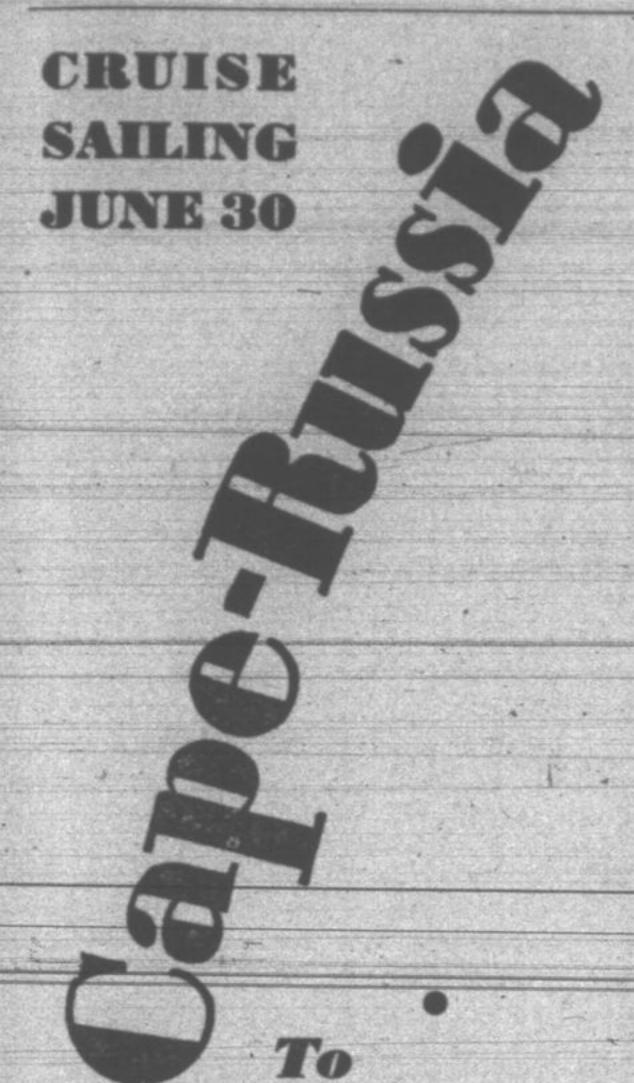
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Arab First

The Bedouin Arab, for instance, is given first rank as a conversationalist; next come the Chinese; third, the Frenchman; fourth, the American; other nationalities trail on into the dim regions of social silence.

Honors go to the Bedouin Arab because he most nearly meets the conception of the ideal conversationalist, who is described as a person who can alternately listen and talk, whose interests range the entire cultural field, who avoids argument and discursive monologues, who mingles fresh, intelligent humor with a knowledge of the subject on the tongue, and who listens as attentively as he talks enthusiastically.

evenings in the desert, long hours of sitting in the sun-have forced him

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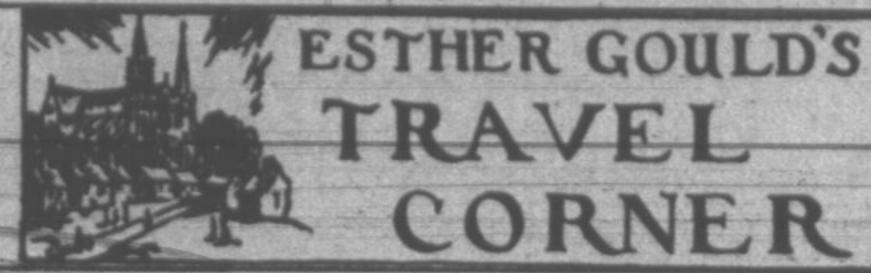
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"DARK HERITAGE"

By Shirland Quin Little Brown

In "Dark Heritage" by Shirland interest flagged. Quin, we have a first novel of inter-! It all happens as it had with the that it is completely objective. It has last to his native soil, only to find none of that passionate outpouring of that he doesn't like it any more, his all that an impressionable youth has heart has been given to his new home. lived or seen or thought about life to The best part of the book is the date, that clearing of the boards really delightful and vivid descripwhich many young writers find neces- tion of Mervyn's early days, his life sary before they can begin to look at on the rugged, charming old Welsh life critically and objectively. Of farm. course that may have been done in pages consigned to oblivion and the BOYS WHO ARE BOYS scrap-basket, or Miss Quin may have gained objectivity through the writing of the three plays which she has already had produced in London.

Mervyn Morgan is a Welsh boy, whose family owns one of the most prosperous farms in the county. They are proud people, loyal and passion-The environment of the Arab long till, to sniff the sea breezes as they ones, the one born to rule. come in from the stormy Atlantic.

> who will some day be head of the you will find interesting. farm. A quarrel one of many but | There is Ethelbert, "Ethel" to the farm, he runs away to America.

lingly through any trials that a capri- under our eyes, a process which cious Fate may impose, but we re- makes a good and lively story.

fuse to take the author's hand and walk with him while he capriciously imposes them. It is too much like helping boys to stone young birds. At that point we must confess, our

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

ST. LUKE'S"

By Phillip Stevenson Longman's Green

Philip Stevenson is convinced that ate, moody and stubborn. Young a group of boys in a school, which Mervyn shares the family pride in might be any of our eastern boys' and love for the farm, in fact in him, preparatory schools, called in the as his grandmother shrewdly per- book St. Luke's, are very much like ceives, it reaches a climax. All he individuals anywhere. There are the asks of life is the chance to plow, to bullies, the four flushers, the timid

In "The Gospel According to St. But, alas, Fate has her axe swing- Luke's" he makes a story out of such ing. A natural antagonism exists a group, which particularly if you between Mervyn and his older brother | are interested in youthful psychology,

this one more serious - ensues and boys because of his puny stature and Mervyn has no choice but to leave the the impediment in his speech, who makes himself by sheer force of will This same thing happened in the and desire into a hundred percenter, last generation, in the case of his called "Speed," who nearly flunks out Uncle David. The same beginning of school before the end of his third and we can presage the same conclu- year, though he had a brain which sion. And that is where we would entitled him to be head of his class. take issue with the author. In a case There is Tony who starts out with of history repeating itself so obvious- every bias toward popularity but who ly as this we cannot help feeling that becomes opinionated, moody and the cards are stacked against the morose. In other words Mr. Stevencharacter. Now, we will take a char- son has been interested in letting acter's hand and walk with him wil- these boys work out their destiny

as his most reliable amusement.

Chinese Are Good

their language, its picturesqueness subjects. and the musical quality of their voices also make for interesting conversation.

ite topics into all the labyrinths of 461 to 353 against a high school. language at their leisure. In Berlin, novelties are introduced into the -as in one where the waiters are garbed in prison stripes.

ener or a talker," says the report. of Europe outside of Russia.

to develop his conversational ability | "His conversation is 50 per cent sports and games, 40 per cent automobiles and 9 per cent weather, with The Chinese, because most of their 1 per cent meaningless remarks education deals with the teachings of politics. Only one out of 400 detheir ancient sages, develop along votes one-fourth of one per cent of cultural lines also. The intricacy of his conversation to serious cultural

After a two-year battle to establish a high school in Avon township Europe as a whole takes more in- through special school election, resiterest in conversation than do Amer- dents of Grays Lake who have been icans. Their cafes are meeting places fighting for the school, gave up the where conversation is fostered. Diners | battle temporarily when voters outand drinkers may pursue their favor- side of Round Lake recently voted

When King Ibn Saud of Arabia coffee houses to stimulate the patrons makes a journey into the desert he keeps in touch with his two palaces at Mecca and Rivadhfi by radio, "The average American business which reminds us that our present man, no matter what his success in civilization is extended into Asia. industry, is a rank failure as a list- Arabia, by the way, is as large as all