NEW YORKERS ARE BUILDING HOMES ON SKYSCRAPERS

Special to the News

New York, Oct. 19.—A snug little cottage on the roof of a downtown skyscraper, Battery Park for a front yard, a view over the harbor, towering office buildings for next-door neighbors—such is the up-to-date 1922 ideal of home for the Manhattan dweller.

The fashion is said to be spreading with such rapidity that the sight of a family washing out to dry some hundreds of feet directly over the heads of the busy denizens of Wall street is looked for any day now.

But, however its popularity may grow by leaps and bounds, no one has ever insinuated that the innovation has come to combat the high cost of living or to be simple, economical solution of the housing problem.

In fact the contrary is the case and experimentors in the field of literal "high life" boast that their new abodes represent a step "up"—both figurative and literal—from former dwelling places in palatial Riverside Drive or Upper Fifth avenue aprtment houses where annual rents are computed in sums of five figures.

Among the most recent pioneers in the realm of aerial dwellings are H. L. Doherty, head of the Wall street banking house of that name; Percy A. Rockefeller, financier and Sir Ashley Sparks, head of the Cunard Line in the United States.

Of these the last two have fitted up sumptuous apartments — half dwelling and half office—atop the new Cunard Building at 25 Broadway, 22 stories above the noisy bustle of the most famous and the most congested thoroughfare in the world.

Even more elaborte and extensive are the quarters of Mr. Doherty on the roof of the 15 -story Battery Park building. Here the elderly bachelor's "bungalow" covers the entire top of the large building, containing 16 rooms besides hallways, porches, sun parlors and "hurricane decks."

Here he lives alone with a retinue of servants, as isolated as if he were in the heart of a primitive country. After the hush of night closes over the tip of Manhattan, when a pedestrian in the streets is a rarity, the only sounds which penetrate to his aerie are the low-voiced fog horns of craft plying rivers which enclose the battery on two sides and the harbor which lies beyond it.

Besides reception, sleeping and drawing rooms, the "bungalow" contains a gymnasium, handball and squash court, billiard room and chemical laboratory in the last of which its master, who is also an inventor and scientist, spends many hours a week in experimentation.

A feature of the apartment of which its owner is particularly proud is the bed in his own living quarters which, by merely pressing an electric button may be made to move automatically through a concealed opening in the wall to a sleeping porch outside.

More than 16 miles of telephone wire are said to have been used to install the apartment's communication system, which includes a portable transmitter and receiver which may be plugged in at any one of the half dozen or more contrivances with which each room and hallway is equipped.

The entrance of the apartment, at the head of a flight of stairs from the fourteenth floor, is adorned by an oaken frome with the legend "A. D. 1829" and a stone sill, both brought by Mr. Doherty from the home of his grandfather in Columbus, Ohio.

Chink Y. M. C. A. a Popular Place In Chicago Circle

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Located in the heart of Chicago's Chinatown near Wentworth avenue and 22nd street is the Chinese Y. M. C. A. which during the past week has come into new popularity among the young men fro mthe Orient. The reason for this lies in the fact that it has just started a school for young men and children in which they can learn about their new country, how to be good Americans and speak good English.

Classes meet three times a week. One group takes up English which is supplemented by lectures on current events in America. An American and Chinese student are instructors Another group of children studies American history, literature and peography. Young men who are in this country to learn American business methods and expect to return to China in the near future can also learn Mandarin, the official court language of the Chinese republic, which is now called the national language. Health campaigns and thrift campaigns and other thoroughly American educational projects are promoted through and by these students.

One of the most popular classes in the Y. M. C. A. school is the mandolin class. This meets once a week and the musically inclined can learn how to play Chinese music on American instruments.

K. C. Mui, a native born Chinese who has received his A. B. degree from Oberlin University, is secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. which is supported almost wholly by merchants of Chinatown.

Auto Thefts in 1920 Showed Big Loss from 1919

(By Associated Press)

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 19—Despite a 20 per cent increase in the number of automobiles, thefts of automobiles decreased 10 per cent in 1920 as compared with 1919, according to statistics made public at headquarters of the National Automobile Dealers' Association here.

The association attributed the decline to results obtained from the federal motor vehicle theft law, more stringent laws in various states for the punishment of automobile thieves and vigorous police activity.

In 1920 the statistics showed that approximately 30,000 automobiles were stolen in 28 large cities of the country. This number was 3,000 less than those stolen in 1919.

With a theft list of 5,500 machines Chicago had the largest number of motor vehicles stolen. New York had 5,200 and ranked next to Chicago.

A large decrease in the number of machines stolen in St. Louis was noted. In 1919 the number was 1,200 while only 800 thefts were reported in 1920.

Dayton, O., had an unusual record of having recovered more stolen cars than the actual number of thefts reported, with 198 stolen and 211 recovered.

The figures showed that Pacific coast cities recovered more than fifty per cent of the stolen automobiles

GREEK ARMIES FIND COST OF LIVING IN ANGORA IS ENOUGH TO GET ONE'S GOAT

(By Associated Press.)

With the Greek Army in the Field, Oct. 19—Americans who find life expensive would secure unbounded relief if they could come to Anatolia.

In the area through which the Greek army passed in its advance on Angora, lambs sell for 60 cents each, chickens for 12 cents, whole cows for $9 and eggs for half a cent. Everywhere food is found in great abundance and at prices such as America never heard of even before the war.

The fertile fields of Anatolia rival those of the most productive American state. Wheat is the principal commodity of the thrifty Turkish and Kurd farmers. They raise sufficient quantities to feed a continent. When King Constantine's army made its memorable 300-mile advance from Ushak into the heart of the Kemalist country, it found hundreds of thousands of tons of wheat and grain. It is the plan of the Greek government to market this huge treasure in an effort to bring the Greek currency back to par.

The Greeks also found incalculable numbers of cattle and sheep. Cows, oxen and water-buffalo swarm the plains of Asia Minor, while the famous Angora goats and Caraman sheep are so numerous that they sell for about the price of a pound of mutton in any American city.

It is this great cornucopia that has made it possible for Mustapha Kemal's army to subsist so long without outside assistance. It is also this great abundance that has kept the Greek forces going. Their onward march to Angora would not have been possible upon the meagre food supplies they have been able to transport from Smyrna and Greece.

The only thing scarce in Anatolia particularly in the southern part, is water. The territory over which the Greek troops made their recent remarkable detour in order to catch Kemal's army is made up largely of desert land and barren hills, with water only at distant intervals. For days the weary soldiers had to macr under the burning Asia sun without a drop of water to relieve their parched throats.

Eeach nation's conviction that it is God's chosen people might be listed under the head of surplus war material.

Still, the people might as well support the railroads as to tax themselves to keep the highwas in repair for trucks.

The bootlegger doesn't provide a brass rail for the foot, bu that is the only particular in which he is short of brass.

A motor loses power if it doesn't fire promptly, and so, at times, does an industrial machine.

Boy Scouts Will Contribute Hou Like Teddy R

(By Associated Press)

Oyster Bay, Oct. 19—A rep tion of Elkhorn, the North D ranch house in which Th Roosevelt for three years lived life of a cowboy, is being plann Boy Scouts of America as their tribution to Roosevelt Me Park.

If the project develop troops from all over the countr supply the wood and the hous be built under the direction of Sewall, Roosevelt's friend, gui fellow ranchman.

It is proposed to have the c cornerstones of the ranch hous ried by relays of scouts from Missouri river to Oyster Bay.

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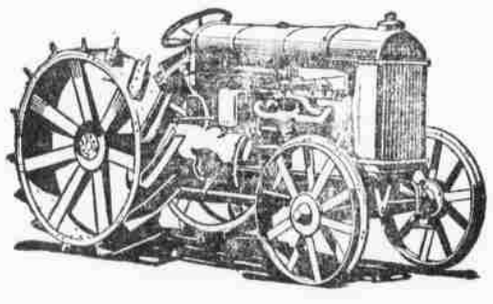

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