

NOW AND THEN

American chorus girls in England were drawing much larger crowds than the all-British choruses that the Labour Ministry recently found it necessary to ban the American girls. Englishmen are puzzled over the American girls greater attraction.

One columnist in the London "Daily Sketch," July 24, groping for the reason for the Americans' success says, "Nobody suggests that American girls are better dancers than English girls. Nobody has even been able to tell me exactly why they keep the restaurants filled. 'When I have asked Whitley and Ferry what the secret is, they have both answered, 'Personality.' But what exactly is personality?"

Snuff-taking is on the increase among young Englishmen of 1935, according to another London columnist. He recommends it as a cure for excessive smoking and says that there are twenty-seven varieties of snuff to choose from, each blend having a different strength and a different flavor.

Baroness Orczy says that the idea of the "The Scarlet Pimpernel" came to her suddenly when she was waiting for a train.

We can be glad that dietitians are included on the staffs of most of our hospitals.

British dietitians and doctors in a recent investigation found cases where patients in British hospitals had been given toast after a tonsil operation and even heavy dinners of beef, mutton, potatoes and gravy after a serious operation.

Mr. Charles E. Hecht, secretary of the Food Education society there, said that British hospitals were twenty-five years behind American and Canadian hospitals, few hospitals having regular dietitians.

George Arliss lists as things he hates: "the mutilation of animals in the name of science; the trapping of fur-bearing animals for the sake of vanity; any kind of flesh foods; unconventionally-dressed women in towns, who discard hats and stockings; and being asked personal questions."

Novia Scotia, the land of "Longfellow's 'Evangeline', is not largely English or French as the poem infers but is Scotch. In fact, it is said that Novia Scotia is now more Scotch than Scotland, since a greater per cent of the inhabitants of Inverness county in Novia Scotia speak the ancient Gaelic tongue than do the inhabitants of the original Inverness county in Scotland.

The skirl of the bagpipes is heard at the opening of the Novia Scotia parliament, and several newspapers are printed partly in Gaelic.

Traffic Code Calls For Good Brakes

How good are your brakes? Will they stop your car within 30 feet when traveling at 20 miles an hour?

The new Traffic Code, recently passed by the Legislature and now in force in Illinois, has set up definite standards of brake performance which must be met by all motor vehicles operating on the streets and highways, says Carl A. Barrett, president of the Illinois Automobile club. The new law requires that:

Every motor vehicle must be equipped with adequate brakes, applicable to at least 2 wheels, maintained in good order and adjustment:

Every new motor vehicle now sold or operated in Illinois must be equipped with service brakes on all wheels. (No new motor vehicles with 2-wheel brakes are now permitted on the highways.)

Performance requirements, to be made on a level, dry asphalt or concrete pavement at 20 miles per hour, are:

4-Wheel service brakes—must stop car in 30 feet.

2-Wheel service brakes—must stop car in 40 feet.

Hand brake—must stop car in 55 feet.

"If your car meets these requirements," says Mr. Barrett, "it will pass the brake inspection of the state, which does not appear especially difficult for good brakes should stop a car in less than 25 feet when traveling at a speed of 20 miles an hour."

"These brake requirements in the new Code are a good provision and should, if enforced, do much to increase safety on our highways."

Federal Employees To Hold Conference

Washington, D. C. —Aug. 13—Issues to be discussed and acted upon by the thirteenth biennial convention of the National Federation of Federal Employees, which opens Sept. 2 at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, were outlined today by Luther C. Steward, president of the organization.

According to President Steward,

the following topics will receive major attention at the convention: Preservation and extension of the merit system.

Extension of classification to the field service.

Adoption of a salary schedule in the classification act providing a minimum of \$1,500 per annum for all full-time adult workers and corresponding increases for positions requiring greater degrees of skill and experience.

Establishment of a qualified central agency to administer other personnel legislation.

Liberalization of the present retirement law.

Abolition of the average restriction in appropriation bills.

One day's rest in seven and extra compensation for night and overtime.

Allowances for transportation when transfers are ordered.

Establishment of a civil service court of appeals.

Revision of the present unfair quarters, subsistence and laundry regulations.

"All of these questions," President Steward declared, "are important not only to Federal employees themselves but to the public as a whole because they have a vital bearing upon the effort to give to the United States a system of public personnel administration comparable to that which has been adopted by other leading countries of the world."

"The forthcoming convention will be the best attended in the history of the National Federation of Federal Employees, with a large proportion of the more than 530 local unions of the organization represented by delegates at Yellowstone."

Opening Sept. 2 at Old Faithful lodge, the convention will remain in session until all business has been transacted.

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