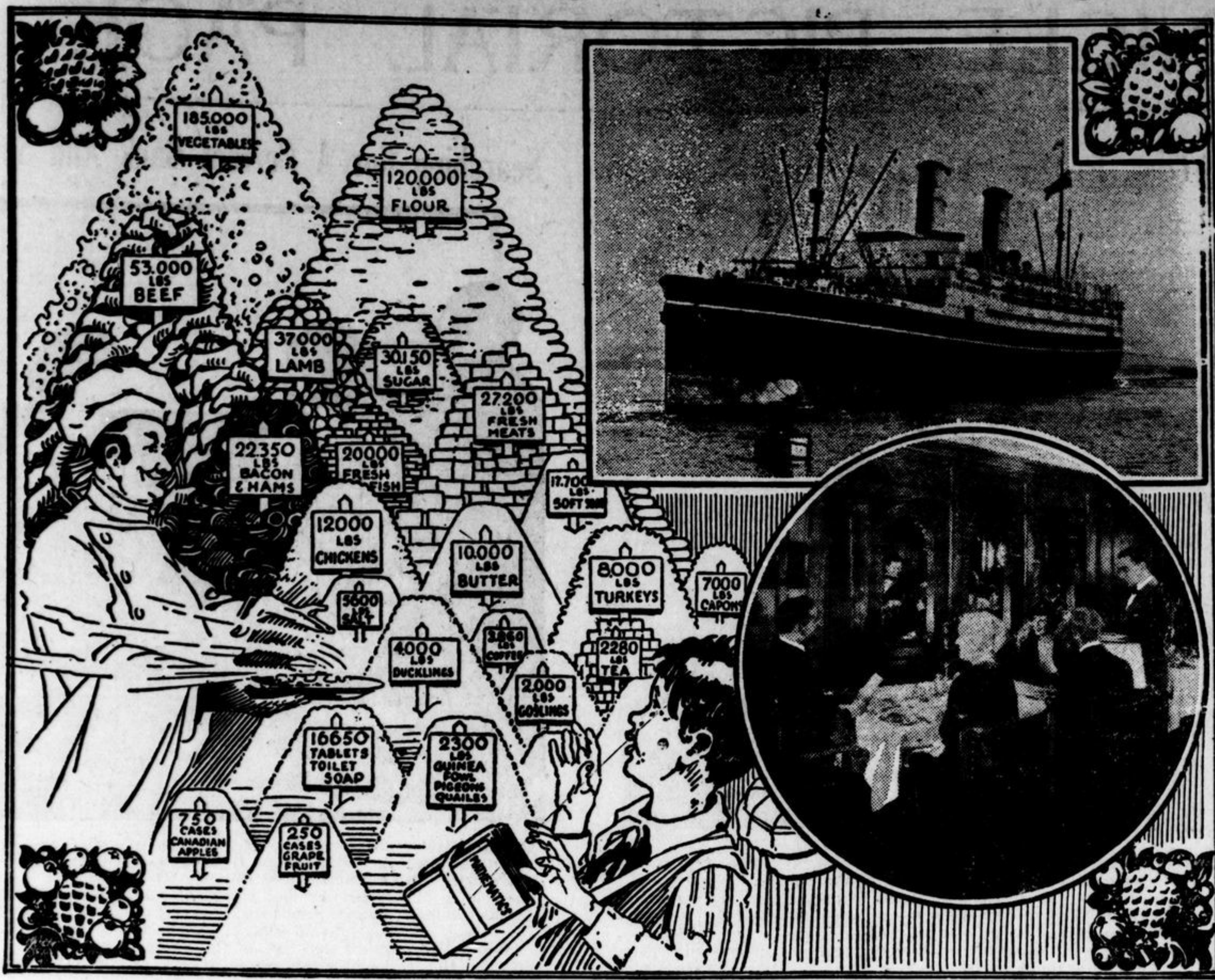


A Big Job in Housekeeping for Globe Circumnavigators.



Above is seen the "Empress of France," with inset, a corner of her dining salon. From the diagram one gathers an impression of the great amount of supplies this vessel carries on her round-the-world cruise.

BOOT-BLACKING and polishing as a steady diet is to most people more objectionable than dishwashing. Yet there are some who take a pride and pleasure in this occupation and actually shine in it. A little blacking goes a long way and gives a high polish, but knowing even this, the bootblack on the Empress of France, now stocking up for the round-the-world cruise she will commence on leaving New York January 15th did not quail when he saw a hundred-weight of boot polish being run up the gang plank for him. As a matter of fact he beamed. Each task is but a means to an end and although he may be called upon to see that many square miles of shoes are shined, he will have an opportunity of wiping the dust of many lands from them, and seeing something of these lands beside. His office was sought after, as were all others on the ship.

But dealing with huge figures, one would think that at least the chefs on this giant Canadian Pacific Steamship would be to some extent awed by what is before them. Think, Madame Housewife, of having to prepare 185,000 pounds of vegetables, of having to roast 53,000 pounds of beef, 37,000 pounds of lamb, 27,200 pounds of other fresh meats and 2,750 pounds of sausages. Would it not tend to take some of the joy out of a four month cruise? Yet this is the task of the stewards' department of the cruising Empress. Supposing that with the necessary assistance you had to prepare 12,000 pounds of chickens, 7,000 of capons, 4,000 of ducklings, 2,000 of goslings, 8,000 of turkeys, 3,000 of guinea

fowl, pigeons, quail, etc., and innumerable game fowl for the table en route; would you be so keen on your trip?

All joking apart, the unattached young ladies who figure on the passenger list will be thrilled to know that the aggregate weight of the nuts aboard totals 1600 pounds, and the unattached young men will be equally pleased to learn that on all the ship there are only 40 cases of lemons. But the little boys! It will indeed go hard with them. For some hard hearted purchasing agent, with no little boys of his own, has ordered 16,650 tablets of toilet soap, 17,700 pounds of soft soap, 55 gallons of liquid salt water soap, and two tons of scouring soap, and soap powder! He thinks that 6,000 Polar Bars and Esquimaux Pies are going to compensate for all this!

It seems that Dad has been looked after very well. Canadian Pacific cruise officers tell us that for the round-the-world trip of the Empress of France, some 59,170 bottles of various shapes and sizes have been taken aboard, and in addition 54,700 bottles of mineral waters.

A few other outstanding figures in connection with the four months supplies for the 450 or 500 passengers are as follows: 750 cases of Canadian apples, 250 cases of grape fruit, 36 barrels of grapes, 500 pounds of dates, 890 lobsters and crabs, 20,000 pounds of fresh fish, 3,864 pounds of coffee, 30,150 pounds of sugar, 2,280 tons of sea fish, 5,600 pounds of salt, 1,780 bottles of sauce, 120,000 pounds of olive, 10,000 pounds of butter, 22,350 pounds of bacon and hams, 50,000 drinking straws, 43,000 menu cards—and so on. Fresh fruits, vegetables, fish, milk and eggs will be purchased in considerable quantities to meet requirements as the cruise progresses. Fifteen thousand, four hundred tons of fuel oil will be used by the cruising steamer.

BOY GUIDANCE— A NEW PROFESSION

(By Marjorie Bradford, Social Service Council of Canada.)

"One boy out of every fourteen is hailed into court for delinquency. Delinquency is largely misdirected energy. After leaving a boy's natural instincts entirely unguided, we arrest and penalize him for exercising his God-given energy!" So spoke Brother Barnabas, Executive Secretary of the Boy Life Bureau, Knights of Columbus in Canada, in an address before the National Probation Association meeting in Toronto last June. He was making his familiar plea in behalf of his beloved boys—for the new profession of boy guidance.

The relations of the human family have radically changed in the past two generations. Time was when the members of a family spent practically their lives together while the children were growing up. Father and boys worked together in the fields or at the trade. The Church and the home were vital factors in the boys' developing life. But as rural development has given way to the big industrial center and social and industrial changes have appeared, the fathers, and in many cases, the mothers have become separated from their children during most of their waking hours. At the same time a third agency in the education of the boy has developed—the school, and it has to some extent filled the need which arose with the changing occupations of the parents.

The Church and Sunday School are no longer the vital elements in the life of the youth that they were. Some statistics in this connection have already been collected in New York City. Although not necessarily typical, they may be at least indicative of conditions that may be encountered elsewhere on the continent. More than three-fourths of the boys in New York City between the ages of 12 and 18 years are not enrolled in any Sunday School at all. Acquaintance with any Sunday School record will add to this considerable number who do not attend often enough to receive any vital impression.

Day school attendance, too, is not what we would wish it to be. In spite of compulsory education laws, truancy, working permits, and the applications of these laws only up to early adolescence, a large proportion of our boys are deprived even of this vital influence during some of their formative years. Turning again to New York City

where a thorough survey has been made: 5 1/2 per cent of the boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years do not attend school at all, and over three-fourths of those who do go, attend under conditions that do not permit the individual instruction and the personal relationship that are absolutely necessary to building character.

The physical business of living to-day is easier than it has ever been. A great deal of leisure time is now enjoyed where once the waking hours were fully occupied. "It is this leisure time," says Brother Barnabas, "that, while it enriches our lives, makes them more complex." Our recreations include ten activities where our grandfathers knew one. Necessarily this affects the character of our boys. "The boy has a simple soul. He needs not a complexity of activities, but simpler ones. He is as elemental as a savage; he wants a simple environment, not the multiplicity of activities that surround him on every side. His nervous organism becomes over developed.

"The boy is a human dynamo. Going, doing—it is as easy to dam Niagara as to check the activity of a healthy youth in his teens. The wind will blow, and the water will dash along, do what we will. But the wind which played havoc in the garden turns the windmill industriously and the power of the water which upset the boat may be harnessed to run an engine. The boy's restless energy, if directed, may be guided to useful pursuits and wholesome ideals.

"Two things are needed: a program of directed activity for the boy's leisure time and men trained professionally for his leisure time leadership just as teachers are trained to direct his mind and doctors to care for his body."

During his impressionable years, the boy craves and needs the companionship of an adult of his own sex. He is a hero worshipper, and every boy needs a hero to worship. The development of his character will largely depend upon the hero he has chosen. Surely no requirements are then too high for the profession of boy leaders. They must have all the training, for they must be teachers and athletes, they must have physical buoyancy and youth, and they must be able to co-ordinate and direct the efforts in behalf of boys which are being put forth by practically all the men's service clubs on the continent.

The Knights of Columbus have made a unique contribution to welfare work in North America. They have established at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, a training school for boy leaders. It

is a two year graduate course leading to the degree of M.A., and a curriculum has been worked out which has been accepted by authorities as meeting the highest academic standards. It is an effort, which we hope will be multiplied, to expend the energy which is now required by the juvenile delinquency problem, in constructive work in playgrounds and leadership instead.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION HOME CALENDAR FOR 1925

Usefulness and convenience are the two things aimed at in The Companion Home Calendar for 1925. Embellishment, however, has not been forgotten. It is beautifully printed in red, blue and gold. On each monthly leaf is a rhymed aphorism by Arthur Guiterman or other rhymster, with a cheerful little vignette suggested by the months festivals or typical weather. Each leaf, moreover, carries, besides the calendar of the current month in bold, readable type, a marginal reproduction of the calendars of the preceding and succeeding months. This calendar will be sent, if requested with order, free to every subscriber who pays \$2.50 for the 52 numbers of The Youth's Companion for 1925.

A Modern Kid Teacher—"You'll have to stay in after school and work on your geography lesson. You didn't locate a single one of the cities."

Willie—"I can't locate them, but I know how to tune in on the whole blame lot."

Annual Meeting South Grey Agricultural Society

The Annual Meeting of the South Grey Agricultural Society will be held in the

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, '25 AT 2 P. M.

The business of the past year will be examined and passed and plans discussed and adopted for the present year. It is hoped that all the members within reach will endeavor to be present, and all others who are interested are cordially invited.

DON'T FORGET J. W. BLYTHE, President. GEO. BINNIE, Secretary. 1 15 2

OWEN SOUND BANDITS LOST NERVE WHEN WOMAN SCREAMED

Mrs. S. Bishop, East Hill Lady, Disregarded "Stick Up" Order—Threatened to Drill Holes in Citizen Who Chased Them.

Owen Sound got into the big city class on Saturday night when two bold bandits, with masks over their faces and each flourishing a revolver, made an attempt to hold up Mrs. S. Bishop, who carries on a grocery business at 1520 8th avenue east, near the corner of 15th street. It was only an attempt, however, as they were quickly scared away, and up to the present time, the police have no trace of them, says the Sun-Times.

It was about 10:30 o'clock on Saturday night, as Mrs. Bishop was about to close the store after the conclusion of the business for the day, that the two men entered the store. All was quiet in the neighborhood, and there were no other persons either in the store, or in the house, a fact which was probably known to the bandits, and as soon as they closed the door, they at once confronted Mrs. Bishop with the revolvers, and told her to put up her hands. Instead of doing this, as she was thoroughly frightened, she started to scream, and paying no attention whatever to the revolvers, made a dash for the front door. This action on her part completely disconcerted the men, and realizing that her screams would be heard, they decided that discretion was the better part of valor, and lost no time in making their getaway.

Mrs. Bishop did not stop running until she reached the home of her son, Joseph Bishop, at 1528 8th avenue just a few doors below her store, and from there a message was sent to the police station. Constables McNab and Wilson were quickly on the scene, but by that time, the bandits had made their escape. It was ascertained that when the bandits who probably got cold feet, came out of the store, they separated and went in opposite directions. Mr. William Hicks, who lives not far away, was on the street, and he attempted to chase one of the would-be robbers on 15th street, but the man turned on him and told him that if he came another step, he would put a bullet through him, and Mr. Hicks, who decided to take no chance, desisted in his efforts, and the fellow got away. So far as can be learned, nothing was seen of the other man after he left the store.

Mrs. Bishop was not able to give the police anything definite in the nature of a description of the men, except to say that one was a small man and the other a large man. She could not see their faces, with the exception of their eyes, and did not take very much notice as to their clothing. It is altogether likely that they were a pair of amateurs, as every move they made indicated such to be the case. Had they been professionals, they would not have been scared off, and they would not have left without getting the money they were after, as these men did. The police are still working on the case, although with the meagre details in their possession, they have little clue to follow.

The affair has created quite a sensation in that section of the city, and is the talk of the neighborhood. Mrs. Bishop is none the worse for her experience, although a little nervous, as anyone would be who had a couple of revolvers unexpectedly thrust into her face.

Dislocated His Shoulder Robert McClement, who is employed at Scott's departmental store at Mount Forest, met with a painful accident when he fell from a ladder while going up to shovel

snow off the roof. He fell 12 feet, dislocating his shoulder, injuring his leg and cutting his face which required six stitches.

FRESH FROM THE OULD SOB "Now, O'Brien," said the commissioner to the fireman recruit, "suppose that you have discovered a woman at the third-story window of a dwelling on fire. What steps would you take?" "Sure the steps would be no good, sorr," answered O'Brien; "O'd get a ladder."

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held in VARNEY L.O.L. HALL Thursday, January 22 at 8 p.m. R. W. BRO. B. G. GOSSE Grand Organizer for Western Ontario. will be present and deliver an address on the principles of Orangeism. EVERYBODY WELCOME W. R. Wallace, C. M. Leeson, Master, Secretary.



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