

ADVENTURES INCOGNITO

Emperor of Indo-China, in Business Suit, Has Fine Time in Paris.

PARIS, July 12. (By Mail.)—Dressed in a business suit of solid black, a quiet, unobtrusive little yellow-skinned man has been a constant visitor recently to the museums of art, painting and sculpture in the French capital.

Few people recognized Khai Dinh, Far East potentate, Emperor of Annam, Indo-China, who adorned in flowing robes of silk, his half decorated with gold lace, the red and yellow order of the Dragon of Annam on his breast almost hidden by a large plaque of pure gold set with large diamonds, was seen in the presidential box at Longchamp on the day of the Grand Prix.

A few years ago no one in his capital of Hue was permitted to stand across before the emperor or look him squarely in the eye, yet in the museums tourists pushed him about and elbowed him out of the way when he stood too long before a work of art.

Asked for Tattler.
One of the first questions Khai Dinh asked after he had been installed in the ministry of colonies, his home while in Paris, was: "Where is there a first-class tatter in town?" A representative of a leading Parisian tailoring firm called, but the emperor found his cloths too gaudy and requested him to return with blue, brown and black samples. The emperor ordered six suits of the more sober patterns. His official robes show practically all the colors of the rainbow.

Follower of Confucius.
A great lover of art, Khai Dinh has had the entire row of palaces used as the residence of royalty in Hue practically remodeled, both inside and outside, since his accession to the throne in 1916. His visits to the monuments of Paris have been made especially for the purpose of finding a plan for the reconstruction of the tomb of his ancestor Dong Khanh, the founder of the dynasty, 19 centuries ago.

A strict follower of the doctrine of Confucius, Khai Dinh's respect for the memory of his ancestors amounts to religion, and the mausoleum which he intends erecting to Dong Khanh will be one of the purest examples of far-east architecture known. Alexandre Marcel, official architect of the French government, is collaborating in the drawing up of the plan and the emperor has made several calls upon the architect, suggesting modifications and ideas.

Khai Dinh has given much trouble to the secret men entrusted by the French government with the task of protecting his sacred person. He slips in and out of museums, attended only by a few of his entourage, all dressed in the European fashion and several times he has eluded their vigilance.

Khai Dinh, before he was allowed to travel incognito in Paris, was the guest of several official functions, including many dinners and banquets. He was present at all in full regalia, but toward the end of his official stay he evinced some impatience and an earnest desire to enter upon private life. To one of the best invitations to a dinner, the emperor replied:

"You'll go providing there are no speeches."

The emperor will leave for Hue in August but the heir to the throne, Vinh-Ty, aged nine, will remain in Paris, where French tutors will teach him French literature and western civilization and in him for the high place which he is to occupy one day at Hue, one of the fundamental requirements of which is that he be a friend of France and a student of French culture.

HOME RULE IS INDIA'S HOPE

PREMANTLE, Australia, June 26. (By Mail.)—Hints were given for India with Dominion status is the objective of the Indian people, according to Mrs. Annie Besant, the well-known Theosophist leader, who arrived here recently.

In the course of an interview Mrs. Besant said everything would be well in India, she thought, if Britain only would grant the country home rule.

The people, since Gandhi's impromptu were beginning to appreciate that he was not the divine being, able to work miracles, which they had believed him to be. She anticipated that agitation along constitutional lines would replace revolutionary tactics and would bring peace to India within a reasonable time.

ST. PAUL'S IN NEED OF REPAIR

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 12. (By Mail.)—St. Paul's Cathedral, the famous Valhalla of the British Empire and the masterpiece of Sir Christopher Wren, architect, is subject to the ravages of time. Certain repair and reconstruction work is imperative to save the building from possible collapse and 100,000 pounds is being sought to pay the bill.

STATE FAIR TO BE IN SEPTEMBER

SALEM, Aug. 1.—The sixty-first Oregon state fair will open this year at Salem September 25, a few days earlier than heretofore, the time being changed to avoid unfavorable weather to previous years. Entries for all parts of the state indicate the fair this year will be larger than ever before, according to fair officials. A number of counties

NEW HIGHWAY TO BE PLANNED

PEROLETON, Aug. 1.—The executive committee of the Blue Mountain Highway association will meet to make plans for securing improvement of the road crossing the Blue Mountains between Elgin and Weston. Paul Westrauch of Walla Walla

president of the committee; Lee Tuttle of Elgin, first vice president; Roy Ritter of Pendleton, second vice president; and E. M. Smith of Weston, secretary-treasurer.

The proposed highway has been approved by the forest service as a necessary lateral running into a road system protecting the Umatilla and Wenas national forests. It also taps a farming territory where residents have been marooned all winter.

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