

British Author Finds Paris a City Of Utter Sadness

Nearly All Residents Dress in Mourning; Signs of the Struggle for Existence Meet One Everywhere

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Only by actually going there, writes Agnes Egerton Castle, the author, to The London Daily News, can one realize the sadness of Paris.

"I have just spent three days," she writes, "in the once City of Light, which I brought to its memories of streets, gold and blue and gray, like a delicate water-color, thronged with merry, busy people, brilliant with shops, kaleidoscope with color and movement. The blue and gray and gold were there—bright, clear, frosty weather, with air intensely vivifying, impossible to describe save by the trite comparison, lead wine. To draw it into your lungs seemed in itself a sort of ecstasy. But there is no ecstasy in Paris; it is a sad city.

"Its citizens are dressed nearly all in mourning, and even those who are not wear sad-colored clothes. You see a few gigantes in splendid furs, a certain number of expensive Americans, and here and there a painted thing with vivid hues, out of place and out of taste, lost and futile as a butterfly in a winter of dark trial. But taken as a whole, Paris is filled with the gravity of those who have only just left the death chamber.

"Signs of the struggle for existence meet you at every turn. Along the boulevards and nearly all the streets booths have been set up, filled with pitiable gimcrack wares, such as would hardly pass muster even in a county fair; and as if it were indeed a fair, every 400 yards or so some unfortunate arrests the traffic, gathers a ring about him of staring, silent people, mournfully to display some feeble wares."

Riviera No Longer Lure To Youth of Europe

Only a Few Young Men and Girls Appear, Though the Season Is at Height

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The absence of youth on the Riviera is striking, writes Laura F. Waring, the Nice correspondent of The London Daily News. Only a few young people have arrived, although the season is at its height, and young women seem as absent as young men. The correspondent writes:

"Thinking that perhaps I went to the wrong places to see youth and beauty, I decided to seek it in the Casino. The evening began by sitting round the dancing floor. Little tables and having drinks, French fashion, while people who wanted to show off their dresses promenaded on the catwalks. At 10 o'clock the music struck up. It went on for a little time before any one danced.

"Recently a couple, obviously professional dancers, came on to offer some sort of a spectacle, and were supported by one or two couples from among the audience. These grew to perhaps six. One or two of the girls who danced had some beauty, married a little by the fashions of the day. Most of the hair looked as if it wanted to hang like flax on a distaff, and had been tortured into curls and burnished to gold.

Edith Thomson Engaged

She Is Betrothed to Ralph Cazenove, of England

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Thomson, daughter of Mrs. G. Schemmerhorn Thomson, of New York and London, to Ralph Cazenove, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cazenove, of Cottesbrooke, Northampton, England.

The marriage will take place in the early summer.

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