FLASHES FROM OLD WORLD

LONDON HOTELS FULL; PERSONS ARE TURNED AWAY BY HUNDREDS

Unprecedented Descent of Tourists on Metropolis Finds Accommodations Lacking—Visitors from Everywhere Throng Streets—Thousands Arrive from States.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 12.—London has never been so crowded with visitors as during this week. The hotels were taken by surprise, and have broken down lamentably. There has been an extraordinary invasion of French, Germans, and South Americans; according to all traditions, during the first two weeks of July London should begin emptying, but those present refuse to budge. On top of this condition, Americans have descended on the city in unprecedented numbers.

The better-known hotels have been unable to accommodate the flood, much of which was diverted to the Continent. When the Mauretania arrived the strange spectacle was seen of more than 200 Americans driving all over London and telephoning hotels, but unable to obtain beds even at 4 o'clock in the morning. Despite this, the week has been the dullest of a dull season. Those who expected excitement in London have been bitterly disappointed.

One of the most interesting American visitors this week is Mme. Waddington, formerly Miss Mary King, the widow of the late French Ambassador. Her grandfather was United States Minister to King George III. She was a great friend of King Edward, and is still intimate with Queen Alexandra, upon whom she called last week. She is staying at Abbey Lodge, Regent's Park.

Mrs. Harcourt Hostess.

Mrs. Lewis Harcourt is giving a series of large week-end parties at Nuneham, her beautiful place on the Thames, which has been so wonderfully improved by checks received from Mrs. Harcourt's uncle, the late J. Pierpont Morgan. On one occasion, Mr. Morgan gave his favorite niece a check for £250,000, to be spent on Nuneham.

Mrs. Richard Loundsbery, of New York, has arrived at the Berkeley, and is entertaining and being entertained by a host of friends. She is a daughter of J. H. Haggin.

Mrs. James McDonald had a very successful "tango party" at her house, in Cadogan Square, and intends to give several large dinner parties and one large dance before the close of the season.

The Countess of Ancaster, nee Breeze, formerly of New York, has been very prominent recently at political functions. Lady Ancaster and her husband this fall intend to occupy Drummond Castle, the magnificent family seat in the North, and to entertain many shooting parties.

George W. Vanderbilt, who spent some time in Wales, is staying for a few days in London on his way to Paris.

George Gordon Moore, the Chicago millionaire, has taken a house at Lancaster Gate, and is being introduced into society by Lord and Lady Elcho.

Americans Attend Tea.

Moncure Robinson, of New York, is in London until August. The first Countess of Craven, Mrs. Bradley-Martin, and Frederick Townsend Martin are leaving on Tuesday for Baden-Baden, where Lady Craven will take the cure. Mrs. Peter Kerremiley, formerly Miss Maude Simpson, of New York, gave a large reception Wednesday as a house-warming for her new house, 21 Belgrave Square.

Many well-known Americans were present at a tea at the Ritz Hotel, which Prince De la Tour Dauvergne gave on Tuesday. Mrs. Lanfear Norris has left for the Continent. Mrs. Francis Leggett gave a dance Wednesday night at 12 Bruton Street, which the Duchess of Rutland, Lady Diana Manners, the Countess of Kimberly, Lady Isabel Woodhouse, Miss Wilborg, and many others attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Untermeyer departed for Baden-Baden, where Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Untermeyer are taking the cure. Robert Winthrop has gone to Paris.

Mrs. Tailer-smith is giving a series of luncheons. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wernheim will leave Claridge next Thursday for Saint Moritz, and later will go to Baden-Baden. Mrs. Leslie Cotton is here. Tomorrow her exhibition of portraits opens at Agnew's gallery.

Mrs. Paul Draper gave a large musicale at her Chelsea residence on Wednesday night. Among her guests were several musician authors.

The Carlton Hotel has been the center of Gayety during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt have been giving several smart parties since their return from a trip to Paris, where J. I. Waterbury has been entertaining many Anglo-American friends.

Newcomers include Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver and Miss Weaver, from Paris; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bernard, Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. James Dodson.

Mrs. W. W. Kimball and Mrs. A. Voight, have gone by motor to Paris, while Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walker, have also left for the Continent. Mr. and Mrs. Anthany and their son, left for Scotland.

Other arrivals include Dr. C. Yates Ford, Mr. and Mrs. P. Francis, of Troy; Dr. Newton M. Schaffer, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Worthy, Mrs. Graeme Stewart and her daughter, of Chicago, and J. A. Hoagland.

Mrs. Draper Entertains.

At the Ritz Hotel there has been much quiet entertaining. Mrs. William Draper being the leading figure. Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone R. Beekman gave a farewell dinner to a few intimate friends before their departure. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish have been doing much to return the hospitality they have enjoyed while Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Pierce have entertained hosts of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Depew arrived early in the week, after a visit to Paris to see their French relatives, five of his family having married into the French nobility. Mr. Depew says that as a result of his experience, he believes that the American idea of French husbands is erroneous. So far he has no reason to believe them otherwise than the kindest and most faithful of husbands.

Elbert H. Gary and his wife have settled down to a round of entertaining.

Judge William N. Cohen spent a couple of nights here, and then left for Paris. Newcomers at the Berkeley include Mrs. Catesby Jones, Mrs. John T. Anderson, Mrs. Stanley G. Flagg, and Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont. Claridges has been dull during the week.

Col. Harvey, who is spending most of his time playing golf, gave one or two small dinner parties at the Hyde Park Hotel. R. J. Preston left for an auto tour. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sayward have gone for a prolonged stay at Hindhead. Mrs. Byam K. Stephens left for Paris. Mrs. Furnell has gone on a motor tour in Holland and Germany.

Senator Tully has left for a tour in France and Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parks and family have returned from Paris. Mrs. Tryphosa Bates Batcheller has been working hard finishing her book of travel in Spain. Queen Alexandra accorded her an honor rarely given to an American, receiving her this week in a special audience, and presented her with an autographed photo in her coronation robes.

At the Savoy, registrations include Howard Gould, who spent a couple of nights there before going to Paris; Earle C. Anthony, of Los Angeles; Henry F. Hailey, W. H. Davidge, Theodore L. Hicks, and David W. Ross, all New Yorkers; Garrett W. McEny, of San Francisco, and Prof. A. Albert Saate. Washington arrivals include Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. Lloyd Brice, from Paris; Wilson Barker, and Mrs. Lindsey Thompson.

Other Americans in London.

At the Cecile, apart from the American Agricultural Commission, have been Judge John A. Bartlite, of Rochester; Howard Harrington, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Davis, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crosby, of Boston; Malcolm K. Lawrence, of New York; Hamilton Paton, of Chicago; G. W. Adair, of Atlanta; Howard Wilson, of New York, and D. C. Osborn, of Brooklyn.

Anthony Drexel has left for a yachting trip to Russia. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Glasty, of Baltimore, have been spending the week motoring in the country. Col. Samuel Hill has taken his family on an auto tour through England. William de Huerthurn, of Washington, after entertaining his old friend, Ambassador Page, at dinner, left for Paris.

GAY THRONGS LEAVE PARIS

Watering Places Mecca of the Fashionables, and City Is Deserted.

AMERICANS HOLD FETES

Many Visitors from States at French Summer Resorts—Stores Have Bargains.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 12.—Paris has changed in the last few days, and, indeed, no longer seems to be the gay city of the recent "grande semaine." All who can get away are busy packing, ordering motor cars, or speeding on the road to summer haunts. Soon it will seem a shame to many persons to be seen here.

The French do everything by rule and measure. From July until September they throng the watering places; in November they light up their stoves; in May and June they patronize the race tracks. So Paris just now has a lonely air.

The stores are full of bargain counter offerings and the theaters are announcing their summer bills, but the fashionables have scattered to Vichy, Aix-les-Bains, Dieppe, Luchon, and a dozen other places, while the humbler folks are straining every nerve to get off to the minor pleasure spots in Normandy or Picardy.

Lowell Guest of Honor.

The guest of honor here this week has been President Lowell, of Harvard, who has been entertained both publicly and privately with Mrs. Lowell. He was conducted to the School of Political Sciences, in which he appeared to take the liveliest interest. Some of the most prominent men in France, among them distinguished statesmen, lawyers, writers, and dramatists, were asked to meet him at a dinner and reception given by James H. Hyde. The next evening Dr. Lowell was the center of a similar gathering at the residence of the vice rector of the Academy of Paris.

Henry Hadley, the American composer, sailed on the Imperator, taking with him the manuscript of his light opera, "Seraphica." The libretto, by G. K. Stevens, of Boston, is founded on Justice McCarty's novel. The scenes are laid in Brittany and Versailles in the time of Louis XV.

The Duchess of Duces presided at a fete given this week at the Lyceum Club in aid of a charity known as "The French Needle." The purpose of the charity is to provide needy seamstresses with clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald White gave a brilliant housewarming in their charming mansion in the Avenue de Segor. After dinner the hostess sang some Czech melodies, and Mrs. Cassell danced the very latest dance to the accompaniment of a negro orchestra. Another feature of the housewarming was a tango competition, at which the Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, formerly Miss Mitchell, of California, was awarded the second prize. Among the guests were the Prince Louis d'Orleans, the American Ambassador and Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Prince Troubetskoy, and the Marquis D'Argenson.

Miss Whitehead Weds.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Whitehead, daughter of William C. Whitehead, formerly of Cleveland, to Basil J. Williams, of the London Stock Exchange, will take place about the end of July in Paris. Mr. Williams earned fame as an amateur skater after a tour in Southern France.

Princess di Stigliano Colonna, daughter of Mrs. John W. MacKay, is leaving Paris for Santa Margarita. Miss Nina Gillette is returning home to Illinois. Countess Jacques Daramon (nee Fischer) was among the guests at a recent musicale and tea given by Mrs. John Baill. Mrs. Marcelin Singer, Miss Singer, and the Princess Ghika also were present.

Mrs. Frederick Sherman's guests at her latest dance included the American Ambassador and Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Mrs. Monro, Mrs. John Foster, and Prince Pallavicini.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blumenthal will take up their summer residence next week at the Chateau de Valfory. Mrs. Peter Martin has been entertaining the Duchess Antoinette, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lynch, of New York, have left the Hotel Astoria for Lucerne. Mrs. Floyd Crane has deserted Aix-les-Baines for Switzerland.

Mrs. John Fitz-Randolph gave a reception the other evening for Mrs. P. J. Sorg, Mrs. Pierce Drouillard, and Miss Groober, of New York, who is making a long stay here.

Motoring Attracts Thousands.

Motoring, always delightful on the French roads, is in full swing again. Among Americans now indulging in this sport are D. Somers, who reported from Tours; J. F. MacArthur, whose car was lately heard of at Boulogne, W. Gould-Brokaw, who has been staying at Ebreux, and E. Clarence Johes, last reported from Aix-les-Bains.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ryan, Mrs. W. E. Corbett, and Mr. Thornton have left in an automobile for Switzerland. Rear Admiral Richardson Clover, Mrs. Clover, Miss Clover, and Miss Beatrice Clover have just motored over from Boulogne to Paris. Dinard is attracting many Americans this season. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Gilbert King, and Miss Gwendolyn King.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Roberts and Mr and Mrs. Henry Schoninger have arrived in Paris from New York, also Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ferris, Thomas Kell, and Mr. and Mrs. Liddell Morion, all of whom are at the Hotel Edouard.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wellman, the Rev. and Mrs. Stevanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Berg, of Chicago, are at the Majestic.

Mrs. W. B. Bourne, of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. H. Thorne King, Mr. and Mrs. James Lenox Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strube, of New York; Mrs. Phyllis Robbins, and Miss Frances Horton, of Boston, are at the Crillon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Renswey Astor, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lamont, Mrs. Norman Williams, and Miss Chase, of New York, are at the Hotel Lotti.

Fifteen months after the motor accident in which a chauffeur employed by W. K. Vanderbilt knocked down a Paris policeman, the offender this week was sentenced to eight days' imprisonment, while his victim was awarded damages to the amount of $1,000, for which Mr. Vanderbilt is held responsible.

Depew, Jr., Buys House.

It is rumored that Chauncey M. Depew, jr., has bought the handsome house in the Rue Francois Premier occupied by the American Ambassador, and before him in turn by Mr. White and Mr. Bacon. It was hoped that the United States would acquire this property for a permanent home for the Embassy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wellman will return to their Paris home before proceeding to Trouville, where they will entertain a party on their yacht Dra Cassandra.

Mrs. Potter Palmer gave a brilliant dinner this week. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis, Miss Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll, F. A. Bridgman, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Infanta Don Luis, Prince Antoine d'Orleans, the Duc and Duchess de la Rouchefoucauld, Princess Guy de Faucigny-Lucinge, and the Prince and Princess Isenburg Birstein.

American visitors to Vichy include Mrs. G. Kortwright, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eddy, Mrs. Abram Stern, John B. Stern, Prof. and Mrs. H. Newton, Mrs. James G. Bergen, Mrs. J. F. Libbey, of New Orleans; John L. Thorndyke and Miss Alice Thorndyke, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens, of Detroit.

Thomas J. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. John King, of New York; Walter B. Henderson, Robert J. Dunkle, and W. M. Dunkle, of Boston, are at Le Touquet. Miss Wilson Patterson, Miss T. Lowe-Blackwell, of Baltimore, and John Carse, of California, are at Dieppe.

PEARY'S REINDEER ARE WHITE ELEPHANTS

Paris Authorities Don't Know What to Do with Team Presented by Pole Discoverer.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 12.—What shall a man do with reindeer in Paris? Rear Admiral Peary presented two reindeer to M. Chassaigne Guyon, the new President of the Paris Municipal Council, La Vie Parisienne states quite soberly. Naturally the reindeer became white elephants, and M. Guyon in turn, gave them to the Jardin des Plantes, where chipped ice is being sprinkled on them to make them feel at home.

At the same time we are informed that the majestic fifteen foot giraffe in that zoo committed suicide by crashing its head against the walls rather than stoop its proud neck to eat the plentiful provender. But the wits declare the giraffe got sore throat and lost hope of recovery.

HERTFORD NOT TO WED WIDOW

Father of Aged Mrs. Mosscockle Steps in and Calls Nuptials Off.

NO REASON IS GIVEN

Chancellor Lloyd George Startles London by Appearing at Evening Party in Frock Coat.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 12.—The Marquis of Hertford, who as the Earl of Yarmouth married Alice Thaw, contrives in the most ingenious fashion to keep continually in the public eye. After setting all London talking over his engagement to the very rich, elderly widow, Mrs. Mosscockle, he reawakens interest just as the excitement was waning by announcing that the marriage will not take place.

No indication has been given to the public of any reason for the broken betrothal, or which side snapped the knot. As a matter of fact, a third person intervened; he is the nongenerian, Mr. Sparrow, Mrs. Mosscockle's father. As she is about seventy, it was supposed that her progenitor had long since joined the great majority, but the old gentleman is very spry and wideawake and all along has been opposed to the match.

He caused very minute inquiries to be made both in England and in America, in regard to the Marquis' life when he was the husband of Alice Thaw, and came to the conclusion that Hertford would be an undesirable son-in-law. He spoke very plainly to his daughter on the matter; this coupled with the fact that Lord Hertford was somewhat fractious over financial matters, standing out for a settlement of $350,000 finally induced Mrs. Mosscockle to call off the engagement.

The Marquis is taking it very well indeed, and proudly avers that he obtained $45,000 from his late fiancee.

Schwab Ball Abandoned.

The ball, which was to have been given this week by Mrs. Schwab, the daughter of Nelson Morris, of Chicago, of which Mrs. H. W. F. A. Williams undertook the management, has been abandoned. This is the sensation of the moment, and has brought to light some revelations regarding ball-giving in London.

Mrs. Williams undertook the management of the ball on the condition that she should not be interfered with by the actual hostess. The Countess of Errol, the Viscountess of Massarene, and Lady Paget had arranged dinners before. Afterward Mrs. Williams learned that Mrs. Schwab had asked guests unknown to her and promptly withdrew, giving as her excuse:

"She would have spoiled it by inviting her own friends."

It was only at the last minute that the dinner guests were told that the ball was off, and every one is now wondering what Mrs. Schwab's next step will be.

Yvonne Fitzroy is another patrician who yearns for stage honors. She is constantly arranging amateur theatricals, and her talents entitle her to serious consideration. She is one of a group who believe that women should have a vocation, and surrounds herself with a clever set, much to the alarm of her fashionable relations.

Miss Fitzroy is an intimate friend of Lady Arlington, who loves play acting, and elaborate theatricals are in prospect for the country house season. She is also an adept at the new dancing; at balls her independence takes the form of a modified tango and an unexpurgated turkey trot.

Lloyd-George Startles London.

Mrs. Richard McCreery, formerly Lady Grey Edgerton, is spending much time at her country place near Ascot, while her young daughter, Miss Grey Edgerton, promises to sustain the family reputation for beauty. Mrs. McCreery sees little of her daughter, being partial to her son. She was Miss May Cuyler, of Morristown, N. J.

Lady Henry's evening party last week was marked by the appearance of Chancellor Lloyd-George in a frock coat and not in evening dress. When he stood beside his pretty bedecked hostess London marveled at his courage in coming from the House of Commons in such garb. The Liberals pronounced his act "simple and refreshing," but Conservatives were aghast and declared that the last and most important of British traditions was being swept aside by the forceful Liberal.

Sir Rufus Isaacs was another interesting guest, but Lloyd-George's baggy gray trousers and cutaway coat have been the discussion all this week.

The conflict on the subject of the American dances has entered into the family life of London. Girls prefer the new dances, but mothers ban anything except the stately waltz. At the Duchess of Somerset's ball there was an amusing scene between Lady Maxwell, formerly Miss Bonynge, of California, and her daughter, Philae. Miss Maxwell was forbidden to dance the bunny hug, but on hearing the intoxicating music she overlooked the ban. Her steps were arrested by her mother, who rushed onto the floor exclaiming, "now we are going home."

The girl replied that it was not the bunny hug, but the one-step, but her mother's only retort was to lead her toward the coatroom.

NOTED CRIMINAL LAWYER LEADER OF PARIS BAR

Henri Robert, Recently Elected, Has Freed More Lawbreakers Than Any Other Practioner Living.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 12.—Henri Robert has been elected leader of the Paris bar. He has freed more criminals than any lawyer living, and succeeds Ferdinand Labori, who made his fame in the Dreyfus case. He is a Parisian of Parisians, having been born here fifty years ago.

Of all the cases he has won, Robert says, his defense of Lady Macbeth has given him most pleasure. At a literary entertainment he undertook that defense and, to the minds of the listeners, proved that historical murderess to be innocent.

His election as leader of the bar has been almost unanimous. He received 710 votes out of a possible 833. This is the largest number ever cast for a leader of the Paris bar.

He is a master of forensic oratory, and can rise from the familiar to the pathetic at will. He can make doubts reign where certainty obtained. He can upset theories, scatter facts; he can persuade, and he can draw tears from the driest eyes. Out of court he is a scholar and an artist.

KAISER WILLIAM AND OUR NEW AMBASSADOR BOTH LIKE YACHTING

Justice Gerard's Interest in Boating Alone Will Insure Him Cordial Reception at Berlin, Say Diplomats—U. S. Embassy Staff All Sportsmen.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, July 12.—Germans in touch with diplomatic court circles are predicting that Justice Gerard's interest in yachting will alone insure the newly appointed American Ambassador a cordial welcome at the hands of the sovereign. He is a member of both the New York Yacht and New York Athletic Clubs.

It is expected that he and the Kaiser will meet on congenial ground in their common taste for sports. Kaiser Wilhelm has lately been taking a keen interest in athletics of all kinds, especially since the last Olympic games at Stockholm. But his love for yachting amounts to a veritable passion.

It is pointed out that nowhere does he meet his friends on a more intimate, more informal footing than at Kiel, where the guests are selected with special reference to their ability to understand and share the joys of yachting.

Ambassador Leishman has not yet received his letters of recall, and it is assumed Justice Gerard will not enter upon his duties until, late in August. Mrs. Gerard, who is now in Paris, will run over to Berlin for a few days to inspect the red brick mansion in the Rauchstrasse, where the embassy is now housed, to see what can be done toward its best use.

It is a curious fact that when Justice Gerard assumes charge the entire embassy staff will be made up of men who are sportsmen of more than merely amateur attainments. Grew, first secretary, is a big-game hunter of considerable note. Of the other secretaries, Spencer and Roddoc are expert tennis players.

POLISH VIOLINIST POPULAR.

Melsa, Mrs. Hill's "Discovery," Expected to Become Famous.

Paris, July 12.—Melsa, the young Polish violinist, "discovered" by Mrs. David Jayne Hill, whose husband was recently American Ambassador to Germany, has been playing at a number of fashionable gatherings this week. By some he is expected to develop into a virtuoso as great as Kubelik. Young Melsa scored a great success at the latest musical given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Corey at their chateau de Billegenis. She was Mabel Gilman. Among the guests were M. and Mme. Jean de Reszke, Princess Dolgorouky, Dr. and Mrs. David Jayne Hill, Lyman J. Gage, Mme. Rejane, Mrs. Draper Colburn, Henry Sands, Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburg, Miss Robinson Duff, and Mrs. John R. Mac Arthur.

The American tenor, George Hamlin, sang and Mrs. Corey reminded her visitors of her stage past by interpreting "The Rosary."

PARIS GIVES ART EXHIBIT.

David's Works Shown for Benefit of People.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 12.—The city fathers have just concluded a very interesting and successful experiment in "municipal operation." The city fathers took it into their heads to give the people an artistic treat, and organized an exhibition of the works of David, the celebrated artist.

The exhibition lasted fifty days and was a great success, not only artistically, but also from a financial standpoint.

The city of Paris made money out of it although 25,000 persons were admitted free each Sunday. On all other days an admission fee of 25 cents was charged. So numerous were the visitors that a handsome sum remains in the hands of the municipal council after paying all expenses.

"PERSONALS" PROVE INTERESTING

Column of London Times Always Attracts Attention. Ingenious Appeals for Financial Aid Are Made.

London, July 12.—The most devoted reader of the Times would scarcely claim for it that its contents are of interest from beginning to end. There are some persons, so rumor alleges, who are bored by the Parliamentary debates. Others drop the financial and commercial section forthwith into the waste-paper basket without even a passing glance. To others the record of yesterday's sport is an unintelligible as though it were written in the Choctaw tongue. But there is one column that catches everybody's eye and holds it. It is on the front advertising page, and is headed "Personal." Whatever else may be dull reading, this "agony column," as it is popularly called, has always something piquant.

Hardly a day passes without some appeal for financial help. "Will large-hearted lady or gentleman assist advertiser to clear himself of debts amounting to £100?" Although large hearts often go with soft heads, one fears the advertiser will find that the answer to his conundrum is "Certainly not." A bare demand of this kind is less likely to succeed than those advertisements which carry with them a suggestion of undeserved suffering. For example: "One who has devoted twenty-five years to work for others in London is in urgent need of £25. Could repay with interest in twelve months' time." "In this millionaire England of ours are there to be found four men or women sufficiently munificent to give, not lend, a hard-working senior officer with a splendid record (married) in one of the services £100 each? Advertiser will explain the case on request, as she knows every detail and has faith to believe they will be found." A country clergyman, who cannot possibly buy one, would be exceedingly grateful for the loan of a motorcycle with side car. A "young gentleman" wishes to obtain an airship pilot certificate, and seeks financial assistance to that end from some "patriotic lady or gentleman realizing the importance of aviation." "A young gentleman, nineteen-twenty, unhappy through family misfortune, would be ever grateful if some one really kind and generous would take a deep interest in him or even adopt him." Young men in search of a foster-father have been contributing quite largely to the "agony column" of late. The first advertisement of the kind came from an Oxford undergraduate, and one may therefore reasonably suppose that it was sent as a practical joke to decide a wager.

In Need of Suggestions.

On the other hand, we sometimes come across men who have no need to beg for money, but who are so helpless that they are dependent on suggestions from outside as to what to do with their spare cash and idle hands. "Elderly gentleman, with some leisure and experience, is anxious to find some genuine (voluntary) occupation in helping forward hospital work or other charitable undertakings." "University man, young, traveled, speaking several languages, experienced in social and educational work, trained public speaker, wishes engagement with gentleman in political or social work, without salary preferred."

As it so happens, there appeared the very same day an appeal for personal service addressed to young university men, but one may doubt whether the previous advertised was among those who responded. It ran thus: "Buddhism. There are vacancies in Ceylon for three young men (graduates preferred) to train as bhikkhus (monks) for subsequent service in this country. All expenses paid." Mr. Squeers, too, preferred masters of arts when he was replenishing the faculty of Dotheboys Hall.

Congenial companionship is the one thing lacking to make life worth living for some advertisers. "Gentleman, retired from business, has purchased a park estate of about 100 acres, within twenty miles of London, offers a seven-roomed detached house, with garden, free of rent, to married couple of good social standing and independent means, in return for occasional companionship; preference given to those who are interested in farming and agricultural matters, knowledge of antiquities, and fond of outdoor life." It looks as though they might usefully fill in part of their time on wet days by giving him lessons in the construction of sentences. "A bachelor of sixty, middle class, with ideal villa, eight rooms, large fruit garden, near Karsino, would like companion, with £100 annuity, to help keep up the freehold." "A lady, elderly but quite active, would join another lady going for a stay abroad in Switzerland or elsewhere, each paying their own first-class expenses." The next item is remarkable for the startling frankness of its conclusion. "Am seeking refined, intelligent lady, to whom I should like to entrust my daughter (aged eighteen) for three or four months. One who intends traveling, and, if possible, with daughter of her own. Good references must be exchanged, and, if possible, a personal interview. (Jewish family—not religious)."

Little Matter of Cabfare.

The same column is largely used in the attempt to recover lost articles. In a single issue substantial rewards are offered for the restoration of a pair of opera glasses left in a taxicab, a gold bracelet watch lost in the street, and a diamond ring left in the ladies' cloakroom of a restaurant. An even more optimistic confidence in the honesty of his fellow-creatures must be put to the credit of the man who thought it worth while to insert the following. "Would the gentleman, who, finding himself unexpectedly without funds, availed himself of a passer-by's offer to defray his cab fare at the Marble Arch last Sunday week, have the goodness to refund the borrowed sovereign?"

Now and then an angry man rushes to the "agony column" to let off steam. "Advertiser wishes to know if there is such a person in London as a music hall agent who will in reasonable time read sketches submitted to him, think over his advice before giving it, occasionally answer a letter, and really make some efforts to further his clients' interests." Less effervescent in manner, but hardly less indignant, is the man who sends this: "The advertiser, who attends a large number of public banquets, having noticed a growing tendency on the part of waiters to ask for—and, in some cases, demand—'tips' during the speeches, appeals to those in like cases to resist this increasing practice."

When Mr. Swindle or Mr. Jksmxpnrqusky makes the discovery that his name is a handicap to his business or social success in England, and decides to be called Mr. Vere de Vere instead, it is through the medium of this column that he announces his intention. He has to face the risk, however, of a rejoinder. For instance: "Lieut. Col. Herbert S—— and Capt. Arthur K. S—— wish it to be known that Paul Adolphe S—— who recently assumed the surname of S—— is in no way connected with them or their family." (In the actual advertisement the name appeared, of course, in full.)

Hint at Domestic Trouble.

The curiosity of the general reader is piqued most of all by those advertisements which hint at some dramatic domestic complication, but which are so carefully guarded that they would give no clue even to Sherlock Holmes himself. What is one to make of this? "Really coming beach Saturday unless hear from you to the contrary." Or, again: "A. R. to N. B.—Is it conducive to the best interests of the family generally that the existing deportment continues?" The chief fault that the disinterested reader has to find with this column is that it is so disappointingly incomplete. His trouble is the same as that of the typist whose services are placed at the disposal of the passengers on one of our express trains, and who told an interviewer the other day that the one drawback to the pleasure of his work was his not being able to see the answers to the letters he typed. If only the advertisers would use the Times once more to let the world know the results of their appeals! One would willingly pay twice the price of the paper to ascertain whether the young man of nineteen found any one to adopt him, whether there was a great rush of Oxford graduates to become Buddhist monks, whether the impecunious cab-passenger had the decency to repay the borrowed sovereign, and whether N. B. was able to advance adequate reasons to justify the continuance of the existing deportment.

ABAS OVERCOATS! WEAR FLOWING ROBES

Paris Dandies Say Men's Attire Is Too Somber and Want Something Picturesque.

CLAW HAMMER MUST GO

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, July 12.—Away with overcoats.

The Duc de Luynes and the Count de Gontaut-Biron, two men of fashion and of the most aristocratic blood in all France, declare that the male of today's species should rivive the glory of his plumage; that the attire of man is too somber, painfully funereal.

De Luynes is uncle of the very young Duc de Chaulnes, whose mother was Miss Theodore Shonts, of New York. The Count de Gontaut-Biron's brother, now deceased, married Miss Martha Leishman, daughter of John G. A. Leishman, lately American Ambassador at Berlin.

These two beaux—it is spoken respectfully—declare that masculine attire has has been degenerating since the days of the citizen's King, Louis Philippe. Several attempts have been made in the last eighty years to introduce picturesque dress for men. A time was when the dress of men of fashion cost far more than the most elequent robes of women. A feeling is growing in Paris that women have completely returned the tables in point of extravagant elegance, while the dress of men has become too simple and ugly.

The first attack has been directed against vulgar overcoats. The two leaders vow we must return to the graceful cloaks which poets and dandies of 1830 wore. They also say that the claw-hammer evening coat must be left to hotel waiters and hired mourners. To the objection that it is too ingrained to be changed they reply that the Chinaman is cutting his pigtail.

According to a Finnish scientist, the air around pine and fir trees is purer than around other trees because their needles act on the atmosphere as disseminators of electricity and ozonize it.

AMERICANS FIND INTEREST IN BERLIN

West, Especially, Sends Full Meed of Summer Visitors to German Capital.

HOTELS ALL ARE CROWDED

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, July 12.—Americans from the West and Far West seem to find attractions in this city for summer visits. Among California arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Woodward, Gwendolyn Woodward, and Ervin C. Woodward, of Oakland; Mrs. D. C. Collier, Mrs. Rae Copley, of San Diego, and W. C. Hunt, of Los Angeles.

Chicagoans registered at Berlin hotels are: Mr. and Mrs. Rennselaer W. Cox, E. G. Halls, Mrs. E. R. Cox, Miss Cox, Mark G. Harris, Lee Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. George Middendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Potter, and R. H. Sterns were among the week's arrivals from Boston. Other Boston visitors were Miss F. M. Faulkner and Miss L. W. Howell, Mrs. J. M. Peabody, Mrs. L. E. Taylor, and Grace Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clayburgh, Mrs. J. V. Meyer, and J. H. Valbridge, of New York, arrived here from Carlsbad. W. D. Baldwin, of New York, also is here for a brief visit.

Among other New Yorkers lately arriving are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mansbach and family, T. Edward Robinson, Richard Hamilton, Charles G. Belden, Bernard F. Fisher, John G. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spiegel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nathan, Edward F. Nathan, and Mrs. F. Berlinger. George A. Kessler, of New York, also was here several days.

C. Tildeeley and A. N. Vowler, of Newport, R. I., who are traveling together, arrived early in the week and took quarters at the Adlon for a short space.

DUCHESS AND MOTHER IN COURT FIGHT.

Dowager duchess standing, and at right, Alexandra, the present Duchess of Fife, whom she is suing. Princess Mary, a younger daughter, at left.

London, July 11.—A most unusual legal dispute is now attracting the attention of court circles. The litigants are the widow of the Duke of Fife, sister of King George, and her daughter, Alexandra, who is the present duchess. The Duke died leaving no male heirs, the title descending to his eldest daughter. The matter in dispute between mother and daughter is the property left by the duke. The case is being contested before Justice Neville in complete secrecy. The public and press are barred.