

AMERICAN TOURISTS THROUGH SWITZERLAND

MANY VISITORS AT GENEVA

League of Nations Secretariat Reports Them in Majority There; Interesting Account

The tourist rush in Switzerland is beginning, and the land of William Tell, watches and cheeses, and Geneva, seat of the League of Nations, sees ahead of it an unprecedented prosperity through the garnering of American dollars.

Switzerland, before the war, was predominantly a tourist country. Lucerne, Berne and Geneva were great Meccas for the travelling American—a species which has increased twenty-fold in less than a decade. Lausanne, Montreux, and the Bernese Oberland was then, as they are now, the stronghold of the vacationing British. In fact, the lower end of Lake Geneva is still known as the British Graveyard, since hundreds of wealthy Englishmen migrate there to spend their declining years, and in so doing add many days of grace beyond their allotted span.

While no exact statistics have been kept on American tourists visiting Switzerland, the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association of New York and the American Committee, organizations which have constituted themselves as guides for the curious fellow countrymen who come to Geneva to see what kind of a house Woodrow Wilson built, between May and September last year, registered, and took the addresses, of more than 10,000 Americans.

That did not include the hundreds of American Legionnaires who also visited Geneva. Also there were other hundreds—who did not visit the League or concealed their identity. Charles Evans Hughes, for instance, visited Lausanne, which is forty-five minutes down the Lake, then went to Chamonix, a French village a short distance to the East of Geneva and then completed the encircling movement by viewing Geneva from the strategic point of Anancy, about a half-hour motor drive to the South. Other Americans however, were not so gun-shy. Among those whose names are household words, who have actually been caught within the portals of the Secretariat or the Assembly Hall can be included, Secretary of Treasury, Andrew Mellon, Senators Capper, (Kansas), Metcalf, (Rhode Island), Burton, (Ohio), Harrison, (Georgia), Walsh, (Montana), Swanson, (Virginia), and representatives by the score—mostly good Republicans like Stephen G. Porter, George Holcomb Tinkham of Boston and others.

Has Fascination

In the words of an American editorial writer, Geneva, and its League draws Americans by the score and "exercises an irresistible fascination for Washington—like the circus does for a little boy, even though he knows he will be put to work carrying water for the elephant."

Americans in Majority

More Americans comes to Geneva than all other nationalities combined. The British flock into Switzerland by the thousands in the winter-time for the sports—skiing, skating, curling, bobsleds, etc. But they go with the spring and from Easter on the country and its countless hotels and congeries, is turned over to their coun-

try across the seas. Between the two nationalities the Swiss just about make their living. And as proof is the fact that the dollar is worth less than a dollar in Switzerland while the pound sterling often is slightly below par on account of the large amount of bills and notes that are put into circulation by the tourists.

Although Geneva has become almost an international city because of the League, it is more and more rapidly becoming characteristically American. There are more American-made automobiles than any other kind in the city; Hollywood movies are released there at the same time they appear in Paris, London or Rome; among the fifty-odd international organizations located there the majority are supported by American philanthropy; American cigarettes are popular and American-made shoes have stores for their exclusive sale; in the Kursaals and dance-halls American jazz orchestras dominate the field and "American Bar" is the irresistible sign that "welcomes all nations except Carrie" to make obeisance before the brass foot-rails.

MORGAN PARK HIGH WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Subject, Painting in Art Institute, and Many Schools Competing

The winner of the High School essay contest, in which pupils of Chicago's high school entered into a competition to see which could write the best essay on paintings in the Chicago Artists' Collection, was the Morgan Park High School. Consequently the Municipal Art League of Chicago, which has been conducting these contests for the past four years, awarded the painting "Lagoons of Venice," by Carl C. Preussl, to the Morgan Park School. The requirements were that the pupils of the high schools should visit the Art Institute and each select the work of art he or she liked best and give reasons for such choice.

The jury for the selection of the best essay consisted of Frederick C. Hibbard, (sculptor) Chairman, Mrs. Charles W. Leigh and Mrs. E. Edward Merritt. The winning essay was written by Kathryn Gantt, of the Morgan Park School, who wrote about her reactions to the painting entitled "Mutual Friends" by Ingeborg Christensen. The second prize went to the Austin High School, for an essay by Ruch Burkhardt, the prize being a color etching entitled "Spring," by Stretta Zamponi, from the Chicago Society of Etchers Exhibition.

FLOOD WALL BUILT AT BEARDSTOWN, ILL.

The million dollar sea wall at Beardstown, built to safeguard its residents from future floods, has just been completed. Beardstown is noted for something else besides floods. The city was the starting point of Lincoln's journey on a flatboat with a load of logs to New Orleans, where he saw the evils of slavery for the first time. Beardstown citizens also point with pride to the spot where Lincoln stood when he received his commission to serve in the Black Hawk war. It was in the historic old courthouse in Beardstown that Lincoln, as chief counsel for the defense, succeeded in having Jack Armstrong acquitted of a murder charge by breaking the testimony of the state's star witness. This was in 1858. The courthouse is still standing and is one of the show places of the town.

ANCIENT CHARIOT WHEELS ARE FOUND

DUG UP IN MESOPOTAMIA

Field Museum Expedition Excavates Them at Kish; Are Believed Oldest Ever Discovered

Wheels of a chariot in which some warrior, general or king of 5,000 years ago may have ridden victoriously in battle and home again in triumph, have been excavated on the site of the ancient city of Kish in Mesopotamia by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, it has been announced at Field Museum of Natural History.

The wheels, of which there are two, are believed by archaeologists of the expedition to be the oldest ever excavated. When they have been received from overseas and placed on exhibition, they will give Field Museum a feature unique among the museums of the world.

Found 45 Feet Down

According to the report received from the expedition, the wheels were discovered by Henry Field, assistant curator of physical anthropology on the museum staff, while working at a depth of 45 feet below the surface over the buried remains of the ancient Sumerian city, said to have been the seat of the world's oldest civilization. They are estimated to belong to the period between 3200 and 3000 B. C. While naturally in a crumbling state after these thousands of years, the central wooden portions of the disc-like wheels are practically intact. They have a diameter of about two feet, and are bound with a rim two inches deep studded with copper nails, which are still in place, at intervals upon the rolling surface. Members of the expedition are strengthening and preserving them before shipping to Chicago. The width between the two wheels was four and one-half feet. Nearby were found two pieces of copper, apparently parts of a harness, and used to keep the driving reins in place.

Another Discovery

The expedition has also discovered and opened another tomb dating back to about 3000 B. C. Last year and the year before the expedition penetrated into other tombs and the temple of the earth goddess, Harsag-kalama. In the new tomb many beautiful silver and bronze objects, furniture, ornaments, gold and lapis-lazuli, beaded chains, and vessels of earthenware, copper and stone have been found. Fine painted pottery and pictographic tablets have been recovered.

A total of 88 individual skeletal remains, including one practically complete skeleton and several nearly complete skulls of ancient Sumerian citizens have been excavated by Assistant Curator Field. These are expected to throw new light on the problem of solving the racial derivation and evolution of the ancient Sumerians and Semites.

The expedition reports it has been severely hampered at times by torrential rains, blinding sandstorms, and sudden changes from raging heat to bitter cold. The cold brings labor difficulties, as the Arabs employed in uncomfortable by chilling winds.

INFLUENCE OF YOUTH BENEFITS TO PRESS

MAKE BETTER NEWSPAPER

Head of United Press Association Says Cleaner, Saner Ideals of Rising Generation Reason

Youth, with its new and finer ideals, is forcing newspapers to raise their standards, according to Karl A. Bickel, president of the United Press Association, who spoke before 1150 high school periodicals at the fourth annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association recently in New York, says the Christian Science Monitor.

"Youth itself is cleaner, saner, more temperate than it has ever been before," Mr. Bickel declared. "And since the newspapers must please youth, they are raising journalism to a new high mark."

Young persons, he said, are the reading public of the future, and if newspapers will gain their lifelong patronage they must make a favorable impression at the start.

"Not only must we bid for the patronage of the boys and girls for its own sake," Mr. Bickel continued, "but we must also remember that one active youngster reader will do more or five adult readers along with him. His influence on the reading habits of his associates is enormous."

Standards of Journalism

Joseph M. Murphy, secretary of the association, also spoke of the rising standards in journalism.

"We believe that in you of the younger generation," he said, "lies the hope of America. Within the next decade, many of you will be writing the news copy and editorials which influence the community for good or evil. Our purpose in bringing you to New York is that you may see the center of the country's journalism and meet personally the men who are doing nobly the things for this generation that you will do for the next."

In connection with the association sessions, the National Boy Scout Amateur Press Association was organized. Scout merit badge in journalism the Quill of the lone scouts, or those who have been editors of scout amateur newspapers chartered by the national organization are eligible for membership in the new group. They include scouts from all parts of the United States.

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