

SINGING IN BATHTUB NOW WORLD PRACTICE

U. S. Is Supplying Bathing Facilities to Many Countries, Says Bulletin

Singing in the bathtub, happy once again,
Watchin' all my troubles go swingin' down the drain.

When an American workman puts the finishing touches on a glistening enameled iron or porcelain bathtub, he never knows if the tub is going to stay in the United States or if it is going abroad—if the bather is going to sing in the King's English or in French, if he will croon softly in musical Manchurian or if the tub will perchance reverberate with the lusty notes of a Roumanian vernacular.

Exports of American bathtubs, lavatories and kitchen sinks have been increasing year after year as the world has, through advertisements and through the medium of the motion picture, come to have a greater appreciation of the luxury of the American bathroom.

Leading the World

America is setting bathroom fashions for the world. Once the American locomotive was the vanguard of civilization. Now it is the bathtub.

One of the large American manufacturers of plumbing equipment has just shipped to Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang, commander-in-chief of the armies of the three eastern provinces of Manchuria, plumbing fixtures in white and in color for the 47 rooms in the marshal's private residence and office.

General Hsueh-Liang wanted not merely American bathtubs, but he wanted the new and modernistic ones with straight lines and panels and equipped with non-tarnishing chromium fittings in tasteful octagonal design.

Bath in Auto

In India, the Prince Nawab of Bhopal is a step ahead of the American tourist. The prince has a completely equipped bathroom mounted on a motor chassis. It isn't a little 5 by 5 bathroom either, but one of the modern, roomy ones with a dressing table and chest of drawers.

On the other side of the world, in France, in the River Loire region, a chateau built in 1313, is being modernized with seven beautiful American bathrooms. Castle modernizing is rapidly becoming one of the chief activities of the American plumbing manufacturer. If business slows up in the United States, he sends a cablegram to his Paris representative to hunt up castle prospects. And if the owner of the French chateau or the Italian villa is temporarily financially embarrassed, he can buy his plumbing on time payments.

Naturally the owner of a castle buys only the most expensive kind of plumbing fixtures—marble lavatories and porcelain tubs with gold plated fittings.

Turkey Likes Them

From Turkey comes the news that American made plumbing is driving the Turkish baths out of Turkey. New Turks demand occidental tubs in apartment houses. On the seven hills of Stamboul where once the

women of the seraglio of Selim the Sot bathed in rose scented marble pools, the American bathtub is now preferred.

The ancient public baths are losing customers. Of the 165 Turkish baths which have been thriving for centuries, only 82 now remain.

The Roumanian government proposes to erect 50,000 official buildings and one-story dwellings and will equip them with bathing facilities. Many houses will have shower baths in addition to tub baths.

Latest Anti-Aircraft Artillery to be Shown in Movies by the Army

Plans are being made by the Sixth Corps Area of the Army, with headquarters at Chicago, for showing to the people of the Middle West the latest types of anti-aircraft artillery weapons and ranging devices at the Military Tournament and Exposition which is planned to be held at Grant Park Stadium, Soldiers Field, Chicago, from June 21 to June 29, 1930. This event, of widespread interest in the three states comprising the Sixth Corps Area—Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan—will be under

the direction of Major General Frank Parker, the Corps Area commander, and will include in its program exhibitions and demonstrations of the weapons and methods for modern defense against aircraft. Searchlights, sound locators, and anti-aircraft fire-control mechanisms will be shown.

The exposition will comprise a variety of exhibits of all branches of the Army, including airplanes, tanks, artillery, anti-aircraft, chemical warfare, ordnance, engineer, signal corps—in fact all branches of the service. The tournament will consist of a series of unusual exhibitions by each of the Army units participating each performance ending by all units taking part in a spectacular attack "Somewhere in France." Troops participating in the tournament will come from garrisons widely spread in the Sixth Corps Area, including Fort Sheridan, Fort Wayne, Selfridge Field, Chanute Field, Scott Field and Jefferson Barracks.

Pageants, drills and other exercises in native costumes of different nationalities will be given by various large national groups.

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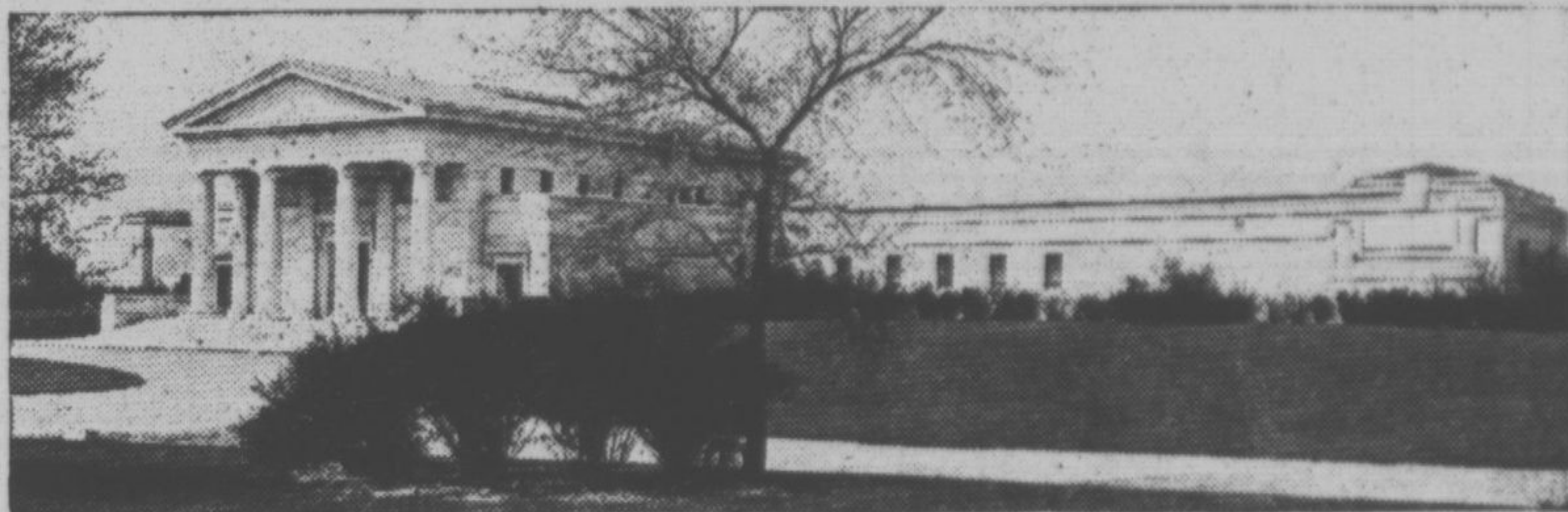
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