

CHITA, BUILT BY RUSSIAN EXILE COLONY, IS WILD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31. "Chita, Siberia, in the neighborhood of which 'White' Russians have been reported as raising Soviet communities, was the capital of the short-lived Far Eastern Republic, which spread shortly after the World War from the eastern shore of Lake Baikal to the Pacific Ocean," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"Chita's remoteness has been a factor in its apparent obscurity, although it is one of the important stops on the Trans-Siberian Railway, within three hundred miles of the Manchurian border.

Resembles American Frontier Town
"Like many Siberian towns, Chita got its start as a Russian place of exile. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, there were a few native huts on the site and nomadic tribes set up their tents in the neighborhood. But not until 1825, when the first contingent of exiles arrived there, did Chita begin to boom.

Crowded Chinese Shops Recall Canton Congestion
"The wide, sandy streets of the town stretch from the doorsteps of one row of one-story, frame structures to another row of the same height and construction of the other. Now and then there is a Chinese 'skyscraper' of three or four stories. Some are of brick or stone; others of stucco over frame facades which at a distance resembles more substantial construction.

Dusty Tea Bricks, Odoriferous Soaps and What Not
"There are also shops where dusty blocks of tea may be purchased; candy shops with an assortment of questionable sweets; and eating houses whose proprietors apparently do not interest themselves in the cleanliness of their waiters. Swarthy soap merchants do not look as if they make use of their highly colored and odoriferous wares. In the street, fat, shiny-faced, burly, ruddy men stand by their carts of flour, fresh meat and vegetables, silently awaiting customers; hawkers and traders of all kinds strain their vocal cords, shouting their wares, and what not. A rasping voice draws the traveler's attention to a comely peasant maiden, glistening beads of perspiration on her forehead, and in appearance, are not unlike the solid wood wheels of her small cart."

**PARKING TOWERS
FOR SOLUTION OF
CONGESTED AREAS**
Parking towers, that will house ten to sixty automobiles while occupying the ground space of only a two-car garage, may be a solution to the parking problem in congested districts. That at least, is the belief of an Ohio inventor and engineer who has built one of these towers at Sandusky, Ohio, where it recently was tested for feasibility by officials of the Plymouth Motor Corporation who sent several cars there for that purpose.

The system on which the tower operates is comparable to the self-actuating elevators which are widely used in apartment houses. The sample tower contains ten platforms upon each of which may be driven one car. Two of the platforms are always at the ground level and when cars have been driven on them, a button is pushed and the platforms move away from the ground level by electricity and the next two move into place. The platforms move as an endless belt carrying the cars to the top and back again.

To procure a car that has been placed in the tower, it is only necessary for the owner to press the button corresponding with the platform upon which his car is parked, and the car immediately moves into place ready to be driven away. The tower occupies a ground space of but 445 square feet being 25 feet long and 17 feet 8 inches wide. The platforms are operated by an electric motor.

The center engine of the Question Mark, the army plane which once set an endurance record, now is in the Smithsonian Institution.

Latin America Discards Ox carts for Airplanes



From oxcart to airplane in a single bound is a long leap ahead, but one which was successfully negotiated by residents of many sections along the 200-mile air route from Los Angeles to Mexico City and Guatemala City with the inauguration on August 18, last, by Pickwick Latin American Airways of passenger service on the company's new tri-weekly air mail and

express line linking the Pacific Coast with Latin America. Above is a scene from a colorful tableau enacted during the inaugural ceremonies at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, on Sunday, August 18, illustrative of the transition from oxcart to airplane, participated in by the daughter of Governor Young of California and daughter of prominent Mexican

and Guatemalan residents of Los Angeles. Below, flags of three nations fluttered merrily from grandstand and rostrum and were borne by tableau participants. Left to right: Sonora Maria Panagoma, "Miss Guatemala"; Sonora Berta Panagoma, "Miss Progress"; Miss Barbara Young, eldest daughter of Governor Young of California; and Marianita Servin, "Miss Mexico."

Liberia: A Mimic U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31. Cooperation of the United States with Liberia in the investigation of labor conditions in the latter country, plans for which were recently announced by the State Department, adds one more chapter to the many recording the assistance extended by the great American Republic to its small copy in Africa.

A bulletin from the National Geographic Society, based on a communication from Harry A. McBride, who has traveled in Liberia, describes the little Republic and its capital.

Americans Feel at Home
"Nowhere in the world," writes Mr. McBride, "can there be found a foreign country so like the United States in history, language, customs, and form of government. After traveling up the West African coast, touching at ports in British, French, Belgian, and Portuguese colonies, all of which are decidedly foreign, distinctly West African, and altogether 'far-away' and different in character, most Americans experience, when the slow West Coast steamer turns its nose into Monrovia Bay, a feeling of being much nearer home than the 4,000 miles which actually separates them from the nearest American port."

"The steamer, cautiously approaching the shore, finally drops anchor and awaits a brave little surfboat, pulled by twenty black natives in white duck uniforms, at first a tiny speck in the huge waves churning so threateningly over the dangerous bar. This feeling of interest is intensified when the boat approaches nearer and a flag is made out at its stern, so like the Stars and Stripes as to be readily mistaken for it. The Liberian emblem, however, has only eleven stripes and one lone star.

"Next the customs officer kneels—his English is decidedly American in accent—and demands that each passenger landing in Liberia prove that he has \$100 in his possession. This requirement safeguards the little Republic from having to care for public charges. And he doesn't speak of pounds, francs, or dollars, either," he says. In plain American, "one hundred dollars"—another link with home, the only place in Africa where the currency is the same as ours!

Capital Named for President Monroe.
"Monrovia, the capital, named for an illustrious American President, is the largest town in the Republic, and I should say that few cities in the world have a harbor so picturesque.

**Service Stations
Serve Average
of 253 Motors**
Every service station in the United States serves an average of 253 motor vehicles, according to the American Automobile association, based on motor vehicle registrations of 24,496,000 and a total of 84,747 service stations and repair shops.

These service stations and repair shops add a total business of \$7,234,000,000 in 1928, which was divided as follows: parts and service supplies, \$1,364,000,000; accessories, \$57,000,000; tires for replacement, \$329,000,000; fuel and lubricants, \$2,434,000,000 and service labor, \$2,040,000,000. This latter item is based on 60 per cent for labor and 40 per cent for parts.

The average purchases per motor vehicle were \$29.37, divided as follows: replacement parts and supplies, \$5.51; accessories, \$2.11; tires and replacement, \$3.44; fuel and lubricants, \$10.10, and service labor, \$5.21.

Liberian "White House" Has "East Room"
"The Executive Mansion is a large, white, three-story structure and it has its 'East Room.' Liberia occupies that corner of West Africa which juts out into the Atlantic as if in an endeavor to reach across to the Brazilian shore, on the South American Continent. Only a few years ago the maps showed it to comprise a large area, extending northward almost to the Sahara; but the geographers themselves were unable to place definite lines for Liberia's interior frontiers.

"Then came the dreams of African empire by European nations, and little by little the area ascribed by the mapmakers to the weak little Republic has dwindled until today its coastline is only 330 miles in length and its frontier, farthest in the interior is only 230 miles from the seacoast. Its present area, about equal to that of the State of Ohio, is originally claimed, and their claims were probably as good as those of many of the powers which underook the colonizing of the Dark Continent.

"Here and there along the coast the original settlers—negro freedmen from the United States—founded little towns and settlements. They were sent from America back to the lands of their ancestors by the American Colonization Society, in which such men as President Monroe, Henry Clay, and others were interested. This movement began in 1818 and the first vessel, sailing settlers chartered by the American Government, set forth from New York in 1820-21.

"Many of the first settlers succumbed to African fevers; others were killed by hostile natives. Indeed, the early efforts of these civilized American-Liberians to establish themselves on the African coast were not unlike those of the early colonists at Jamestown and the settlers of New Haven who landed at Plymouth Rock. Finally they acquired right to certain lands by purchase from native chiefs."

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DISTRICT MANAGER CHEVROLET COMPANY AT DETROIT MEETING

Having achieved another epochal milestone, the sale in less than eight months time of one million six cylinder automobiles—Chevrolet Motor Company last week played the part of gracious hostess to its entire sales supervisory force during a five day convention at Detroit. The regional and zone sales managers and their staffs, and the representatives in full force, were in the motor capital. Business was combined with entertainment in a program that kept the visitors occupied until they left for their respective posts.

"Never before in the company's history were so many of its sales chiefs gathered together in the same place at the same time. The Chevrolet sales supervisory force is the largest in the industry, and when the last special train pulled into Detroit the total number of visitors was close to 2,000," says Gael Greene, district manager.

"Because of the size of the delegation, the committee in charge divided the men into two groups, the sales managers' group and the representatives group. These representatives, whose function it is to contact Chevrolet's 11,000 dealers, were thus kept together through most of the convention in a single body. The big day of the convention came on Wednesday when both groups were consolidated for an all day business program, presided over by H. J. Klingler, vice president and general sales manager.

"Full attendance was taken, and ample praise passed out to the visitors on their splendid work during the past two years and a half since the last national convention, during which time Chevrolet has outsold every other manufacturer in the world."

W. S. Knudsen, Chevrolet's president, presided Wednesday evening at a banquet, which incidentally brought to Detroit the greatest assemblage of radio talent ever gathered there for an evening. When the millionth six cylinder Chevrolet was unveiled, enthusiasm broke forth so spontaneously that five minutes elapsed before the program could continue.

Other highlights of the convention were the separate trips of the two groups to the Flint assembly plant, which is one of Chevrolet's sixteen American plants, and to the General Motors proving ground. A fake ride on Friday concluded the gathering.

**KANSAS SERUM AID
MAINTAIN FEVER VICTIMS**

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A serum to treat Malaria fever, a disease recently prevalent in several mid-western and eastern states, has been developed by Dr. Fred E. Angle of the University of Kansas medical school.

His bacterial vaccine, made from cultures of "malaria abortus," the germ believed to cause the affliction, is being studied by Dr. H. E. Haseltine of the United States public health service in Washington.

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