AMERICAN TOURISTS FLOCK TO ROME AND FIND CITY CROWDED

'Sorry But We Are Full; Did You Write or Telegraph?' is Greeting of Hotel Clerk.

ROME, May 14.—(A. P.)—"Tenting on the old camp ground," will be the lot of Americans rushing into Rome. Rome is full, full for months, so the hotel men say. American tourists have captured and occupy it so that others of their countrymen wishing to get in must be spoken for in advance or must pave a golden road for themselves in gratuities to hotel porters and clerks in order to get a place where to lay their heads.

"Sorry but we are full. Did you write us? Did you telegraph?" is the constant cry of the functionaries at the hotels. If one cannot answer in the affirmative, sorry indeed is their lot for weary pilgrimages from one hotel to another is the only alternative.

A chance might bring a room "scalper" to one's assistance. This consists in offering a room in a private house for which the daily stipulation is enormous. There was one example where an American paid $10 a night for his room in a private family. The room was only scantily furnished and not modern in its appointments.

Aside from the scarcity of lodgings Rome seems to have taken on its pre-war tourist attitude. The same vendors of cameos present themselves to the American on his appearance in Rome. The same old faces are seen in the antique shops and the art showrooms. The same beggars occupy their accustomed places, while the same old "blind band" with its full-sighted "drummer" of tourist shekels grinds out its unintelligible violin squeaks and clarinet groans. Cab drivers rule the highways, except for a new auto-bus line which has superseded the old horse-line on the Corso Umberto.

Prices have mounted ten to twenty times what they were in the old days. All the souvenirs are a thousand per cent higher. The art works and antiques have taken a similar leap. "Itching palms" greet the American tourist at every angle. Hotel prices, even when transferred into American money, are two or three times their former level. A room and meals on the American plan costs at least $5 a person, where it used to cost two.

Philippe de Lacey was found at the side of his dead mother when the Germans bombed Nancy. Edith de Lacey, American nurse, adopted him. Now he's in "Without Benefit of Clergy," a movie made from Kipling's story.

DIVORCE DECREE GRANTED.

LONDON, May 14.—(U. P.)—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York, obtained a final divorce decree. She charged the duke with desertion and infidelity.

GOES TO HONOLULU.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—(A. P.)—Deputy Sheriff Ormsby of Twin Falls County, Idaho, is here enroute to Honolulu where he will seek the extradition of Mrs. Paul Vincent Southard, alleged husband poisoner.

HAYNES FACTORY TURNS OUT RECORD PRODUCTION

"This is the greatest year the Haynes has ever known," states Alton G. Seiberling, vice president and general manager of The Haynes Automobile Company, Kokomo, Indiana. "It is far exceeding last year and the year before, when production alone measured the volume of sales. That was a 'sellers' market,' and little if any work was necessary to sell a car.

"Today things are different. People are scrutinizing their purchases. They are insisting that every dollars shall buy its full value.

"And today the sales of Haynes cars are exceeding those of last year by one-third. The volume of sales is 133 1-3 per cent of any previous year. So great is the demand for the Haynes that today in our big factories at Kokomo we are employing 16 per cent more men than ever before, even in the big rush days of last year and the previous one."

GASOLINE PRICES DROP 2 CENTS IN PENDLETON

The motorist who had his gasoline tank filled today, if he is in the habit of paying cash, made the cheering discovery that the man at the service station charged him two cents less a gallon than he had been charging.

A reduction of two cents went into effect this morning among retailers, the reduction following a drop in wholesale prices, and now Mr. Driver of the car, which in this case is the ultimate consumer, pays 36 cents instead of 38 that has prevailed for some time.

The Eastern Oregon Auto club has been fighting for a four-cent reduction, but the action of retailers favored the two-cent drop at this time.

Gasoline Drops.

PORTLAND, May 14.—(A. P.)—A two cent a gallon reduction in the price of gasoline was announced today following a similar cut at San Francisco. This makes gasoline here 28 cents, including two cents a gallon state tax.

Gas Lower, Too.

PORTLAND, May 14.—(A. P.)—Another reduction in gas rates, to be added to a reduction announced May 5, was announced today by Portland Gas and Coke company following a further cut of twenty five cents a barrel oil price. This latest reduction combined with reductions announced in March and May 5 brings the total savings to consumers to $350,000 annually. This newest reduction will be effective about June 15.