

## Muriel White Tells of Trip

Salem Woman Does Europe Alone During Summer; Experience Thrills

Traveling alone in Europe is a thrilling and pleasing experience, with peoples, and especially those in Germany genuinely kind, declares Miss Muriel White, Woodburn high school instructor and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert White of Salem, who is just home from two and one-half months spent abroad.

Most of her time was spent in Northern England, Yorkshire county, where she has relatives, though she spent eight days in Germany, or strictly speaking the Greater Germany, and shorter periods in Italy, France and Belgium.

One of the big thrills of Miss White's trip was standing not three feet away while King George VI rode past. Ironically enough, that experience came in London out of a clear sky, although she had traveled to Paris and spent two days there to assure herself a sight of the king on his visit to France. In Paris she thrilled at the demonstration in honor of King George, but was unable to really see the royal couple as they rode down the thronged streets.

Sees King Unexpectedly  
"Later I was crossing a street in London, when a man in uniform came up to me and asked politely if I'd mind stepping back on the walk while the king passed by," Miss White says, indicating she glanced over her shoulder just in time to stifle an American come-back at a presumed joke. Sure enough, following the uniformed guard rode the king, with whose appearance and manner she was greatly impressed.

She toured third class through Germany to get closer to the people, and instead of staying in hotels, stayed in German homes (three meals, a good bed and motherly attention all for \$1.10 in one home).

"The German people were especially friendly. They were not at all afraid to talk about Hitler. They adore the ground he walks on but are afraid of Goering as the man who holds the leash over them," Miss White felt.

Germans Found Friendly  
"Germans are anxious to have the friendship of America. One of the first questions they would ask me was 'You Americans don't like Germany?'"

"When I would say I felt Americans did like the German people, they would at once become responsive."

She found that German youths, like those in England, do not want war but expect to serve their country if necessary. In general, the German people with whom she came in contact do not want fighting. The German people seem no longer to think for themselves and look subdued, she says. Throughout her travels in Germany and Austria, she encountered no other American, except along the Rhine. Paris seemed to be the mecca for Americans abroad.

Italians Less Talkative  
Miss White found the Italians less talkative than the Germans, but noticeably friendly toward Germany and her people. Germans were not checked as closely at the Italian border as others.

The overwhelming ancientness of these countries and the beauty enfolded in the old impressed the Salem traveler.

Other major impressions of England are of the York minister, the loveliest cathedral she saw; the towering spire in each village; the pride and devotion of laborers to their work; the improvement in the slum districts and extreme modern touch in the school system for these children; and of

## An "Unwritten Law" Defense



Rudolph Sikora with officer

Attorneys prepare an "unwritten law" defense for Rudolph Sikora, 31, of Chicago, who shot and killed Edward Solomon, 35, an accountant, whom he accused of wrecking his home. The shooting occurred on the street on Chicago's North Side. Sikora's estranged wife, Mrs. Margaret Sikora, is said to have told authorities that "Rudolph was a perfect husband but I didn't love him."

course Westminster abbey.

Venice Best at Night  
She was informed that England, shunning war but prepared, has made provision for gas masks for every inhabitant and in London she witnessed a "defense of London," in which lights were erased and streets cleared as though an air raid were eminent.

Italy's famous grand canal she found a sore disappointment by day, but by night an entirely changed and enchanting place. Travelers to Venice should arrive about 9 o'clock at night, not in the day time, she declares.

Finale to the summer travels was the trip back on the Queen Mary.

## Locomotive Opens Legion Convention

40 et 8 Chugger Enters Pendleton as Legion Begins Session

PENDLETON, Aug. 31.—(P)—A black and gold locomotive, not strictly a railroad type but mobile enough under its automobile powered, chugged into town today and thereby dispensed with all other formalities for starting the annual convention of the Oregon American Legion.

The locomotive, prized property of the Portland volunteer 25 of the 40 and 8, Legion fun group, preceded some 700 legionnaires into the city today. The actual program starts tomorrow.

State Commander O.E. Palmer, of Salem, was among the arriving vanguard that staged the annual "Goof" parade tonight. A dozen or so "Goofs" were initiated at the "Wreck" of 40 and 8, as its separate convention is called.

Among tomorrow's arrivals will be Daniel J. Doherty, of Woburn, Mass., national commander. He will speak tomorrow morning.

The "Goof" parade tonight included about every movable thing here from covered wagons to the simulated locomotive. The locomotive was the same which the Oregon department took to St. Louis in 1935 and its perambulations have covered more than 100,000 miles.

## Investigate Death of Convicts



William Donovan, John Boyle and William Mills

In charge of investigating the deaths of four convicts at Holmesburg prison in Philadelphia, these state officials discuss the coroner's report that they were suffocated to death. Left to right are William Donovan, institutional inspector for Pennsylvania; John Boyle, assistant district attorney of Philadelphia, and Superintendent William Mills of the Philadelphia county prison.

## Mills Accuses Subordinates

Philadelphia Warden Says James Hart Turned on Blast of Steam

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—(P)—Rebuked for "ridiculous" management of the Philadelphia county prison, Warden William B. Mills today blamed subordinates for the "baking to death" of four convicts in "sweat-box" punishment cells.

He named Guard Sgt. James Hart as responsible for turning on the killing heat and said Deputy Warden Frank Craven, knowing of conditions, should have ordered the steam shut off in the battery of radiators that lined a corridor of the "Klondike" isolation building where the men were confined. He denied all personal responsibility. Hart acted, he said, without his knowledge or permission.

The firm-jawed, gray-haired warden was the chief witness at a tumultuous inquest punctuated by a spectators' demonstration when Coroner Charles H. Hersch interrupted Mills' testimony and scolded: "You don't know how to run that prison. This is the loosest, most peculiar situation I ever heard of in an institution that houses 1400 prisoners; where there are no rules and regulations and no one seems to know what's going on."

The crowd in the city hall courtroom applauded and a few stomped and cheered. One spectator shrilled:

"He's the killer."  
The survivors' tales were of 60 hours of horror in red-hot cells amid a nightmare of hissing steam. They told of the imprisoned men gasping for breath, drinking water from toilet bowls, and banging their heads against the walls in anguish. One pleaded to be shot "to end his misery" and another tried to commit suicide, one man testified. The dying men called for wives and mothers.

## Joint Trial Looms For 4 Olympians

OLYMPIA, Aug. 31.—(P)—A joint trial on first degree kidnaping and assault charges, possibly in October, loomed today for Dr. Kent W. Berry, 50-year-old physician, and three companions for the "revenge abduction" of Irving Baker, former coast guard officer.

Pleas of innocent were entered by Dr. Berry, William K. McAloon, former Montesano night marshal, and James Reddick, 27, taxicab driver, at their arraignment today. Robert Smith, 32, Montesano dairyman, pleaded innocent at a special arraignment yesterday.

The four are accused of taking Baker from his home the night of August 19 and severely beating and threatening him with emasculation for an asserted assault on Berry's 27-year-old wife, at a Fourth of July party. Prosecutor Smith Troy has quoted Dr. Berry as admitting the assault upon Baker but denying the kidnaping.

## Leonhardt Named Senate Candidate

LA GRANDE, Aug. 31.—(P)—John W. Leonhardt of La Grande, defeated in the democratic primaries for superintendent of public instruction, was nominated yesterday for the state senate in the 21st district.

The post was vacated by Clyde Kiddle, resigned. The republicans have not yet selected a candidate.

## Prosecutor's Wife



Mrs. Thomas Dewey

Here is Mrs. Thomas Dewey, wife of the district attorney of "racket-busting" fame, as she attended the New York trial of James J. Hines, Tammany Hall district leader, charged with giving "protection" to the lottery ring.

## Oddities in the News

(By the Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Horses—if you can find them—still come first in Washington. A motorist learned that at a cost of \$2.

His car parked near a water trough unused for many moons. His parking ticket said: "Obstructing an animal drinking trough."

OCALA, Fla., Aug. 31.—Two preachers married two preachers to two preachers at the Assembly of God church last night.

The Rev. Myrtle Snair became the bride of the Rev. Daniel Wiley Norton of Wildwood, Fla., and the Rev. Ruth Hargis of Coffeyville, Kans., was wedded to the Rev. Curtis Ringness of Avon Park, Fla., in the double ceremony conducted by the Rev. Howard Bush and the Rev. Herbert F. Snow.

Miss Hargis was given in marriage by the Rev. William Emanuel of Plant City, Fla., and Miss Snair by her father, the Rev. Curtis H. Snair. The Rev. Nathaniel Bell pronounced the benediction.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—(P)—The aroma of cooking does not constitute a public nuisance—in the nose of the law, at least. Judge Francis Borelli so ruled today.

Mrs. May Goodstein brought the charge of maintaining a public nuisance against her next door neighbor, Daniel Conway. She complained that the smell of various viands on the Conway stove penetrated the Goodstein home.

The judge did a little personal sniffing between the houses last Sunday. The air was replete of roasting chicken. His pronouncement:

"The odors of Mrs. Conway's cooking could never be detrimental to health. The defendant is discharged."

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Thirty-six divorces and two annulments were granted in two hours and 58 minutes today by Circuit Judge William B. Flynn.

All of the cases were uncontested. One of them, in which three witnesses testified, was heard in two minutes.

Judge Flynn said he had no way of telling whether the day's business had set a record for the greatest number of decrees in the shortest time.

## Window Washer Falls 10 Stories

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31.—(P)—Early downtown shopping crowds were horrified today when a scream for "help" echoed down from the tenth floor of the big Meier & Frank department store building and they looked aloft to see Ernest C. Kuepper, 50, window washer, grasp desperately at a window sill.

A moment later he plunged to his death, falling free of the crowd on Alder street. Spectators thought his safety belt had broken but an investigator said there was no evidence that he was using the belt.

## Courthouse Clock Refuses to Stop, Though Gears out

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 31.—(P)—The Lane county courthouse's galloping clock, which refused to run last week, can't be stopped now. Judd Stauffer, custodian, called a clock expert who removed a cogwheel and broken piece of metal. He said he'd have it running in a week.

John Robertson, janitor, took a monkey-wrench and crowbar into the tower and had the clock running like new in a few minutes. Now efforts to stop the clock so missing wheels won't cause a general breakdown are unavailing. The clock won't quit—and the time is correct, too.

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