

THOUSANDS TO VISIT PARIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., (Special)—Back to France in a steaming motor launch, the French American committee will cross the pond tomorrow to 1927 and '28 in being ahead toward realization. Plans of the American Legion for its convention in Paris in 1927, which will take thousands of American World War veterans back to the land of Liberty, are rapidly assuming concrete form. The Legion's veterans will attend the convention. It is estimated by John A. Winkler, Jr., of Richmond, a leading chairman of a special committee in charge. The trip will take the form of a great pilgrimage to the American cemeteries and battle fields in France. The government will in five hours to Paris as an unusual piece-time trip, and the great immigration in history.

Travelers' bureaus, railroads, banks and the French and American governments are co-operating with the Legion in plans for its convention. Details hereafter will have been made for the sailing from New York, Boston, Hampton Roads, Montreal and Houston or Chicago. Other ports will be designated as official embarkation points if needed. La Harve and Chartres will be the French ports used.

The voyage will be made on liners of the United States Lines and such foreign lines as are needed in addition to the facilities of the American Line. Class distinctions on the ships will be done away with during the convention trip.

American railroads have agreed to grant a one-way fare for the round trip between the home and the port of embarkation. French railroads also will grant reduced rates to the Legionnaires, it is indicated.

Special "Back to France" savings clubs are being organized by banks throughout the country. To help Legionnaires cover the money necessary for the trip. The clubs operate on the same plan as the Christmas savings clubs, the veterans making small deposits every week until the time of the convention, September, 1927. Already more than \$1,000,000 is on deposit. A minimum of about \$200 will be required by each person for expenses and incidentals of the trip.

The committee in charge estimates. American Legion officials are urging members who plan to make the trip to save time as well as money, suggesting that those who can take only two weeks away from their work a year take no vacation next summer, permitting the time to accumulate for the convention trip. A minimum of 23 days will be required, 8 days each way for the ocean voyage and 7 days in France.

The French Government has placed the Trocadero, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 12,000, at the disposal of the Legion, and has advised the Legion that it will send an official representative to the United States to assist in the planning of the convention.

Only bona fide members of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary for both the years of 1924 and 1927 and their children will be eligible to make the trip.

Steamers to Replace Old Salmon Sail Fleet

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—The historic windjammer salmon packing fleet, which yearly invades the icy waters of Alaska, is being steered into the Sargasso Sea of oblivion by the Giant Steam.

Displacement of the sailing fleet was begun by the use of two small steamers by one company this year. Next spring, there will be more of them, and local marine officials doubt whether there will be a sail left on the Alaska run within two or three years.

Departure and return of the packing fleet have been picturesque incidents of San Francisco's winter for many years.

Most of the vessels are to turn north Haida Gwaii, and they leave the middle of March, sailing every day or two until all are on the way. The northward sail usually takes 30 days and often longer. The return from central Bays, made in September as a rule, often requires no more than 15 days. Favorable winds prevail, and there are currents that speed the vessels southward.

The crew and camera form a motley and colorful crowd. Nearly every nationality is represented, and many a swashbuckling tale could be written around the voyages. Fish galley have been recorded, and wreny shippers have flanked their wares when they sighted the Golden Gate again.

It is a bleak, hard life. The men during the five or six months they are away, but there is nothing to spend money for, and generally they return with their wages in their pockets.

Women Drive Popular as Masters of Hounds in England

TIVERTON, (AP)—Ever as master of fox hunting packs has proved a tremendous success in England and one reason is the fact that by her tact and charm she has been able repeatedly to placate early farmers when men have failed.

One of the best known women masters in Mrs. Kathleen Styles, of the West Kent fox hounds, which is one of the favorite packs of Prince Henry.

At present, there are at least eleven women masters of fox hounds, eighteen women honorary secretaries of clubs and about twenty women masters of harriers and beagles.

Fox hunting is now on in full tilt throughout the country. Princess Mary and the Duchess of York having participated recently in several changes in this vicinity. Another keen follower of the hounds is Lady Joan Douglas Hamilton, who frequently hunts all day then attends a theatre party or a ball in London in the evening.

School Exhibits Films

RANDY, Ore.—Moving pictures are being put on every week at the Sandy union high school, receipts from which are being used to buy library books, make payments on a new piano and maintain the band and orchestra. A girls' club club has been organized with Miss A. H. Kammerer as leader and Miss Gladys Ostrem as pianist. Assembly meetings are held every Friday.

Two Time-Loving Oregon Crops

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North and South America to Stage Chess Game by Radio

HAVELFORD, Pa., (AP)—North and South America will fight a chess battle by air during the winter.

The southern continent will be represented by Haverford College and the southern by the University of Argentina. The plans are to carry on the match by radio.

Last year the Haverford College chess players started a radio match with Oxford University but did not complete it, the British Government holding that the University radio men's licenses permitted transmitting for experimental purposes only. The distance to be covered in the South American match is greater than that of last year's contest with the British players.

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