

The Maryhill Dedication as Seen by Son of Democracy

Editor's Note—The following story of the dedication ceremonies at Maryhill, Wash., in which Queen Marie of Roumania played the leading role, was sent the Gazette Times by R. E. Harrison of Morgan, the result of the request of friends that he write an account of his visit on that occasion. Mr. Harrison here depicts a viewpoint that we believe will be of interest to all our readers.

By R. E. HARRISON.

On the occasion of Queen Marie's visit to Maryhill I rather expected that there would be many Morrow county people in the gathering but was surprised to find but few present. Just why I, a descendant of ancestors who took up arms in '76 to make this continent safe for democracy, should have a desire to see a queen is not easy to explain. In ancient days when everyone obeyed and sometimes revered kings and queens it is possible that this instinct was transmitted and so lies latent in yours truly. Be that as it may, in the early morning of November 3rd, 1926, the good wife and I with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ely with us as guests, were on our way to Maryhill.

We arrived at the upper Maryhill ferry landing at 7:00 a. m., and drove right on the ferryboat, it being just ready to start across with five other cars, six cars being its capacity load. In five more minutes this speedy little boat had deposited us on Washington soil. Just as we drove up the river bank a heavy train bearing Queen Marie's special coaches from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad rolled into Maryhill station and a few minutes later these coaches were left standing on the siding. The castle is located about three miles out of Maryhill and we drove on to our destination without stopping. The road is good all the way and one section of it consists of part of Samuel Hill's specimen paved road which he built and donated to Kleeckit county. The way out was all upgrade and upon arriving at the castle we must have been half way up the slopes of the Columbia gorge.

Our early start had gotten us on the grounds among the early arrivals but we found a gate closed against us on the roadside which kept us at a distance of about one fourth mile from the castle. We got ourselves parked about ten yards from the gate and automobiles kept coming from afar lining the roadides clear back out of sight. The Portland Oregonian had sent its mounted radio outfit up and this machine held first position just outside the gate. A gatekeeper stood behind with orders from someone to let no one in until the queen arrived. The jam became dense and it was with difficulty that the road could be kept open. Newspaper men gathered at the gate were extremely nervous and it was plain that the jam had to be broken. Thanks, no doubt, to the insistence of the newspaper men somebody's stupidity was overcome and the gate thrown open. There were hundreds of acres around the castle to park on so we went through

and settled down comfortably to await the coming of the royal guest and her entourage.

While the queen is "eating bread and honey" down at the station it will be in order here to describe Maryhill castle as I saw it. The crowd was so dense and so much going on every minute that I hardly thought of appraising the structure in linear dimensions but would think it is over 100 feet in length, about half as wide and also some 50 feet in height. The walls are two feet thick and of a quality of cement that looks as if it would outlast the cliffs along the Columbia. The windows are of plate glass guarded by the heaviest of iron shutters. The first floor is a fair story height above ground, the space below being an earth floor only. The building extends east and west lengthwise and at each end is a ramp, or approach running right up level with the main floor. These ramps are immense things, solidly constructed of cement in keeping with the structure itself. They extend perhaps 100 feet each way and you could have driven under them with an automobile and turned around inside and out through the same portal where you went. Their width was the same as the castle itself. Everything about the castle bespoke an unfinished job. Form marks showed on the outside walls and it is unlikely that any attempt at outside ornamentation will ever be made. The inside is merely covered with metal lath awaiting the stucco that will make it suitable for any purpose other than a habitat for bats. At first thought one could not help wondering why Samuel Hill should invite a queen to dedicate a room in such an incomplete structure but when one stops to consider that years are beginning to tell upon him and that he has already spent a million on the enterprise we will pardon him for not deferring an occasion so opportunely offered. The main room in the castle which will be used for the museum is in the center of the building on the main floor and the automobiles which brought the queen drove right into it and parked on the ramps during the ceremonies. A committee of Goldendale and Kleeckit county people had been commissioned to decorate the room to be dedicated. Loads of flowers had been supplied them for the purpose; chrysanthemums and greens predominating.

The hour set for the beginning of the ceremonies was 9:00 a. m. and before that time fully 2000 automobiles were on the grounds. As every car must have brought at least four persons one can readily form some idea of the size of the assemblage. School buses with loads of children were there from both sides of the Columbia but the state of Washington cars were greatly in predominance. At the appointed hour the royal party hove in sight, some 15 automobiles in all. In the vanguard rode several motorcycle patrolmen and second among the automobiles

came the queen, the Star Spangled Banner and the Rumanian flags floating over it. They drove into the castle and of course the throng of which we were a part necessarily had to stay out in the sunshine during the dedicatory incidents of the occasion. The Oregonian's radio and amplifying outfit stood on the eastern ramp near the doorway of the room and broadcast every word that was spoken and the assembled multitude around on the grounds could hear all that was said. After the inside ceremonies were concluded it was arranged for the queen to come out and address the multitude. On the north side of the eastern ramp a huge United States flag had been draped down the side. Behind the parapet a little platform had been erected and the queen came out, mounted it and gave us a nice little talk after she had been first introduced by Mayor Baker of Portland. Samuel Hill who had made all these things possible also appeared a moment later at her side. With hats off (most of us) and handkerchiefs waving we gave three hearty cheers for Queen Marie and the same tribute was paid to Mr. Hill. Prince Nicholas and Princess Ileana each mounted the platform in turn and made courtesies also. Being early on the scene we were close up and had good views.

The Sperry Flour company air service had a representative present with a good stock of carrier pigeons and these were turned loose at the last bearing messages of the proceedings to Portland and other coast cities. The queen tossed the last one out and the program was at an end. The birds, something like a dozen in all, circled the building a few times and then struck out down the gorge for their various destinations. Queen Marie is withal a handsome and attractive woman and presented herself in a modest and charming manner. As she drove away we moved up close to the foot of the ramp and received

gracious smiles in return to our farewells. Referring to "hats off"—I was a bit amused to see a few strapping six-footers right in her presence with head-gear firmly pressed down in the usual place. Why shouldn't hats come off to any distinguished lady who might be the guest of honor upon such an occasion?

After the queen's departure we stormed the castle from hold and keel to topmost turret. During the dedicatory ceremonies in the museum room Queen Marie had been seated on a little throne on the south side of the room. A lot of good natured rivalry ensued taking turns sitting for a moment on a throne upon which a real queen had sat. Everyone carried away a chrysanthemum or two to keep as mementoes. The second floor of the castle was a metal lath horror of countless small rooms more dismal than below, but we continued on up a narrow stairway jammed with struggling humanity until the roof was reached. The view from the roof at least gave one a clue to Samuel Hill's reason for choosing such a place for his castle. The gorge here is a huge thing and is a portrait of nature in the nude. Only brown hills and rocks can be seen. One could see the edge of the stubble fields across the river in Sherman county in Oregon, and the view of the river east and west was inspiring. A mile or so below on the river's edge there reared a series of rocks and dunes that presented a weird aspect, all of which, no doubt, thrilled Mr. Hill's European architect who helped him choose and plan before he went ahead.

We returned to Maryhill where we ate our lunch and loitered around the little station. On the platform there had been dumped a carload of boxes containing art gifts from Queen Marie. The containers were strongly built of wood resembling maple or ash and bore an assortment of for-

sign markings. Maryhill, Washington, was their designated destination but Maryhill was spelled in several different ways. Maryhill was one way and I know a certain publisher not far away in whose hands I would be afraid to entrust this for copy for fear he would make it worse. As we were leaving for home a big truck drove up to the station and was preparing to haul the boxes to the castle. I understand that these treasures will not be opened until the gallery is put into better condition. If a full list of these gifts has been published in the newspapers it has escaped my attention but some of the boxes were market statuary and other paintings. In Queen Marie's little talk she stated that a full size portrait of herself was included.

We filled up on royalty that day to the brim and are back on the job again with only pleasant recollections of the occasion. Some day when things over there are in better shape and the crowd is smaller we are going back and will attempt to visualize and understand more clearly just what Mr. Hill had in his mind when he decided to make such a lavish outlay of money in that locality.

Diphtheria Decreasing—Scarlet Fever Next to Go

From State Board of Health. Within the past three years an active campaign has been waged against diphtheria by the Oregon State Board of Health, by county and city health departments, and by the medical profession generally. Emphasis was laid upon early diagnosis of the disease and upon the prompt administration of diphtheria antitoxin. Greater stress was laid, however, upon the immunization of susceptible individuals, especially children, by the use of toxin-antitoxin. The results of this campaign are now tangibly evident. In

the first nine months of 1925 there were reported to the Oregon State Board of Health 873 cases, 69 deaths from diphtheria. For the same period in 1926 there were reported 693 cases and 44 deaths. It is confidently expected that with the increasing use of toxin-antitoxin diphtheria will soon become a rare disease.

The wonderful headway being made in Oregon against diphtheria has awakened deep interest in another preventable respiratory disease, scarlet fever. It was only a few years ago that the Doctors Dick demonstrated the germ, streptococcus scarlatina, to be the cause of scarlet fever. They showed that this germ secreted a poison, or toxin, and that this toxin could be used not only to indicate persons susceptible to this disease, but could also be employed to immunize them against it.

The Dick test for the recognition of susceptibility to scarlet fever is carried out by injecting into the skin a very minute amount of the diluted scarlet fever toxin. If the person is susceptible there will appear, at the site of injection, a zone of redness about the size of a penny. This redness is most marked at the end of twenty-four hours, at which time the test should be read, and rapidly fades thereafter. Persons immune to scarlet fever have no reaction whatever.

To immunize susceptible persons a very minute amount of the scarlet fever toxin is injected hypodermically, and then at intervals of five to seven days slightly increasing doses are injected, until all five doses have been given. There is no discomfort or pain; even local reactions being rare. At least a month after the final injection the Dick test should be made to determine if the person has been completely immunized.

Now is the time to get protection. Consult your physician or your health officer. Oregon had 1408 cases and 18 deaths from scarlet fever in 1925.

These figures should and will be materially reduced by the end of next year if health officials, physicians, and the public wage as active a campaign against scarlet fever as they did against diphtheria.

School District Eleven Enjoys Thanksgiving

The patrons and residents of Liberty school district enjoyed themselves to the limit on Thanksgiving by coming together at the schoolhouse where they listened to a program put on by the teacher, Mrs. Hattie Robinson and her pupils, and then partook of a big feed. Turkey and chicken were main features on the menu, and of course there were all the necessary fixings to make the spread complete. As a community affair it was a complete success and was immensely enjoyed by about thirty of the residents of the Liberty district.

Jake Young and son Glenn spent Thanksgiving at Pendleton with Ray Young and his family. They returned home on Friday and report having had a very enjoyable time. Mr. Young reports that there was a good fall of snow and much rain over his part of Eight Mile, and he is feeling good over present prospects as to the crop situation.

BAZAAR DECEMBER 4.

The Ladies' Auxillary of All Saints' Episcopal church will hold their annual bazaar and sale of fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts and useful for many purposes, on Saturday, December 4, at the new parish house.

Emery Gentry and wife were visitors here over Thanksgiving, being guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gentry.

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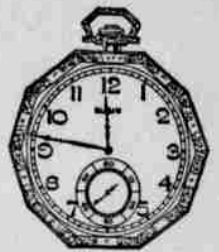
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