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At The Coronation



R. F. Simpkin, a weekly newspaper reporter, is on his way to the Coronation. This is the first of a series of articles he will be writing for The Liberal.

Sailing For The Coronation

When my sailing for the Coronation was changed from Montreal to New York I decided to take an extra day in the big city and see some of the sights.

Arriving Monday morning I started in to see those places which most everyone coming here, visits. Radio City, the big stores and the 5th Avenue shops.

I watched the lights of the city come on from the observation tower of the Empire State Building. There among the clouds the streets and buildings came out in lights as the sunset gradually faded in the west. This was truly a magnificent sight.

When I came down it was with the intention of seeing a show or night club which is what most people believe is a must in New York.

As I reached Broadway the masses of people were on the street and the stores and restaurants and shows which line both sides were brilliantly lit and throngs of people were surging along.

I saw a purse snatcher try his luck and fall, saw him knock over a theatre attendant who tried to stop him, and watched the crowd gather round.

I heard a blind man singing, "Isn't it a small world" as he was led slowly along by his seeing eye dog while passers-by dropped coins in his cup.

"Broadway was our beat," I walked down one way and back on the other side.

On the end of the "flat iron" building a big electric sign advertised a Canadian brand of whiskey (which incidentally brings about double price) to the New York thirsty. However, the word Can-

adian felt good to walk past. The restaurants which are everywhere seem all to be filled. One attendant handed me a pass which read, "Beautiful girls as dancing partners."

Coronation Theme
 In front of Rockefeller Centre in a sunken garden surrounded with flags of all nations there has been set up a Coronation Cavalcade.

The Coronation carriage with its four teams of white horses and riders and guards are complete in life size plaster of paris. Details are most exact even to a scar on the face of one of the medalled guards. Throngs of people are continually passing to view it.

Finally, when my feet could take no more I returned to the hotel. Tuesday morning I toured the United Nations building. The post office there refused to take a Canadian dollar in payment for postage stamps which could be used only in that building. The clerk said Canadian money "would be difficult to bank."

It was at this time I suddenly found I was in the midst of 70 ladies from my own neighborhood in Simcoe County. They were on a bus tour and had been in Washington before visiting New York.

Some of them were weekly newspaper correspondents and were delighted to know the weekly newspapers had a correspondent going to the Coronation.

They hoped to be at the dock to see me off, all 70 of them. (They also wanted to see the Queen Elizabeth which would be docking as I was embarking.)

After a bus ride to the suburbs where the native New Yorkers live in apartment houses I took the underground back to the hotel to pack before leaving.

Am away now aboard the Georgia and the next letter will be from overseas.

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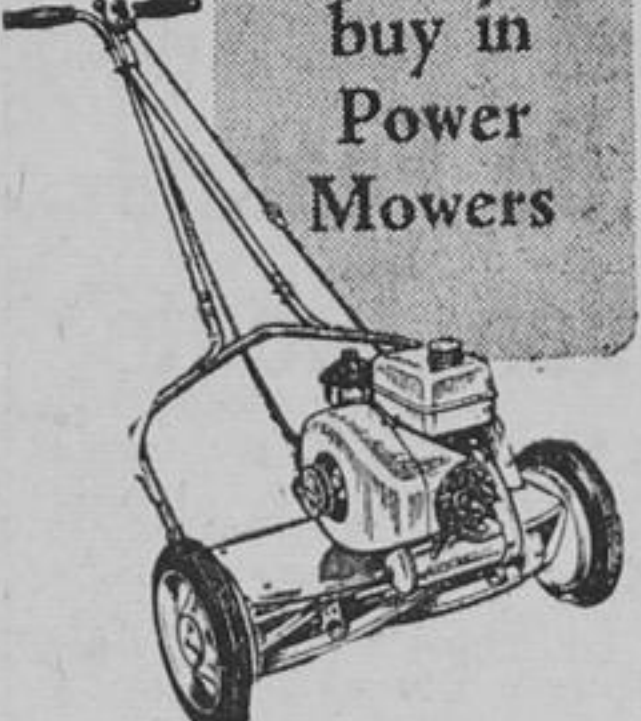


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