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Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

MUSN'T TOUCH

Been down to the art museum and looked at a thousand things. The bodies of ancient mummies and the treasures of ancient kings. An' some of the walls were lovely, but some of the things weren't much. But all had a rail around 'em, and all wore a sign "don't touch."

Now maybe an art museum needs guards an' a warning sign. An' the hands of the folks should paw over its treasures fine. But I noticed the rooms were chilly with all the joys they hold. An' in spite of the lovely pictures, I'd say that the place is cold.

An' somehow I got to thinkin' of many a home I know. Which is kept like an art museum, an' merely a place for show.

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WHAT IS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT?

THAT Pendleton has not yet solved the problem of its auto camping ground is plain from comments of those who use the grounds. This is no reflection on those in charge because it is known that funds available this year are in no wise sufficient to provide the accommodations desired. The officials are doing the best they can with the money at hand and have an attendant who shows courtesy and patience in dealing with the visitors. That is considerable.

But what is the answer? Are we to go on permanently satisfied with a camp that causes criticism and dissatisfaction? Do we like the report that tourists tell others to pass up our city if they can? Can we endure conditions that cause motorists to take a look at the grounds and then go on to the next place?

We may safely expect that the tourist business will grow as business improves and better roads are provided. We are on a transcontinental highway and as years go by we will see an increasing stream of travellers reaching the city by motor car. It will not do to minimize the problem, particularly in view of the exposition to be held in Portland in 1925. During that year we may expect thousands of cars where we now see them by the score or by the dozen.

As this newspaper sees it, good business sense calls for providing an adequate camping ground. It should be a place that will elicit praise rather than criticism. The tourist business is something too valuable to be driven away or strangled through inattention. If we don't realize this now the time will come when we will.

Whether the camp ground should be free is another question and it is a mooted one. There is generosity in a free camping place. On the other hand there are no doubt plenty of travellers who would rather pay than not. Such people want accommodations and would not quibble over any reasonable charge imposed. They don't want to camp alongside "gypsies or thieves."

All in all the problem is a complicated one, but it is interesting and very important, financially and otherwise. It is worth real attention and the sooner we face the issue the better. In getting inside information on what campers say about present conditions the East Oregonian strove to help the cause along. There was no desire to be facetious or fault finding. We would have preferred it had Mr. Harvey found compliments instead of complaint. But he did not and he has reported things as he found them.

What are we going to do about it?

A "CONTRACT-LABOR" LIBRARIAN

EVEN though the immigration law were all right in the main, there is something wrong with it in detail when a librarian who enters this country from Canada to work in the New York public library can be deported as a contract laborer. Miss Eileen Coughlan was hired to work in the periodical room of the library while still employed in the public library at St. John, N. B. She entered the United States unquestioned and took the job. But when the immigration authorities got wind of the nefarious preliminary agreement they summoned her to Ellis Island and, finding her to be a contract laborer, sent her back to St. John.

This ruling reaches and passes the height of the ridiculous. Miss Coughlan and other library assistants in New York might be considered slave labor, working at a wage that never varies far from \$75 a month, but contract laborer, under any reasonable definition, she was not. She was a woman with sufficient forethought to secure an opening in her profession before leaving one city for another. Is the United States prejudiced against forethought?

If the immigration law acts this way automatically, there is another reason for its immediate revision. If the department of labor takes such action on its own initiative somebody should take it in hand before it caps the climax of its usefulness by barring the international exchange of university professors or prevents artists from entering the country if they have dared to make advance arrangements for a tour.—New York World.

It is reported that the house and senate have finally agreed upon a compromise regarding the separate peace resolution; we suppose that when this resolution is passed we will know that the war is over and our four million men now under arms (hypothetically) will all come home and resume their former methods of life.

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INTERNATIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONVENE IN ANNUAL CONGRESS IN LONDON TODAY

In Order to Facilitate Discussion and Reach Quick Conclusions Meeting Divided.

LONDON, June 29.—(By Earl C. Reeves, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.) Over one hundred American delegates were present among the 300 members of the International Chamber of Commerce who assembled at the Central Hall, Westminster, for their annual congress this morning.

In order to facilitate discussion and arrive quickly at decisions, it has been decided to divide the congress into five groups. But before the session there will be a general meeting of the congress at which Stanley Baldwin, president of the Board of Trade, will welcome the members on behalf of Great Britain and the Cabinet, and two subsequent meetings at which resolutions submitted by the groups will be considered by the whole congress.

Dr. Walter Leaf, president of the Institute of Bankers, will preside over the finance committee, and Mr. Willis H. Booth, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Co., will be the American representative. They will consider several important questions relating to finance. The first resolution, proposed by Dr. Leaf, will be as follows:

"Whereas, The present uncertainty of exchange is the measure of the existing economic difficulties of Europe, this Congress is of opinion that any artificial measures of relief are doomed to failure and that the only way to improve present conditions is to increase production, to put an end to the inflation of currency and to remove all restrictions on free exchange of commodities."

Ask Double Taxation Ban.
The second resolution deals with export credits and declares:

"That this Congress recognize the necessity of the establishment of an international system of credits for the reconstruction of the devastated and impoverished countries of Europe."

"To this end the Congress is prepared to support the Ter Meulen scheme, as modified and put into operation by the provisional, economic and financial committee of the league of nations."

"Further, this Congress advises the establishment of permanent committees of business men and bankers in all the countries affected to furnish all information and to render all assistance in the choice of credits and participation."

The British National Committee will propose the third resolution:

"That, in the interests of international commerce and good-will, it is undesirable that legal restrictions or special taxation should be imposed by any country on the business of foreign

banks within their area, beyond those to which native banks are already subject."

"That to this end it be urged upon all countries and states at present imposing such restrictions that steps be taken to abolish them if possible in all cases, but at least in favor of those foreign countries, which impose no such disabilities."

The fourth resolution on the subject of double taxation is:

"Whereas, the existing system of double taxation places a heavy burden on international trade, this Congress resolves that Governments should be pressed to come to an understanding with a view to alleviating the burden."

Probe Intervention Measures.
The Production Committee, on which Mr. J. E. Cornish, president of National Lead Company, New York, will represent America, will consider the subjects of raw materials, economy of fuel, construction and the creation of industrial sections within the International Chamber of Commerce.

The Distribution Committee, whereon Mr. W. E. Kugermann, vice president of the American Radiator Company, New York, will represent the United States, will deal with the questions of international commercial arbitrations, and international protection of industrial property, the reciprocity of treatment for commercial travelers and questions of customs regulations and the reform of the calendar.

The fourth committee will deal with the questions of the devastated areas of Europe. Mr. Louis J. Horowitz, president of the Thompson-Sherbert Company, New York, will be the American representative.

It will deal with the work of reconstruction already effected and awaiting completion and will compare the respective methods of state intervention and private initiative.

Apart from the conferences a great round of social engagements awaits the delegates. They will be the guests of the British government at an official dinner; of the British Association of Chambers of Commerce and of the directors of the Times newspaper, apart from innumerable private engagements.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, June 23, 1892.)
Senator W. F. Matlock, who has been in Chicago attending the exposition, returned today. He speaks high praise of the exhibits.
W. P. Lathrop returned this morning from his Portland trip. He has been gone a week.
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business.
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