

# TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

## A Racy Letter to Be Published Weekly by the Whig.

BY SIGEL ROUSH.

Dresden, the capital of Saxony, is aptly styled the "Florence of Germany." Like most German cities, it is clean, well governed and exhibits every appearance of prosperity and refinement. Its art galleries contain some of the world's most famous masterpieces. Among the latter is the celebrated and well-known picture of the Sistine Madonna, generally conceded to be Raphael's greatest work. It stands in a room and in a class all alone. It is curious to note the effect this wonderful painting has on the beholder. In every other part of the gallery there is the usual sound of voices and shuffling of feet as the visitors pass to and fro, but the moment they cross the threshold of this "Holy of Holies" and gaze for the first time on this magnificent canvas, the music is hushed, the step becomes muffled and a spirit of adoration and awe pervades the very atmosphere. The exact character of the sensations experienced by one looking upon this inspired painting

weighing respectively 154 and 194 grains. Her most gracious majesty's necklace is composed of 138 diamonds of the first water, the largest of which tip the scales at 119 grains. Among the other elaborate jewelry is a badge of the order of the Golden Fleece, besides numerous other insignia and trappings, filling altogether six or eight large cases. This magnificent display makes the whole room seem ablaze with precious stones.

But to me the most interesting objects in the whole collection are the works of Johann Melchior Dinglinger, sometimes called "the German Bevenuto Cellini." Dinglinger, as the jeweler to the court of Saxony, in the reign of Augustus the Second, became famous for his work in gems and precious metals. The patience, time and skill required to work out some of his historical groups are most extraordinary. Take, for example, his representation of the court of the grand Indian mogul, Arung-Zeb, emperor of India, from 1659 to 1707.

English and the chances are he will understand you at once and explain the whole situation in your mother tongue.

### The Value Of Esperanto.

But how simple would universal communication become if all nations could speak Esperanto! The benefit and convenience of such a condition can hardly be estimated. That Esperanto can be made a practical success was not only demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of everybody in Dresden last summer, but has been abundantly proven wherever the language has been tried. It was not intended by its promoters and advocates to take the place of the mother tongue, but to be used only for commerce and travelling and in other ways where a common language is required. To the merchant doing business with a foreign country, its benefits are at once manifestly apparent. The convenience to travellers can hardly be estimated. Likewise to the missionary, the teacher, the scientist, the writer and in a general way to the whole world would its service be an incalculable boon. It is a simple and easy language to learn. It is said an individual of ordinary intelligence can acquire it in a few months and exceptional cases are on record where it has been learned in two or three days.

At the last international congress held in Dresden representatives from every nation of any prominence in the world were present, and they had not the least difficulty in conversing with each other with the greatest ease and satisfaction.

The sight of English, Germans, French, Italians, Turks and Greeks conversing freely with Japanese, Chinese, Singhales, Hindustanis and representatives of other nations from the four quarters of the globe, must have been illuminating and powerfully significant. During the week of the congress a drama was given at one of the large Dresden theatres by the Esperanto delegates. At this performance no two parts were taken by representatives of the same nation. Only one rehearsal was necessary to present the play in a most acceptable manner. The large opera house was crowded to the doors and ninety per cent of those present followed the lines and understood the Esperanto with perfect ease.

This demonstration of the practicality of Esperanto so impressed the people of Dresden and, in fact, the whole German empire, that since then the new language has received a powerful impetus and is rapidly spreading throughout all of Europe. The state of Saxony has officially recognized the language and has required a certain number of Dresden's policemen to learn it. In fact, this action was taken previous to the convention, so that when the delegates arrived these Esperanto "Bobbies" were able to give all necessary information and directions to the various representatives in the official language. The entire week of the congress, was full of incidents that proved beyond peradventure the efficiency of Esperanto. To-day Esperanto classes, both private and public, are extremely popular not only in Germany, but elsewhere on the continent. The other day I bought a continental time table. In the back of the book, with other information useful to tourists, was a list of questions and phrases in English, German, French, Italian and Esperanto. Now, the first four languages named are to be found in all of the numerous conversational guides usually found in European book-stalls, but never before have I seen one with Esperanto. To me it was only another proof that Esperanto has come to stay. It seems to me to be an ideal movement and one that should be encouraged by everybody. It should be recognized by every government. It made compulsory in our public schools the youth of the land would easily acquire it and that, too, without taking any appreciable time from the regular curriculum. At present many liturgy and

scientific works are being published in Esperanto. This literature is being read by nations into whose native tongues they have never, nor could they ever be easily translated.

### Inception Of Esperanto.

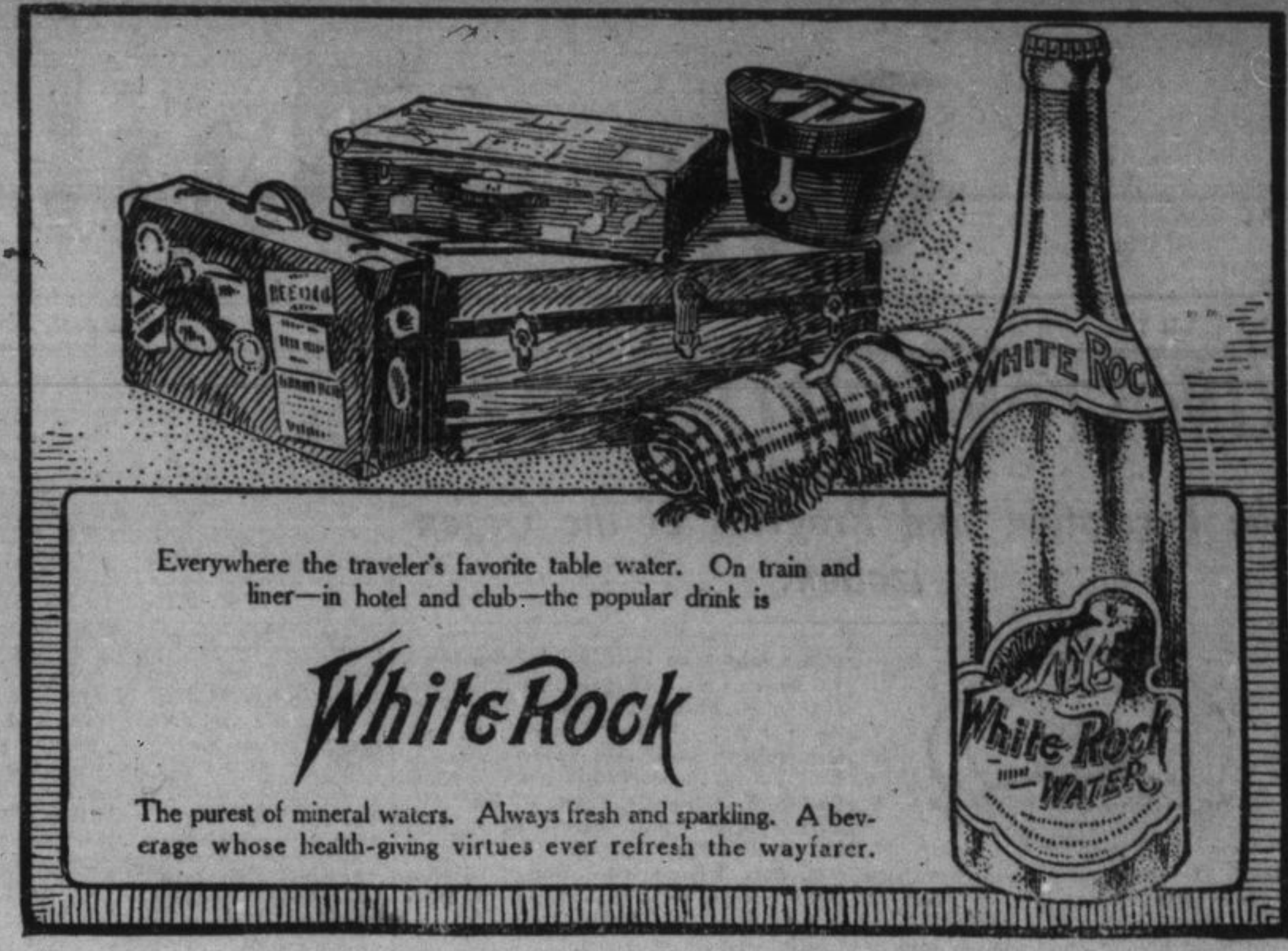
The inception and perfection of Esperanto was promoted by the most lofty and philanthropic motives. Dr. Zamenhof, its originator, is a native of Warsaw, a city situated in that border territory where there is a mingling of various tongues and where there is constant strife and misunderstanding. Dr. Zamenhof early in life became convinced that if these warring factions could speak a converse with each other the universal prejudice and misunderstanding between them would cease in a great measure to exist. He was so thoroughly imbued with this conviction that when a mere youth he determined to devote his energies to this object. To this end he began the study of languages and in due time became familiar with the leading tongues of modern times. This preparatory education completed he began to work out his new language. He met with all sorts of difficulties. But he persisted. His private fortune was spent in his life ambition. He published literature in Esperanto and on Esperanto. At last some prominent men took it up, then others, till now, over twenty years after Dr. Zamenhof first offered Esperanto to the world, his labors made manifest.

That Saxony was the first government in the world to officially recognize the great merit of this universal language is to her everlasting glory. What country will be the next to do in line?

Germany has many things worthy of imitation. I have often wondered where the Germans acquired their great love for music. I believe this almost universal talent may be explained in a measure by the exceptional opportunities they have for hearing music. Years ago I listened to Strauss and his magnificent orchestra in a German beer garden. In Dresden we went to a winter garden and listened to an orchestra that is engaged to make a tour of the United States in the near future. Here we listened a whole evening to this magnificent orchestra for a mark. In America we will be required to pay a dollar or more to hear the same performance. On board the "Neckar," a boat of the North German Lloyd Line, we had a brass band concert every day and an orchestra programme in the dining room every night. Who were these, no means unskilled musicians? They were the ship's stewards, cabin boys, and, in one or two instances, ordinary sailors. But, like all Germans, they had early acquired a taste and talent for music and thereby they became better citizens. And so it is on all sides, not only with music but with the drama as well.

### A Treat For Working People.

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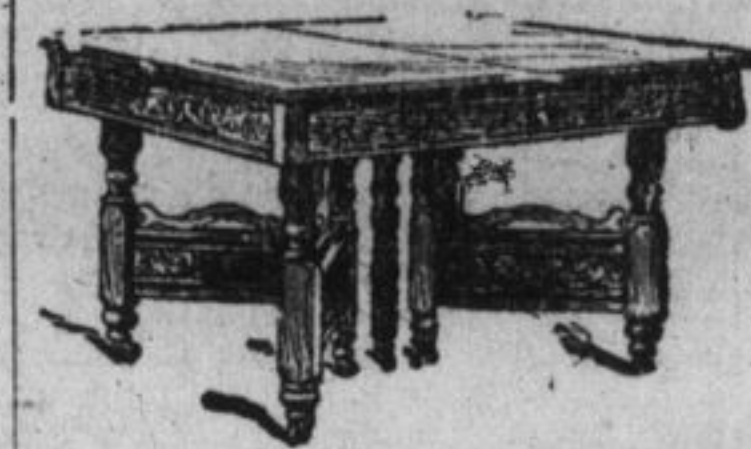
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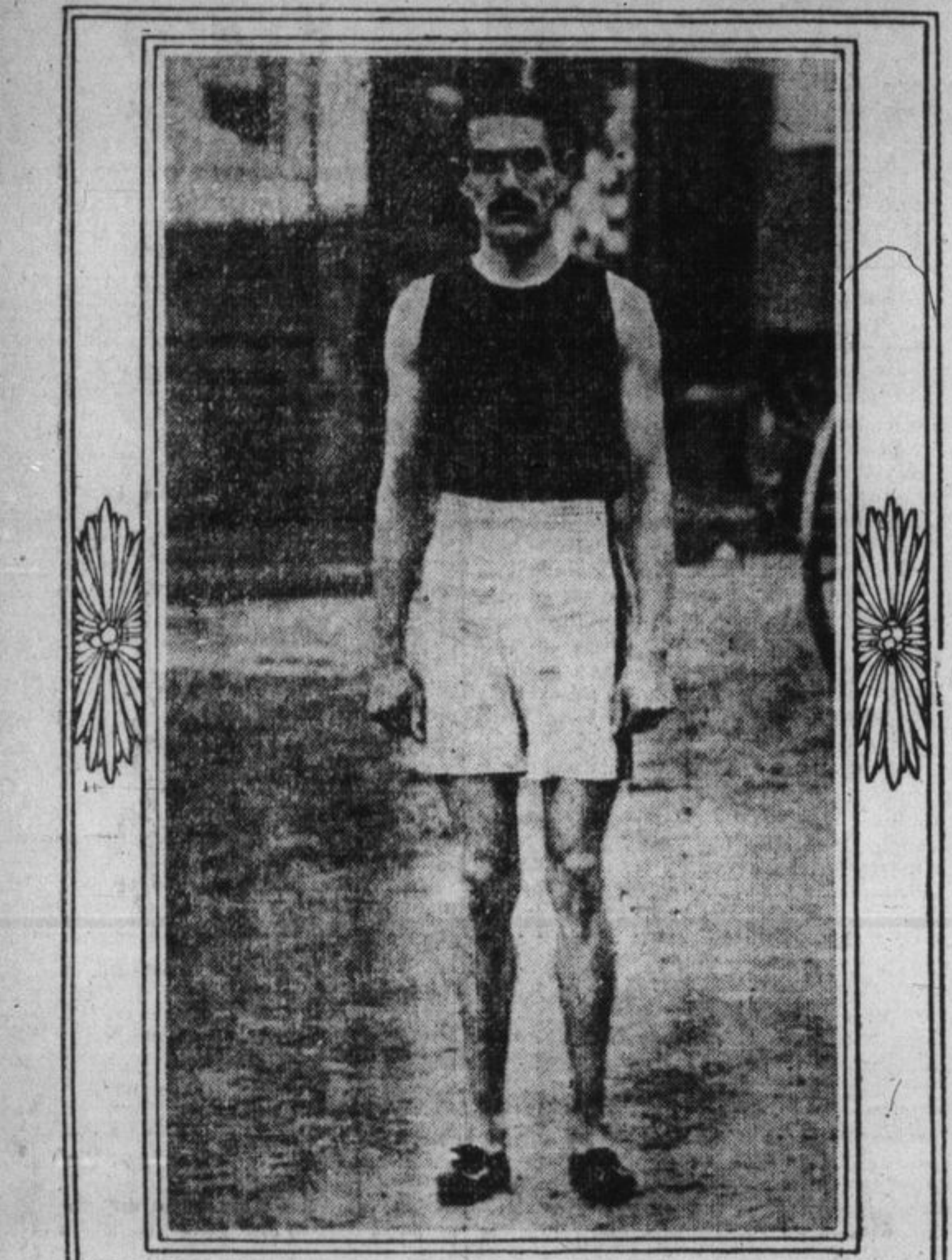
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can hardly be described. Once the observer feels the magic influence of those wondrous eyes he becomes subdued and reverential. I have returned to this sanctuary time and time again and never has the subtle influence of the Sistine Madonna failed to impress me. It is like passing into the shadowy light of a great cathedral and hearing the majestic roll of the mighty organ pealing forth a sacred strain from some hidden niche far up in the lofty gothic arches. It is an anthem sung by a heavenly choir, a hymn of triumph, an inspired poem, a declaration anew of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." I can recall the picture at will. That expression, half timid, hesitating and with the eidolon of motherhood, chastity and spirituality burns deep into the senses. The unaffected grace of her position holding the Christ child in her arms and all unconscious of the adoration of St. Barbara and Pope Sixtus, with the rosy cheeks in the foreground, make a picture that once seen can never be forgotten. Many masterpieces can only be fully appreciated by the highly developed artistic temperament, but the Sistine Madonna sheds its benign blessings on all alike.

This is, perhaps, the most celebrated work of the court jeweler, Dinglinger, together with his brothers and numerous assistants, worked eight years on this piece alone. The whole area covered by this representation is but a few square feet, but on this small space he has faithfully reproduced the entire court of this famous mogul ruler. The event is the ceremony of Arung-Zeb's birthday and depicts the mogul seated on the famous peacock throne, surrounded by 132 courtiers, a body of approaching nobles with gifts of camels, elephants and horses, besides numerous attaches and attendants, usually present on these occasions. Near a fountain in the foreground stands a pair of scales, significant of the custom of yearly weighing the mogul in order to ascertain the amount of tribute to be exacted from each province. This elaborate work was purchased by King Augustus for 38,185 thalers and placed in the green vaults of the royal palace.

Last summer the International Esperanto Congress was held in Dresden and this brings us to the language question. Recent statistics place the number of different languages in the world at something over two thousand. When I read this I began to calculate. In about two years I learned to ask six leading questions in German and to say "Grazie" in Italian. At this rate it would take me about two thousand years to become equally proficient in all languages. So after due deliberation, I reluctantly abandoned my cherished dream to become a great linguist and decided to be content with German. Since then I have applied myself assiduously to the latter tongue and am proud to state that within the last six months I have added a seventh phrase to my interrogatory vocabulary. With this extensive knowledge of German I feel that I can very appropriately offer a few suggestions to amateurs in this linguistic field. It is a good rule to begin all German phrases with "Bitte" and end them with "Haben." Between these words throw in the rest of your vocabulary and stir well. Then approach a policeman, touch your hat politely, and let go. If he fails to grasp your meaning reverse the order, start with "Haben" and end with "Bitte." Should he still be so dense as not to understand you, start with "Ich," "Sie" or "Wollen," but on no account must you omit "Haben." That word is a principal verb, as I understand it, and must occur in all German sentences. If after repeated trials in German you can't make yourself understood address him in

## WORN AT WINTER RESORTS



WINTER RESORT BEACH HAT AND LACE WRAP.

The fad for lace has been strongly confirmed at Palm Beach, where dozens of these airy wraps are seen in combination with thin afternoon frocks. These lace wraps, of course, are usually in white or cream, though occasionally one is dyed to match a gray or berry colored satin costume. This smart model, on Directoire lines, is of heavy net elaborately braided and embroidered in a lace design.

Folds of white liberty satin give body to the edges of the cuffs, collar and lapels and add a rich finish to the garment. To match the lace coat there is a big white satin hat, simply yet richly trimmed with a cluster of ribbon loops and three long ostrich plumes.

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