

A Medfordite In Europe

Leonard Carpenter travelling in Central Europe writes experiences to the Mail Tribune.

MUNICH, Germany, July 2.—(Correspondence.)—A busy port at which many things including Medford pears are received and distributed to all Europe is Rotterdam. "Second only to London" was the surprising comment of a Dutchman who stood beside me as we passed double miles of docks with all the newest and quickest cranes for loading and unloading the ships of all nations. Russian, Dutch, German, English, Finnish, Italian, Latvian, Swedish, in fact all flags except the stars and stripes passed during our four hour trip up the river from the dock of Holland to our dock. Most of Holland is perfectly flat with the water table about 18 inches below the surface of the soil. Fields are long and are separated by water ways about a yard wide from each other, which is interesting because small boats are used on these little private canals.

THE first of Deutschland comes with the border at which the only declaration asked was the amount of actual cash on hand. This is done because Germany, in order to get exchange from other countries, sells marks at a big discount provided they are purchased outside and spent inside the country. It was easier, less red tape and annoying pawing over your possessions than entering California. Except for a two minute stop at the border where Nazis took over the train. There seemed to be no demarcating the Dutch wine list and menu was gone and a German one substituted. The same small potato, wheat, oats, vegetables and hay plantings in every available square foot were in evidence. It was Sunday and no one was working in the fields but many Bill Isaacs cast lines into the canals and streams.

SCARE Crows to an incredible number flapped their rags and nodded their old tin can heads in every field and strange that it seems, most of them were of feminine gender. It is a phenomena easily explained by any follower of that astute Hercules Poirot. Yes, Skylock Holmes, you are correct. The reason being most of the field laborers, as we noticed later, were women. Oh, the countless billions of nigger hoe strokes these peasant women strike daily, working with bent backs up and down the rows of kohi, or corn or grains. The tons and tons of hay and fodder which they cut and cure and carry on their backs. The miles and miles and miles they trudge along the cobbled roads from their home village to their little flat of ground and back to their red tiled roofs. Outside you may admire their houses all solidly made of stone, just like the bank president used to own, but the inside arrangement leaves very much to be desired. The ground floor is usually divided between the domestic animals and the family, while the upper stories are used for food, hay and general storage.

HIGH Tension Electric Lines are very numerous and run into all parts of the country so it is fair to suppose that the rural population is pretty generally served. All the more so since no one lives in isolated farm homes. Every farm family lives in a town adjacent to his fields and either walks or rides to his or her work. And that is the reason that tons of thousands of bicycles are made and sold in Europe each year. The use of power, other than human, in agriculture seems to be confined largely to plowing with oxen and even that power is not often seen. It is a problem of hoeing largely. I have seen one small tractor on a McCormick reaper and a small passenger car attached to a rake in a hay field.

FLOWER Gardens outside the cities are very different from anything we have. Usually they are about the size of a city lot and beside the flowers and plants have a garden house about 6 feet square with tiny porch and a flag pole from which flutters the swastika flag. It is just as if the field north of the R. O. S. plant was in 25 by 50 foot garden, each owned and laid out and worked by each one of us.

TRAIN and Plane service is good, reliable, frequent and fast. There are always two classes and frequently a first class. All take different rates and accommodations. The peasant returns pretty close to his soil but all others have to travel. They go in groups in trains, in small motor cars, or bicycles and on foot. The ministry of education sees to it that the school children visit German spots of interest. Groups of boys and groups of girls, never together, march from monument to monument under the rigid discipline of Brown shirt men and women. There is a sound of marching feet often in our ears. Boys from 8 up being conducted to and from play, drill, sightseeing, etc. All must learn to swim, for instance by the time they are 6 years old. This applies to the girls also. At 7 a. m. in Rotherburg, we were awakened by a deep throated chorus singing marching songs. It was one of the labor brigades on its way to work. Fifty to seventy gray-white uniformed young men, each with a long handled, flat bladed shovel, marching three by three in perfect infantry formation with shovels at shoulder away to road, fort, canal or other public work. They were halted, inspected and given a ten minute lecture (?) on the bridge below our windows.

Every boy and every girl is compelled to spend two years in a labor battalion. From very superficial observation it seemed as if war games such as taking cover, advancing, attacking, etc., were a part of the organized play. Boys are also given two years of compulsory army training at their majority.

TO THE visitor everything is made pleasant and easy. Never was there a cleaner country. The people do not smile easily anywhere in No. Europe and here is no exception, but there is a sincere granting of services paid for. Beggars have never halted us. We visited the great public works in Nuremberg and even after doing what I could to verify the figures, I almost fear to give them. Literally hundreds of acres have been reclaimed from the forests and fields to build a series of stadiums. There is one already built which holds 300,000 people. I have been in that one and you have seen pictures of it filled with cheering crowds. A 200,000, a 400,000 and a 600,000 are in course of construction and must be finished by orders in 1940. The stadium is built in the shape of a huge square, one side where the speaker and the important people gathered being raised and having huge pillars and arches from which hangings and flags hang two huge golden eagles flank the speakers stand. The enclosure is probably 12 acres in area, all of bright green grass bleached both ways by two hundred foot broad, bright red earth paths. The paths are made of sand and cinders treated to make the blood red color.

THE surrounding structures are of white granite, white cement and white marble. The stadia are used for operas, meetings, military reviews and spectacles, not for athletic events. We have just been within 10 feet of Hitler as he came from a reconstruction job on a Jewish Synagogue and got into his car. He was surrounded by Nazi officers and police for the ten to fifteen seconds it took for him to get from the building to his car and away. He was in military uniform and looked in good health. He neither glanced at or smiled at the fifty people on our little crowd, but gave the Nazi salute as he whisked away. We joined in "Hall Hitler" and returned his salute.

EX-PRINTER CHIEF BURIED TUESDAY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 23.—Charles P. Howard will be buried Tuesday in Evergreen cemetery, near a tract in which are buried 800 members of the International Typographical Union he represented as president for several years.

Howard died Thursday night of a heart attack after attending a meeting of the trustees of the Union Printers' home in Colorado Springs.

SCREEN STAR HAS CHILL AND FEVER

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 23.—(AP) Frederic March, the screen star, was placed under the care of physicians today after he was forced to leave the studio where he was working on a picture yesterday.

FLOOD THREATENS WEST TEXAS AREA

SAN SABA, Texas, July 23.—(AP)—The flooded San Saba river threatened more destruction in this west Texas region today after causing two drownings, damage estimated at \$300,000 upward and driving 400 to 500 persons from their homes. Several persons were missing.

From Voca, where the stage was 45 feet, additional water was reported sweeping toward San Saba.

FARLEY VICTIM OF GAS CAR MISHAP

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 23.—(AP) Postmaster General Farley and his party had to walk a mile and a half under a blazing sun yesterday when they blew out on the railroad gas car they were riding from Seward to Anchorage.

Pick-A-Back Plane Ends First Ocean Flight



From Foynes, Ireland, to Montreal, Canada, in 20 hours and 20 minutes, was the time needed by the British seaplane Mercury, shown as it approached a mooring buoy at Boucheville air harbor on the St. Lawrence river. It was the first of eight scheduled experimental flights to be made to Canada this year. The 10-ton plane unloaded part of her 1,000-pound cargo, then took off for New York, landing later at Port Washington, to complete a 3,642-mile flight. The ship carried the first commercial cargo across the Atlantic since last year.

WALL ST. STOCKS BOOM, AS SIGN OF NEAR PROSPERITY

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—Many more millions of dollars were added to quoted share values in the stock exchange today as buyers bid for motor, steel and other stocks representing industries participating in recent business improvement.

SISKIYOU FIRE CONTROL SIGHTED

YREKA, Calif., July 23.—(AP)—Twelve miles of backfire set by hundreds of firefighters in the 6,000-acre Red Cap blaze gave hope to Klamath National Forest officers that the big burn would soon be under control.

6,000 ACRE WHEAT FIELD DESTROYED

CONDON, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin burned 6,000 acres of standing wheat on the J. S. Burres ranch and smaller amounts on the Charles Lear and Floyd Knox ranches today. It also destroyed several thousand acres of pasture grass.

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WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO SHOW DECLINE

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Foreign trade experts of the agriculture department said today it was doubtful whether overseas shipments of American wheat during the next 12 months would be as large as during the past two seasons.

HAM AND CABBAGE MAKES TARS SICK

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 23.—(AP)—Food poisoning struck down 150 naval training station sailors in the city and at the beaches today in the greatest mass poisoning case in the city's history.

FEAR MOB WRATH EUGENE NEGRO

TRUCKEE, Calif., July 23.—(AP)—A 15-year-old illiterate Negro from Eugene, Ore., was jailed on an open charge tonight following a fight in the center of town in which James Graves, 34, a C. I. O. worker, was stabbed three times with a long-bladed knife.

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WOMEN TOURISTS SAFE AFTER FAST NEW MEXICO CAVE

GRANTS, N. M., July 23.—(AP)—Three plucky women tourists, surviving four days virtually without food or water in the jagged lava badlands of western New Mexico, were rescued by searchers today.

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GIRL FRIEND SAW BEACH COMPANION ATTACK BOATMAN

Posed For Week As Wife Of Portland Salesman Held For Depoe Bay Murder Last Monday.

TOLEDO, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—The beach killing of Richard E. Earle, 40, fishing boat owner, last Monday morning resulted today in the detention of Henry S. Nelson, 33, Portland salesman, for the Lincoln county grand jury on a charge of murder.

Justice of the Peace Earl Conrad ordered Nelson held after a preliminary hearing in which four witnesses testified, one of them describing in brief terms the actual shooting.

Kenneth English, of Depoe Bay, where the shooting occurred, testified for the state that he was helping another man push a stalled car when he heard an argument and turned to see Nelson draw an automatic pistol and fire five shots at Earle.

The boat operator dropped as the last two shots were fired, English said. As Nelson pumped bullets into Earle's body, English said a young woman, Lucille M. Coenberg, 21, his companion on a deep-sea fishing trip, stood by and watched.

A second state witness, Carl Youngblood, who was asleep near the scene of the shooting, said he was awakened by a bystander and went in pursuit of Nelson and the woman, who had driven off. At Otter Crest, two miles from Depoe Bay, Youngblood said he and others came upon Nelson, who had stopped his car.

The witness said Nelson was commanded to leave the car with his "hands up" and he surrendered peacefully, remarking that Earle had insulted his "wife." Nelson, who was quoted before the shooting as introducing the woman as his bride, later was declared by State Police Sergeant W. J. Mulkey to have admitted that he and the woman had been living at Newport for the past week but were not married.

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NEW DEAL REGIME RETARDS, CLAIM

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States contended today that government competition with private enterprise was "one of the gravest present threats against economic freedom" and was "retarding recovery."

In a pamphlet which summarized its "policy commitments," the chamber also blamed many forms of business regulation, the Wagner labor act, federal taxes and "legislative threats" for retarding business recovery. It proposed a congressional investigation of the labor act.

FARES BOOSTED ON EASTERN ROUTES

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Eastern passenger coach fares will go up 25 percent at midnight Sunday.

The carriers have estimated that the half-cent-a-mile increase—making the new rate 2.5 cents a mile—will bring them approximately \$45,000,000 more revenue during an 18-month trial period.

In authorizing the increase, the interstate commerce commission remarked that "there can be no doubt that the applicants are in serious need of additional revenue."

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BRITAIN PRESSES CZECHS TO GRANT NAZI CONCESSION

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—Great Britain strongly appealed today to Czechoslovakia for liberal concessions to her clamoring minorities to help the promising new European appeasement prospects.

She thus fulfilled a pledge to a suddenly more peacefully talking Germany.

Easti Cochranes Newton, British minister to Praha, saw Premier Milan Hodza for the second time in 24 hours after the surprise Anglo-German talks in London and Anglo-French discussions in Paris on the central European problem.

He carried out what were described authoritatively as "certain assurances" given by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain yesterday to Dr. Herbert Von Dirksen, German ambassador to London, on the use of British influence with Praha in the handling of minority autonomy demands.

Whether these assurances envisaged greater concessions to the Germanic minority than Czechoslovakia felt herself able to make, and still retain her sovereignty, was undisclosed.

Eight Stricken, Recover PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Eight persons, ill from food poisoning, were out of danger today, hospital attendants said. The eight, here from Med. Ore., to escape the heat at a river resort, became ill Thursday night.

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