

Women's Page

Many Travelers Return From Trips South, East

Travelers are still much in the news, with several returning in recent days from southern states, including Florida and Louisiana, while others have left for the south and east.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thorndike are home after spending three weeks at the Tides hotel, Redington beach in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Thorndikes particularly enjoy St. Petersburg, and have vacationed there in past years.

The trip from Chicago to San Francisco en route home was by the Western Pacific's "Zephyr," and the couple reports the trip in the dome-topped cars very pleasant.

Others returning include Mr. and Mrs. F. Corning Kenly and the Alfred S. V. Carpenters. The Kenlys are home after spending some time in Carmel, Cal., and the Carpenters spent several weeks in Tucson, Ariz., in Death Valley and other southern California spots.

Mrs. Maude Snider is home after a month's vacation which took her to southern California and to New Orleans where she spent a few days during the famous Mardi Gras festival. In addition to the excitement and color of the parades and balls, Mrs. Snider enjoyed the New Orleans shops. While browsing through an antique store on Royal street one afternoon, Mrs. Snider found the duchess of Windsor among the customers in the store. The duchess, known as one of the best-dressed women in the world, was wearing a blue and red plaid suit, simply cut, with a close-fitting hat on this particular afternoon.

From New Orleans Mrs. Snider went to Biloxi, Miss., which she found a charming spot, and she also visited El Paso and San Antonio, Tex., and from the former place made a side trip to Carlsbad caverns. The traveler also was in Juarez, Mexico, for a time.

While away Mrs. Snider visited her cousin, Mrs. Fred Blows of Los Angeles. Looking back over the trip Mrs. Snider has decided she enjoyed most everything about the south except the coffee, but even though a confirmed coffee addict, Mrs. Snider prefers the kind brewed in western kitchens over the strong, black coffee served in the south.

Departing travelers include Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, who left early this week for a stay in the east. Interesting along the travel theme is the fact that Miss Virginia Bradfish of Medford is quoted in an article entitled "Mr. Smith Goes to Europe" in the last issue of American magazine. The article tells of the many Americans traveling in Europe and devotes a paragraph or so to a number who were interviewed by the author.

The author explained that Miss Bradfish was among the many who save for long periods of time in order to make the trip and that she had been able to travel three months in Europe for only \$1500. The most expensive hotel room had been \$4 in Switzerland and the cheapest 70 cents in France, this including breakfast, according to the magazine. Telling of her shopping

Miss Bradfish mentioned buying cashmere sweaters in England for about half the price charged in her home state.

Friday was St. Patrick's day, and as luck would have it, the Knife and Fork club members heard a speaker whose ancestors left Ireland for South America several generations ago, but who still has a strong Irish wit. Carlos (his mother is Castilian Spanish) Fallon enchanted most of his audience and at the same time handed out keen observations about politics and economics.

The speaker appearing wearing correct dinner clothes, and a bow tie of glittering green. Because it was St. Patrick's day, he junked the opening paragraphs of his usual after-dinner speech and told about the Siege of Limerick in which one of his ancestors participated. Before long the audience had heard about the siege, how bagpipes really came from Ireland and not from Scotland at all, how the Irishmen exiled to France worked out a formula for a now-famous drink, how the men of his half Spanish, half Irish family every year on St. Patrick's day get out their bright green Irish kilts to wear for one day and how his great-grandfather named his horse George Tow and One-Half after George the Third whom he considered only half a king.

He entertained with descriptions of his family, including the "administrative aunts" and after casually mentioning that the servant girls wore six or eight petticoats, added that this figure was based only on a "clothes line count."

Later he progressed to stories of the modernization of the ancestral home and the problems which electrification of the kitchen brought about, telling how a servant girl put a turkey in the automatic washer hopefully believing that it would remove the bird's feathers.

The speaker's accent baffled some of his listeners and when he was accused of sounding faintly Swedish, rather than Irish or Spanish, he readily said this was true and explained that this was because he had learned English while serving on ships manned with sailors of Scandinavian origin.

Pageant magazine has released the results of a poll, taken several weeks ago through women editors, to determine who are America's most influential women, and the results tally closely with those obtained in a Medford poll. The local figures were mailed to Pageant.

Eleanor Roosevelt headed the national list, as she did the local list, "because her brains, position and vast compassion for all humanity have made themselves felt both at home and abroad in constructive measures for better living." Emily Post, author of the famous "Etiquette," drew second place because "she still influences the manners and perhaps the morals of the nation." Third was Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the courageous nurse who pioneered an unorthodox treatment for polio, for "her courage against odds and her humanitarianism which have helped dramatize as well as

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