

### Turku: Finland's Ancient Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Also, Finland's former capital has been celebrating its tenth anniversary.

Turku, former capital of Finland, has to the confusion of the newspaper-reading public been celebrating its tenth anniversary.

"These are not twin cities," explains a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society. "Swedish Abo and you will find Turku."

"Like many other towns in countries that asserted their individuality after the World war, this former Finnish capital, wishes to drop its old label (in this case of Swedish origin) and to be known to the world by a name from its own language. But habits cling and Abo and Turku must for a time live side by side in the world's news."

**Bakers Furnish "Funeral Cakes"**

"Abo, or Turku lies on the south western coast of Finland where the Abo river empties into the Baltic sea. The city is almost bisected by the harbor, yellow Auro, which is dotted with all kinds of craft: steamers, trawlers, motor boats and white-sailed market boats, many of which are painted a bright red," says the bulletin. "Although it has more than 40,000 people Turku is a quiet place where the Finns walk leisurely along the cobblestoned streets and throngs of people such as rush down American thoroughfares are unknown. The streets are traversed by single-track trolley cars and the street

lights hang from tall, white, handsomely carved standards.

"The market place is the busiest spot in Turku. Every morning at 8 o'clock peasants and peddlers arrive to set up stalls and booths in the immense square in the middle of the town which serves as the market. Some come in wagons and some in boats. The latter can come up the river Auro and land in the streets near-by. Commerce is rife until noon. After that the stalls are huddled up and the square is deserted except for stray pedestrians.

"An unusual feature in Turku's food is furnished by the 'mourning cakes,' which the city's bakers cook for distribution at funerals. They are wrapped in black crepe and tied with black ribbon. The variety of cakes in a Turku pastry shop in addition to those sombre tidbits, would bewilder an American baker.

**Finland's First and Second City**

"Turku is the principal starting point for passenger traffic to Sweden, but it takes an experienced mariner to reach the sea from that place. The town is protected by the Aaland archipelago, thousands of islands and islets and rocks which form one of the densest island groups in the world. In winter an icebreaker is used to keep a channel open among the islands, and in Finnish winters are long and cold, the icebreakers are kept busy.

"Turku has an anomalous position. It is Finland's first and second city. In population and com-

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Twenty-one cars and an engine were wrecked near Wibaux, Mont., when the locomotive struck a horse. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

move it is second to the present capital, Helsinki. Its culture and learning is first. Finland's first university was located there and at present there are two such institutions, one for Finnish-speaking and one for Swedish-speaking students.

"Turku was Finland's first capital. Christianity was first taught there and the first Christian converts were baptized in the river Auro. The oldest cathedral and the oldest castle in Finland are to be found in Turku and nearly all

the historic homes of the Finnish nobility are in or near the city.

"With the exception of the cathedral and the castle, modern Turku has been built since the disastrous fire of 1827, when the old town was almost entirely destroyed in a blaze that burned for five days. Both the castle and the cathedral are ruin structures with little exterior ornament. The cathedral has a long, narrow vaulted interior and most of the immensurable treasure which was once kept there has disappeared.

"Part of the castle is now a museum and is furnished with pieces of old Finnish furniture. Visitors can still see the dungeon, six fathoms deep and black as pitch, where prisoners were kept in the great central hall is a high gallery from which a cruel ruler once had unruly subjects hurled to the floor below. One cell in the castle is still known as the Malefactor's 'Hanging Place.'

Clean rags wanted at the Mail Tribune office.

### Good Appearance Demands Fresh Shoe Complexions

A fresh, neat shoe complexion is just as important an essential of good appearance as proper facial care.

Muddy, dull, or spotted footwear is as detrimental to a woman's appearance as a shiny nose or a carelessly applied make-up.

The sale of rags to hang inside of ripper shoes indicates that it's a poor closet indeed that has a half a dozen pairs of shoes. A dozen pairs is no uncommon sight. But you do not tell a well shod foot by the number of shoes in the closet. By pristine freshness of two or three pairs may a girl arrive at a high standard of pretty-footedness.

LONDON (AP)—A woman juror who took 45 minutes instead of the allotted half hour for luncheon was lectured by Mr. Justice Horridge and made to sit in a chair below the jury box in full view of the crowded room.

When the farmer "retires" and moves to town he keeps on working, says Dr. Carl C. Zimmerman, Minnesota sociologist.

Each elementary school for white children in Charleston, S. C., is equipped with a motion picture projector.

The first president of the United States to die in office was William Henry Harrison.

The moon, near the full at harvest time or just after the autumnal equinox, is called the Harvest Moon, according to Liberty Magazine.

Hobbs, Cal., has issued a new report for a future about John Denton, Pan-American goodwill flyer, who was killed in 1927.

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