according to regular scale.

Trade Unions Win Point

Trade unions have won an important point in enunciation of the new policy, namely, an understanding that a union man who accepts unemployment relief cannot be forced to serve as a strikebreaker in his own trade in some other community.

Men who voluntarily strike within their own trade, however, will not be permitted to accept temporary employment on an unemployment relief project.

All unemployment relief is to be administered by the national unemployment commission, formed in 1921 during Sweden's post-war industrial depression, in accordance with these new principles.

Certain amounts of the money to be appropriated will be available for cash disbursements to the jobless for whom employment cannot be made available.

Low Buildings Predominate in New York, Skyscraper City

New York.—Maps exhibited last week in the Manhattan Borough President's office showed that New York, the skyscraper city, is a place where small buildings predominate.

Prepared by the Borough President's engineers, the maps show that only 2.5 per cent. of the city's buildings are higher than twenty storeys. Buildings from one to four storeys in height comprise 42.5 per cent. of the total, while those from five to seven storeys constitute 43 per cent. of the total. Land values are shown on the maps, ranging from $400 a front foot to $10,000 a front foot in the Grand Central zone. The exhibit is open to the public from 9 to 4 daily.

"If the difficulties through which we are passing have the effect of bringing home to us the evils of economic nationalization it will be a blessing in disguise."—Prince of Wales.

Radio Air Station to Send Oral and Visual Signals

Washington.—A combined radio communication station and radio range-beacon to transmit voice and direction signals simultaneously to planes over the New York area will be placed in operation next month at Elizabeth, N.J.

"The radio station is equipped to furnish airmen in flight with oral and visual type directional signals either simultaneously, or independently, and is also able to transmit voice and signals of the visual type in a like manner.

"The Aeronautic Branch of the Commerce Department said in describing the station.

"This will enable a pilot, if his plane is provided with the instruments to bring in the visual signals, to receive weather reports, or other necessary information, by voice and, at the same time, to be guided on his course by means of the visual indications that are registered on the plane's instrument board. As it is necessary to shut down the aural signals while a voice broadcast is being made, a pilot prepared to receive only the aural signals is without directional guidance while voice is being received."

Resourceful Woman Patches Gas Line With Corn Plaster

Manning, S.C.—Necessity, some one has said, is the mother of invention, and, according to a local garage man, the author of the aphorism knew what he was talking about.

Three young women, one of them limping, left Charleston the other day in an automobile. When they reached Manning, the automobile, rather than one of the women, was limping.

It happened this way: On a lonely part of the road their automobile stopped running. It appeared that the gas line had broken. The three young women were in a dilemma. Finally, the one who was limping suggested that a corn plaster might fix the line. It worked, and they made their way to a Manning garage where more permanent repairs were effected.

Danes to Survey Coast of Greenland

Copenhagen. — A Danish expedition to continue making maps and surveying the southeast coast of Greenland with other geological glacierogical work has just sailed under the leadership of Dr. Knud Rasmussen.

The expedition consists of 70 men, including Greenlanders, who are tending eight large motorboats. Through the investigations of last year made by Capt. Einar Mikkelsen, six ancient Eskimo dwellings were found among ruins between Angmagssalik and Scoresby Sound.

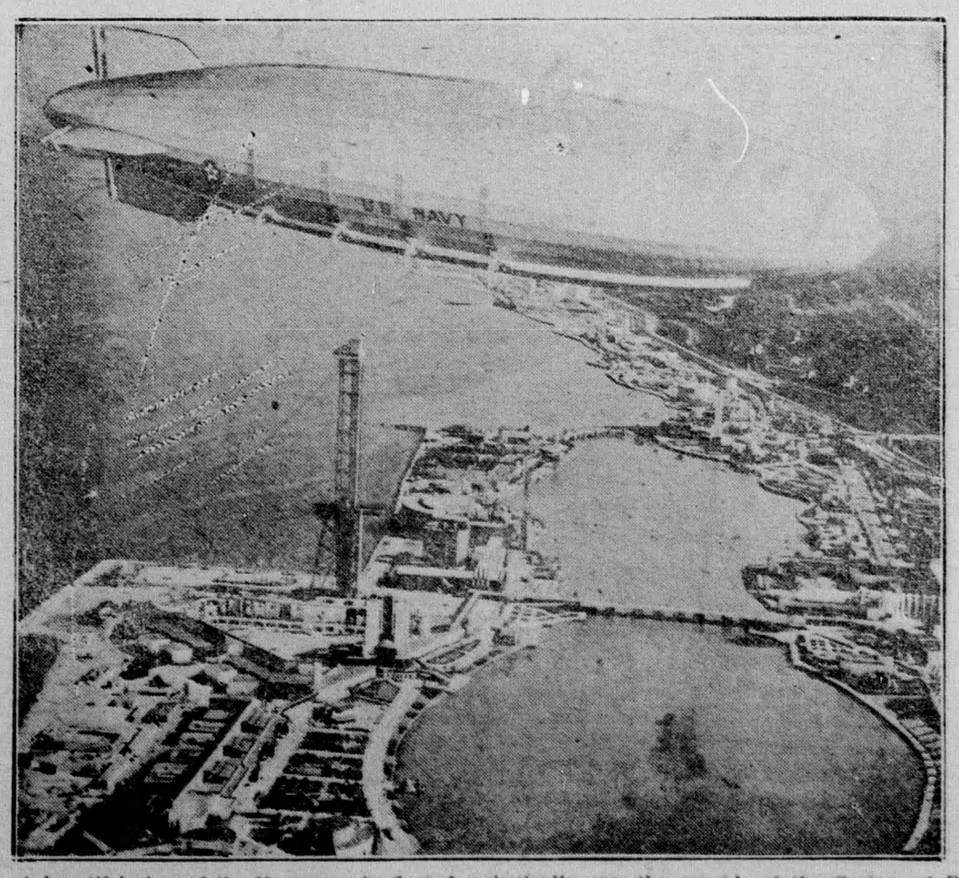
It is hoped these relics will help to throw light on the sudden disappearance of inhabitance from this district of Greenland. Further inland traces were found of vegetation, grouse and foxes. It is said that it will be possible to colonize further this part of Greenland but only with Greenlanders.

Pioneer Aged 110 Forgets Name of War He Fought In

North Bay.—John Birch, a Russian pioneer who settled at Nipissing Junction near here in 1890, has just celebrated his 110th birthday. He is a veteran of the Crimean and Franco-Russian war, and another war the name of which he can't remember.

Let love make you strong, pure, severe. Let it prevent your sacrificing the least portion of your soul's life.—Carmen Silva.

"Queen of the Air" Visits the Fair



A beautiful view of the Macon as she floated majestically over the grounds of the Century of Progress fair at Chicago. The huge dirigible will be turned over to the navy department soon, officially.

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300 Scientists Attend Congrss At Victoria

Representatives From 31 Countries Gather for First Time in North America

More than 300 scientists from 31 countries attended the fifth meeting of the Pacific Science Congress which opened on June 1 at Victoria, British Columbia. It is the first time the Congress has met on the North American side of the Pacific Ocean. The meetings were held at Victoria and Vancouver, continuing until June 14. The topics discussed included life in and significance of Pacific fiords, meteorological conditions affecting navigation on the Pacific, developments in the application of science to industry in countries of the Pacific region, methods of controlling the principal diseases of animals, co-ordination of recent work in plant and animal genetics, ethnological and archaeological factors in Pacific cultures, propagation of salmon, silviculture, radio transmission, copper, lead and zinc resources, volcanoes, and earth-crust movements.

One of the most interesting features of the Congress was the address of Lord Rutherford, Director of the Cavendish Physics Laboratory of Cambridge University, England, a former Professor of Physics at McGill University, Montreal. Lord Rutherford, who, by the way, was born in New Zealand, delivered his address by radio to Vancouver, where the Congress was in session. Before and after his address, Lord Rutherford held a conversation with officers of the Congress. Such is the point to which modern radio telephony has been developed.

It was while he was a member of the Faculty at McGill University that Lord Rutherford published his first paper on radio-activity. He is regarded as one of the world's outstanding scientists. Fifteen years ago he won the Nobel Prize for chemistry.

This year Canada is the meeting place for four notable international gatherings. In addition to the foregoing, the World's Postal Union Executive Committee, with representatives from 16 countries, met in Ottawa, the capital of Canada; on July 24 the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference opens at Regina, Saskatchewan, at which 25 countries will be officially represented, and from Aug. 14 to 26 the fifth biennial conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations will meet at Banff, Alberta, famous resort in the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

Shingle Industry In B.C. Is Booming

New Westminster, B.C.—The shingle industry on the Fraser River is booming with virtually all the big plants working double shifts and employing approximately 1,000 men in this district. Some plants have orders sufficient to keep them busy through July and August. Prices have advanced sharply.

Shingle production in the lower Fraser Valley this year is expected to reach 1,200,000,000 pieces of a value of $2,000,000 against 770,000,000 pieces in 1932.

Increased shingle production means more activity in the woods.

Welsh Miners Offer Job Sharing Plan

Blaenavon, Wales. — Some 1,600 miners in employment at Blaenavon, Wales, have proposed to colliery managers that their work should be shared with the town's 800 jobless.

Previously the working miners were balloted on the question of whether they were prepared to share their employment. The percentage of workers who responded favorably was 41, and the matter was then allowed to drop.

That decision has now been rescinded, and the managments are considering adopting the work-sharing scheme, which is expected to result in eight months work every year for all miners in the area, and in none of them losing eligibility for insurance relief through lengthy unemployment.

"No greater blessing can come upon the nations of this world than that Great Britain and America should remain in affectionate relationships."—Ramsay MacDonald.

To Plant Acorns For Oak Forests

British Jobless to Plant 70,000 Pounds of Nuts to Restore Forests

London. — Jobless miners and farm laborers are helping to plant 70,000 pounds of acorns in England to restore the forests of mighty oaks which were felled during the Great War.

Some 478,000 acres of trees were cut down between 1914 and 1918. Already 25,000 acres have been replanted by the Forestry Commission, and in less than 50 years Thedford Chase, the country along the Little Ouse, bordering Norfolk and Suffolk, will be one long stretch of trees.

Jobless men are being taught the are of tending seedling oaks in tree nudseries covering more than 100 acres. Last autumn the wives and children of these men, living in the 160 woodmen's cottages which are scattered through the young forest at Thedford Chase, spent many hours of each day collecting the acorns which are now being planted. The saplings will go into a nursery for two years before being transplanted to the forest land.

Considerable care has to be expended on the preservation of the young trees for the various forests now being formed. Pine seeds are soaked in red lead before being planted to keep away mice, and small fences are built round the ground as a protection against rabbits. Trenches are also sunk to frustrate the tunneling cockchafer, and means have to be taken to keep away the deer.

Eventually it is proposed to establish new sawmills, paper mills and timber industries, but for every tree cut down another will be planted.

Turkey in 28 Words, Sets Forth Program For World's Recovery

London. — Turkey proposes how to set the world to rights in 28 words. Her official proposals to the World Economic Conference, holding the record for brevity, are:

"Gradual abolition by bilateral agreements to quota measures, abnormal prohibitions and exceptional restrictions, also of export bounties, taking the financial and economic equilibrium of each country into account."

A British firm, Messrs. J. W. Gibson, are to build for the Egyptian Government a new Nile dam, to cost £2,000,000. The job will take four years and will increase Egypt's cultivatable land by 300,000 acres.

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