

A. B. Cherry Visits Isle of Ceylon, British Gem

Natural Beauties and Vast Resources Described by Resident of La Grande

Editor's Note—This is another of a series of articles written by A. B. Cherry, touring the world on the S. S. Belgenland.

(By A. B. Cherry)

Tuesday afternoon we went back on the tender to the Helgenland and washed off the dirt we had accumulated in Calcutta and Thursday morning we sailed away for the island of Ceylon. We arrived at Colombo, Ceylon February 21. In a well known missionary

hymn are these lines, "What though the spicy breezes blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle, though every prospect pleased, and only man is vile." Ninety-five percent of the "vile man" spoken of are natives. Thieves, robbers and tricksters whose chief stock in trade is sharp practice and misrepresentation. Ceylon is a beautiful island—the jewel of the British possessions. It has an almost inexhaustible supply of treasures, in mountains and mine, field and stream with which nature has bountifully endowed the island, and just but not least of its charms, its gorgeous scenery and temperate climate which make it an ideal holiday resort for the tourists. It is a land of dreamy beauty and endless interest, a land of sunshine and content.

Natives Well Fed
The natives here are lazy, look

Trains Halted as Ice Jams Railway Tracks



Traffic on the Erie railroad between Franklin and Oil City, Pa., has been halted for six days by ice jams which the flooded Allegheny river tossed up on the tracks. Photo shows an engine making an unsuccessful attempt to push an ice-breaker through and clear the way.

well fed and prosperous. We have seen more naked children here than anywhere along our trip. We remained three days here. One day we went by auto, a three-hour ride, to Kandy, the ancient capital, and returned by rail. Going up we passed through many native villages and here and there were elephants at work along the roadside.

The interesting part of this ride was the thousands of happy looking little children we passed going to school. Some of them used good English and "good morning" was often heard. All of them waved their hands at us and many of them carried immense lotus blossoms and threw them in our cars. The school houses are open air ones with straw roofs, set in the shade of coconut trees. The children were all clean and neat looking, and goes to show that the coming generation will make quite a difference in the ways and habits of the native population. On our return by train our way was along a river and through rice fields. We saw four herds of elephants bathing in the river and many farmers threshing their rice. They spread about two feet of straw on a cement floor and drive from six to ten water buffalo around and around on this for hours. When the grain is all out of the straw they sweep up rice dirt and all and sack it and start the process all over again. An American could do more with an old fashioned flail in an hour than they do all day. But they are satisfied and want no new ways.

Old Time Labor Methods
We passed many brick yards and saw the moulder mixing his clay by hand and then moulding them one at a time in a little wood mould. Thus are bricks made all over this country. In Colombo we saw a modern cement mixing machine. In America two men would have filled it with gravel and one man wheeled it away when mixed. Here some twenty five women carried the gravel and water in little baskets and cans on their heads. When it was mixed twenty five more women carried it in bowls on their heads to the form. All the while jabbering and yelling. Instead of having a platform for the man who runs the mixer to stand on they had a one inch pipe where he stood all day.

Ceylon is one vast jewelry store full of precious stones and more that are not precious. When a boy I learned the jewelry trade and have some little knowledge of precious stones. This came in very handy here. A few of these merchants are said to be reliable, but I found there was not one of them but would finally sell at one fourth the price they originally asked. When they do this you have no confidence in them. It made you feel very badly to stand around the stores and see our passengers buying of these fellows as though they were under the impression that they were letting some simple minded fellow ruin himself. When they returned to the ship and made a close examination of their purchases they packed them away and wrote "stung again" in their diary. The pleasure you derive from your visit to this country is almost all taken away by this cur-

sed tipping system. From the moment you set your foot on land until you step on the ship everybody expects a tip. Stop a man on the street and ask the direction to a store and he will hold out his hand, and there will be a half a dozen on your heels at once to conduct you to where you want to go.

Trotting Cows
If you lived here you would have to do as the British do—use the toe of your foot. All in all this has been the most interesting place we have visited, something new every minute. The most novel thing seen here is the trotting cows in the passenger cars. In Java they had the little horses. No horses are used for work here. All oxen and cows and water buffalo. The Singhalese men wear a round bomb in their hair and carrying jewelry, gold bracelets on their arms and feet, ear rings and nose rings, plus gold necklaces. It is very hard to believe that this island was settled in the sixth century B. C. There is still jungles on it, full of wild elephants, tigers, etc. Our next letter will be about Bombay—the gateway to India. (To Be Continued)

LABOR VOTE DIVIDED
ALBANY, N. Y.—Seems as if some of the labor vote would be divided under certain contingencies in 1928. Just after news came from Washington that President Coolidge laid all the mortar necessary for a corner stone, instead of the usual dab or so, it developed that Al Smith turned the first shovel of earth for Albany's harbor project and displayed a card of the Red Carriers' Union.

Street traffic may improve vibrations of sound on the air amounting to a force over a plate-glass store window of several pounds.

The term "bits" comes from the frontier practice of hacking Spanish dollars into eight pieces or bits to provide change, as small minted coins usually were lacking.

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STANFIELD WINS OUT WITH GRAZING BILL

Cabinet Officials Approve His Grazing Draft as Equally Fair to Large and Small Stockmen—Aids Livestock Industry and Yields Revenue to the State.



United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield, as chairman of the committee on public lands, has scored a big victory for Oregon and the West by obtaining government approval of the revised draft of his bill to put the livestock industry on a sound and permanent basis. This bill provides for unsalaried grazing boards, composed of three members of each grazing district and elected by the livestock raisers using the lands.

Of monies received 10 per cent is set aside for range improvements and 25 per cent for the benefit of public schools and public roads.

Secretary Work, of the Interior Department, has written Senator Stanfield: "The new draft of your grazing bill is a constructive measure which will result in definite and positive benefit to the livestock industry. It will permit the use of the public lands, under proper regulations, by both large and small livestock raisers."

Senator Stanfield's committee has unanimously recommended the passage of the bill. A new senator would be barred by the senate's ironclad seniority rule from holding such a powerful chairmanship and, therefore, would be unable to advance such important legislation through the committee and pass it in the senate.

(Stanfield-for-Senator Campaign, N. D. Cusick, Mgr.)
—Paid Adv.

COMMON RADIO LANGUAGE NOW BEING SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Apr. 9. (AP)—A world language of electricity, which will enable radio fans the world over to discuss their hobby in common terms is one of the problems to be worked out at the ten-day convention of the International Electro-technical Commission beginning here April 13.

National committees in the various countries which will send delegates to the convention have been developing studies in this field and will report to the commission. "Radio expansion," said Dr. Clayton Halsey Sharp, president of the United States committee of the commission, "has increased the demand for common terms and symbols. Electricity is looming as a powerful instrument of concord among all peoples, and apart from all scientific consideration, it is important to commerce that there be standardization of terms in the electro-technical field so that people in different lands can know what they are talking about."

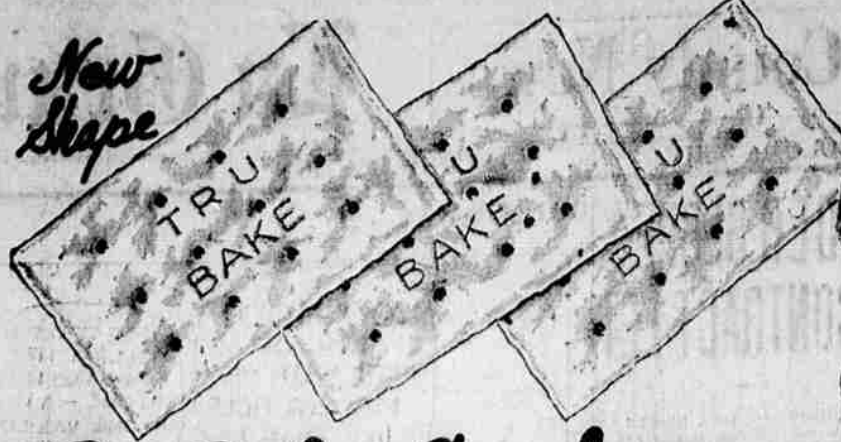
"This new international tongue may in part consist of symbols. It is essential that there be standards for rating, for designating sizes and performances of electrical machinery. Standardized requirements need to be used in asking for bids and tenders in business."

Delegates from Great Britain, France, Germany, Norway, Russia, Poland, Spain, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland will attend the meeting.

Europeans had \$6,000,000,000 of American securities, mostly in railroads, at the outbreak of the war. Americans have not only bought these back, but have loaned \$3,000,000,000, privately, to their former creditors.

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