

RETTIE STUDYING VIENNA TROUBLES

Student YMCA Official from Willamette University Tells Conditions

America will be extremely fortunate if it avoids the troubles which are at present resting heavily upon Europe, declares James Rettie, Willamette university student who is a member of the Sherwood Eddy seminar making a tour of Europe to study social and political conditions there, writing from Vienna.

The party arrived in Vienna just after the recent uprising which for a time assumed the proportions of a revolt, and were able to study the conditions causing it. That conditions are not altogether hopeless in Europe is testified to by Rettie, who finds some things in which European nations are ahead of America. His letter follows:

Vienna, Austria, August 2, 1927.

I have been taking a few minutes now and then to drop my friends just a line, so here is yours. I do not know what could be more valuable than this seminar. We have had access to a mine of information that simply has been beyond any money value. We have found Europe by no means tranquil. They have tremendous unsolved problems and something is being done, but one is almost staggered to think what must be done before there can be any peace. We are here just two weeks after what was almost a revolution. This morning we saw one of the buildings that was burned by the mobs.

There certainly are powerful forces working in every nation for the establishment of a different social order and most of us have stopped congratulating ourselves that we do not have such things in America. Ours is a new nation and we will be extremely fortunate if we avoid these same things when the shoe begins to pinch in our own country.

The European church is, sorry to say, not alive to the situation in any respect. It is lost in formalism, tradition, and theology. These musty cathedrals, and it may seem strange to say so, make me feel that they are nothing but burial places full of dead men's bones. Much to the dismay of some other members of our party I have said that I would like to wreck about four-fifths of them and build either schools or modern Y. M. C. A.'s in their places. That never could be done however for these people always think of religion in terms of the church.

On the other hand we have many great things to learn from Europe especially with regard to legislation for the protection of the working man. The city of Vienna is especially progressive in this respect.

I received my appointment to that international conference when I reached New York and will go direct to it from here. They have set up a very attractive program including John R. Mott, the chancellor of the Austrian republic, the Japanese representative on the international labor council of the league of nations, Dr. Conrad Hoffman and others. At the same time our seminar will be in session in Geneva. I wish that I could get both but that is impossible.

I shall be in New York for the meeting of the National council of student associations during the first part of September and will be in Salem by the time school opens. I am writing to the cabinet members that are in Salem with regard to the program for Freshman week which we set up in the spring.

As I have been coming in contact with the European YMCA this summer I have been especially struck with its vitality and ability to sense real need. In Prague for instance the YMCA is heading up what is perhaps the greatest and most far reaching venture in international good will that is being carried on in the world. Two thousand five hundred students from twenty different nationalities belong to the YMCA and there learn to cooperate in work for the good of all. If I find that I can make good in my positions of president

HORSES WITH BIG CIRCUS NOW DANCE, CHARLESTON



Here's an act not on the big show program. It might aptly be called "Foolishness Behind the Scenes." The clown, Pat Valdo, has just received a "ring" from the fair equestrienne, M'lie Cottrell. Meanwhile "Toby" who plays the part of the telephone, snoozes on.

There are four distinct types of horses with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey combined shows this season. Toby is one of the eighty-two that are used by the bareback riders. Like most of the "rosin-backs" he is as gentle as a kitten.

The forty used in menage and jumping numbers are of another breed. They include the sleek-limbed, glossy-coated equines who have been taught to perform all sorts of intricate steps, not excepting the Charleston. They are the high-steppers and the posers of the white-tops. Others jump barriers eight feet high or clear groups of their fellows at a single bound.

A third type embraces the five troupes of Tartarian stallions that appear in a single display. This has been rendered possible by the introduction of two additional

and chairman of the northwest council next year I would certainly consider it as a life work. One thing I must not forget to do is pay a tribute to Sherwood Eddy, whom we have all come to love. He certainly had a challenging mind and an earnestness that is seldom found anywhere. Cordially yours, James C. Rettie.

DWELLING PERMITS SHOWING INCREASE

Seven Issued in Week; Plans for Presbyterian Church Liven Week

Four building permits for the erection of dwellings during the last two days of the week just passed brought the total for the week up to seven, and saved the seven day period from being the lightest from the standpoint of announcement of new building activities for some time.

The outstanding feature of the week in building circles was the acceptance of bids for the new First Presbyterian church which is to be constructed at Chemeketa and North Winter streets, entailing a total expenditure of about \$125,000, with work to commence on the building tomorrow.

Dwelling permits for the week total \$21,050, with a \$600 expenditure on a shop announced, and repair work totaling \$4,450.

Permits to repair two dwellings were issued yesterday. C. E. Wagner asked permission to repair a two story dwelling at 605 North Sumner, the work to cost about \$1,000, and Karl Poppe applied for a permit to do some work on his two story dwelling at 352 North 21st street, to cost about \$400. The work on the latter is to be done by J. R. Olmsted.

Clinton O. Pitney received a permit yesterday to erect a one story dwelling at 2315 Claude street, at the corner of 23rd, in the Brooklyn addition. The cost will be about \$2450, the permit shows.

A one and a half story dwelling will be built at 2990 South High street, at the corner of Electric avenue, by H. C. Hummel, at a cost of about \$4,000, according to a permit issued yesterday in the office of the city recorder.

North Howell Grangers Plan Big Picnic Today

NORTH HOWELL, Aug. 20.—(Special)—The families of Archie Wiesner, Kenneth Coomler, and S. C. Rickard spent last week at Newport and Neskowin.

Bernice Bump of Portland is visiting her cousin Katherine Bump. The Wiesner families held a reunion at Hazel Green park last Sunday.

Dorothy and Carolyn Bump are visiting in Portland this week. Swimming parties in the Abiqua river are very popular these warm evenings.

The North Howell grange plans a picnic at Silverton park for Sunday, August 21st.

AVIATION STUDENT LEAVES STAYTON, Aug. 20.—(Special)—Ivan Kearns who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

J. T. Kearns here, left Friday for Portland where he will continue his studies in aviation work. It is Ivan's ambition to become one of the noted flyers of the United States. For the past few months, he has been associated with the Morning Oregonian.

FISHING TRIP ENJOYED STAYTON, Aug. 20.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesley and their guest, E. N. Olmsted of Grangeville, Idaho, spent a short vacation at Yachats, where they enjoyed fishing and bathing for a few days. The party returned home Thursday.

WOMEN SHOP IN PORTLAND STAYTON, Aug. 20.—(Special)—W. A. Waddle and wife went to Portland Thursday where they spent the day looking after business matters. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Meddler's sister, Mrs. Martha Hawd, and Mrs. Anna Adams.

C. L. "Postum" Coffey Leaves Thresher Few Days

CENTERVIEW, Aug. 20.—(Special)—C. L. Coffey, recently nicknamed "Postum" drove to Portland for a business trip Wednesday and Thursday. His place on the faberly threshing crew was filled by Frank Bowers. Mrs. Lois and Winifred Richards, business callers in Salem

Mrs. W. H. Hubbs and daughters, Mildred, Marjorie, and Martan, with Mrs. Edson Comstock.

and Mrs. S. J. Comstock of Silverton, spent Wednesday afternoon Monday and Tuesday as the guests of Betty Jean Morley of Silverton.



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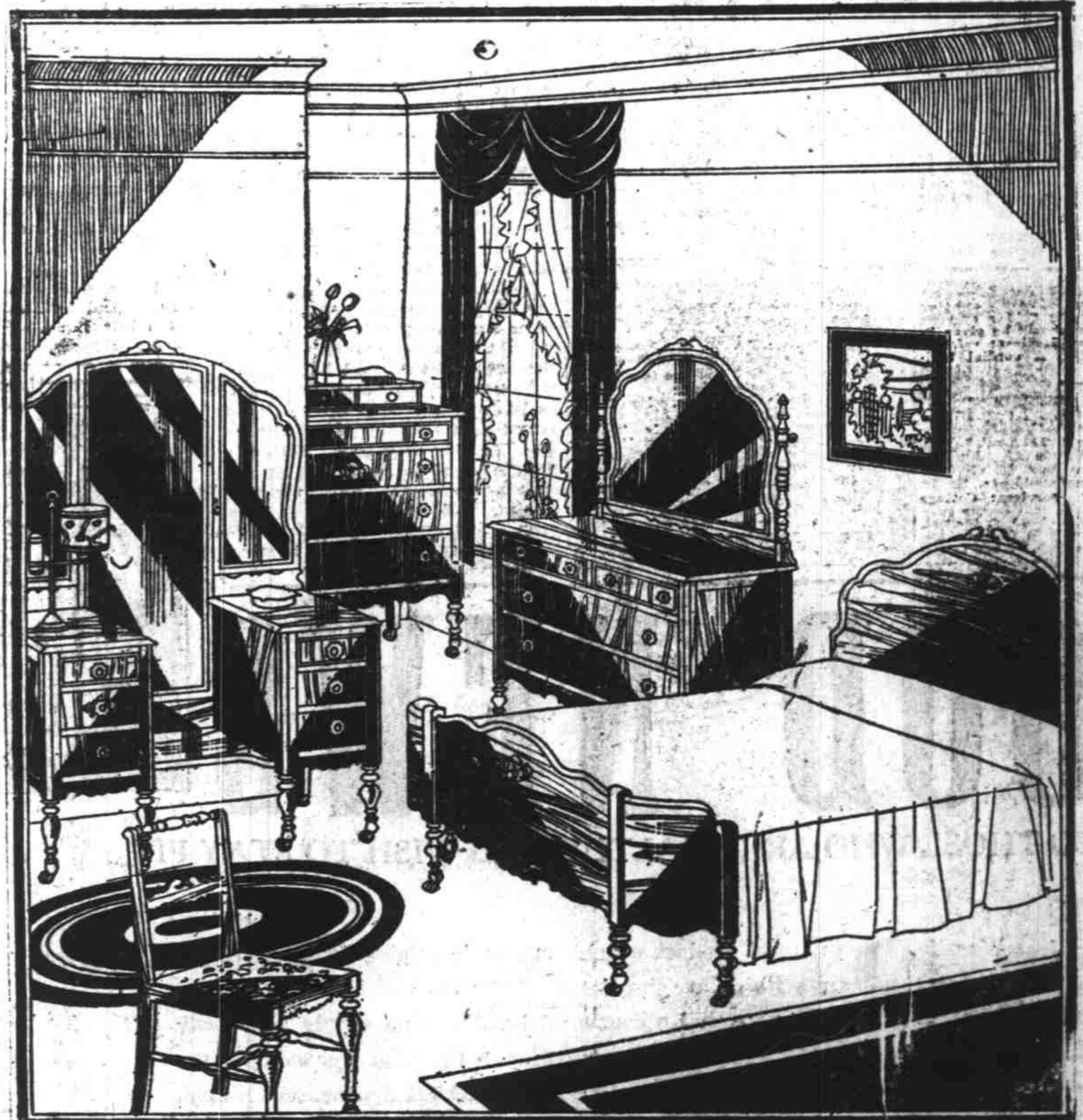
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