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TOURISTS ARE ANGRY

Extortion Practiced in Paris Arouses Americans.

French Authorities Tell Them the Remedy Is in Their Own Hands.

Paris.—The effect of the high cost of living in Paris upon tourist trade, as indicated by the growing frequency of complaints of extortion by Americans visiting France, is occupying the attention of the government.

The authorities hold that the tourists have the cure largely in their own hands, exaggerated prices being due in large part to indiscriminate spending by visitors, aided by the spendthrift tendency of French profiteers.

It is admitted that abuses practiced in amusement resorts, where meals, wine and dancing are provided, have their effect upon prices in general, but how to correct that evil without discouraging the most profitable trade is a question.

Undersecretary of State Painsant, discussing the question with Americans, proposes publicity as a remedy. He has invited American visitors to join in a protest which will be published in the Paris press, and he also will take up personally individual cases of extortion brought to his attention.

The most frequent causes of complaint are charges for lodgings in hotels and apartments. Mr. Painsant told the Americans he had decided to ask hotels to publish their rates in the papers. This remedy would not, however, affect apartments, which are the subject of profiteering on a scale hitherto unknown.

There are very few unfurnished apartments to let, according to the real estate agencies; as fast as vacated by tenants, they are transformed into furnished apartments and either let at rentals of from 300 to 1,000 per cent higher than the average before the war for furnished apartments of the same class, or rented at an increase of 200 to 300 per cent above the average for unfurnished apartments, with the proviso that the tenant buy the furniture at excessive figures.

THIS MAKES MR. HAYS HAPPY

His Policy of Humanizing the Postoffice Department Results in Saving a Woman's Life.

Washington.—Postmaster Will H. Hays probably is the happiest man in Washington today. His slogan "Humanize the Postoffice Department" has been carried out to what appears to be the limit. Here is the story:

In a little Nebraska farmhouse a woman lay dying for lack of medical attention. The nearest physician was Dr. Selby at North Platte. True, North Platte was only two miles away, but between the dying woman and the physician was the South Platte river, flooded to a raging torrent that had swept away every bridge near and far.

Dr. Selby had telephoned to every town within a radius of twenty miles. At each turn it was the same disheartening story—bridges gone and no way of fording the turbulent waters.

Just when all hope seemed gone, Dr. Selby remembered something. Somewhere he had read that the postmaster general was "humanizing" the postoffice department. He rushed to the telephone and asked C. A. Sluder, manager of the air mail field at North Platte, to take him across the river in an airplane.

"Sorry," said Sluder, "but I couldn't without getting authority from Washington first."

"But the woman is dying," the physician urged.

"In that case," replied Sluder, "we will take you first and get the authority afterward."

So it was that the life of a woman in an humble Nebraska farmhouse was saved just because the postoffice department has been humanized. And so it is that Postmaster General Hays is probably the happiest man in Washington.

Plants Beans 900 Years Old.

Salina, Kan.—Rev. M. M. Stoltz, librarian at the Kansas Wesleyan university, has received from Frederick Brorson, a graduate of the school, some relics from the ruins of Mesa Verde, in the national park, which will be placed in the university museum. Among them are some corn, corn cobs and beans that were taken from between rocks where scientists say they have been for 900 years. The cobs look as if they had been picked this year and the corn and beans are in a perfect state of preservation. Doctor Stoltz has planted some of the corn and beans and he declares that he believes they will sprout and grow.

SPECIAL NOTICE! ELECTION TUESDAY SEPT. 6.

The last republican legislature proposed several amendments to the State Constitution for the voters to pass on at a special election Sept. 6. The Constitution of the state is like a finely adjusted watch and is running very nicely, but if you go to tinkering with it, it soon won't run at all. People tinkered with the U. S. Constitution during the war and got Prohibition among other evils. If they go to tinkering with the state constitution they will have more evils. Each and every one of the proposed amendments should be defeated. So be sure and vote NO to all of them.

Proposed Amendments.

The Dubois county voter will be called upon to vote on September 6 at a special election to be held throughout the state to pass upon the merits of thirteen proposed amendments to the state constitution.

The state board of election commissioners has assigned numbers to each of the proposed amendments, which is believed will be a convenience to the voters in studying the proposals.

In order that Courier readers familiarize themselves with the amendments and give them the thought necessary to render intelligent verdict at the polls, the purpose of each is herewith set forth. It is suggested that the reader clip the list and peruse it for reference purpose.

AMENDMENT NO. 1
Art. II, Sec. 2 The amendment proposing to fix the time of residence required before an elector may vote at a certain place.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
Art. II, Sec. 14. Providing for a voter registration system.

AMENDMENT NO. 3
Art. V, Sec. 4. Providing for enumeration of voters.

AMENDMENT NO. 4
Art. V, Sec. 5 Providing for apportionment of legislative representation based on enumeration system.

AMENDMENT NO. 6
Art. VI, Sec. 2 Making four-year instead of two-year terms for county auditors, clerks, recorders, treasurer, sheriffs, and coroners.

AMENDMENT NO. 7
Art. VIII, Sec. 21 Making office prosecuting attorney four years instead of two.

AMENDMENT NO. 10
Art. X, Sec. 1. Authorizing the general assembly to provide by law for a system of taxation.

AMENDMENT NO. 11
Art. X, Sec. 8. Authorizing the legislature to levy income tax.

AMENDMENT NO. 12
Art. XII, Sec. 1 Making negroes eligible to serve in the militia.

AMENDMENT NO. 13
Art. XV, Sec. 2 Prohibiting the increasing of officeholders' salaries during the terms for which such officers were elected.

It will be necessary for the voters to pass on each amendment separately by voting "yes" or "no" on the proposal. It will not be possible to vote a straight ticket for all the amendments.

Shirley Mason in Her Latest.



"LOVETIME" William Fox Production

July 24 is the date announced by William Fox for placing before the public Shirley Mason's latest picture "Lovetime." This is a romance as dainty and appealing as the popular star.

The story was written by Hue La Due and was directed by Howard M. Mitchell, who has been associated with so many of Miss Mason's successes.

Helps Him Keep in Condition.



TOM MIX FIGHTING STAR BOXING WITH JACK DEMPSEY

The above picture does not signify that Tom Mix, the noted Fox star, contemplates adopting pugilism as a calling. Mix finds it necessary to keep in perfect physical condition in order to do the strenuous work and perform the hazardous stunts called for by his Fox pictures. Boxing regularly is one of his exercises, and he frequently put on the gloves with Dempsey while the latter was in California prior to his journey East to train for the meeting with Carpentier.

Taxes Due.

July 31 is the last day for filing returns of the capital stock tax. To avoid penalty, the return must be in hands of the collectors of internal revenue on or before midnight of that date.

Blanks forms are available at the office of Collector of Internal Revenue M. Thurman, Federal Building, Indianapolis. Form 707 is required for domestic, and 708 for foreign corporations.

The capital stock tax is a special excise tax imposed on corporations with respect to "carrying on or doing business." The tax on domestic corporations is \$1 for each \$1,000 tax is payable in advance, returns filed in July of this year covering the taxable year beginning July 1, 1921 and ending June 30, 1922.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue estimates that approximately 325,000 such returns will be filed, and that amount of revenue collected from this source will be approximately \$90,000,000.

The penalty for failure to file a return within the time prescribed is an added assessment of 25 percent of the amount due, unless it is shown that the failure was due to reasonable cause and not to neglect.

Cantaloupes Late But Good

"The cantaloupe crop for Southern Indiana this year will be much bigger than last year," said Samuel D. McLeish, general freight agent for the Big Four, Monday.

"The crop is a little late this year but the shipment be at its peak in about week." Last year the first carload was shipped July 1. This year the first shipment was made on July 12.

"There has been a slight decrease in the acreage this season, but the weather has been unusually favorable to the crop."

Ex-Hubby Is Valued at \$75,000

Mrs. Benjamin Roberts values her divorced husband at \$75,000. She has brought suit for that amount against Vida Moore, alleging among other things Roberts took the defendant riding in the plaintiffs auto.

"No sah, ah don't neber ride on dem things," said an old colored lady looking in on a merry go around. "Why, de other day I seen Rastus Johnson get on an' ride as much as a dollah's wuth an' get off at tve very same place he got on at, an' I sez to him; 'Rastus, I sez, 'yo apent yo' money, but whar yo' bin?'"

Representative King (R) Ill.

Abe Martin says:—If we all ran from temptation there wouldn't be nothing but skirts on the street.

ELIXIR OF YOUTH FOUND IN CHICAGO

Decrepit Old John Shebec Took But One Dose and Did Some Great Stunts.

GLIMPSE OF "DICK'S" STAR

Senile Cripple Overtook Trolley Car and Would Have Defeated Police Flivver if the Street Crowds Had Not Hampered Him.

Chicago.—John Shebec, who is 67 years old, discovered the elixir of youth the other day. Before taking he was stooped, lame, decrepit, hopelessly senile. After one dose he was able to hop a speeding street car, outrace a flivver, and stand on his ear. Mr. Shebec was first observed by Detective Sergeants Bierndt and Janaczak at Western avenue and Madison street. He was limping.

"Give me a quarter for carfare, please," he asked them. Bierndt started to explain that transportation in this City of the Horn may be purchased, theoretically, at a nickel a ride—and, if one is traveling in the suburbs outside the precincts of the city hall, at 8 cents. He meant to follow up this information with a remark that the old man's two-bit demand was a bit exorbitant. He was interrupted, however, by a citizen who burst from the corner saloon.

He Sees a Star.
"You old rascal, I just gave you carfare," shouted the man. "Aha," quoth Bierndt, "come with me."

He exhibited his star. One casual glance at the glittering elixir worked a marvelous transformation. It penetrated the ancient's system instantly and invested his feet with a zest for voyage.

The next instant Shebec was ten yards away. The instant after that he was scarcely discernible for dust. "Holy haste!" exclaimed Bierndt. "That guy's exceeding the speed limit. What he needs is a pair of brakes."

The detectives jumped into their flivver and tore after the vanishing Shebec. About a block ahead was a street car, traveling at the rate of numerous miles per hour. It saw the ancient chasing it and tried to get away.

"Too Durned Slow."

No use! With an easy leap Shebec had achieved the step. Then he looked behind him and saw that the police flivver was making better time than the street car.

"You're too durned slow," said he to the conductor—and off he jumped. The particular section of the metropolis into which the ancient leaped was a bit populated. The abundant citizenry impeded his progress and made straight running impossible. In the zigzagging which ensued the flivver had time to catch up and Shebec was apprehended. In his pockets were found twenty \$1 bills and about \$5 in coins.

"I think I'll enter that bird in the Indianapolis sweepstakes next year," said Bierndt at the station. "He runs without gas and never has tire trouble. He's the fastest thing I ever saw in pants."

"DEAD" MAN RETURNS HOME

Supposed Victim of Railway Accident Gives His Relatives a Very Happy Surprise.

Youngstown, O.—Sadness was turned into rejoicing when W. J. Mills, who was identified as having been killed by a train near Williamson, W. Va., last April, walked into the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Malone, Parkersburg, W. Va., and gave her and his two sons a surprise that they will long remember.

Instead of grieving over the passing of their father, whom they believed was killed, they are happily explaining how they were mistaken when they identified another for him in a morgue in Williamson.

Mills explained that he had been visiting friends in Youngstown, and that he was so deeply impressed with the steel city, its environment and suburbs that he forgot to write.

The family is trying to decide what disposition to make of the body of the man who was buried in the family plot near Parkersburg.

Vicar Had Sense of Disaster.

St. John's church, West Ealing, England, was gutted by fire on a recent Monday night. The subject of the last sermon in the building was "Purified by Fire," and the vicar said afterward that all that Sunday he had been oppressed with a sense of impending disaster.



Typical Seminole House.

pride of all Indian girls. There are no white half-breeds among them. So strong in the tribe is hatred of our race that, if a Seminole woman were to have a child by a white man, she would be likely to be put to death.

Around their necks the women wear many strings of beads of cut-glass, which they buy from traders. Sometimes a squaw is adorned with as much as six quarts of these beads, and even the girl babies are loaded down with them. The women pierce as many as ten holes in the upper rim of each ear to hold pegs of wood.

The Seminole house is of peculiar construction, having a roof and floor, but no sides. Its framework is of palmetto poles, which support a platform three feet from the ground and a roof of palmetto leaves. It is all one room, open to view from without, and one might imagine that here was the limit of nonprivacy were it not that the Seminole dwelling is customarily hidden in the jungle. — Philadelphia Ledger.