

Foreign Entrants in Beauty Pageant



The Bathing Beauty Pageant to be held in Atlantic City in September has attracted girls from many other countries. Here are some of them. Left to right: Ethel Carlson, of Sweden; Maria Grapo, France; Amelita DuVal, Argentine; Blanche Lloyd, Ireland; Sophia Jackson, England; Delphine Wood, Honolulu.

TUNNELS A MENACE TO CREWS OF TRAINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—If you chafe and choke over the heat fumes entering your railway car the next time you go through a tunnel, think of the men in the engine cab and be happy. For, says the bureau of mines, the heat to which trainmen are subjected not only ranges as high as 126 degrees, but the smoke and moisture-laden atmosphere is often filled with deadly carbon monoxide gas.

The bureau recently conducted a series of tests in railroad tunnels in connection with investigation into accident causes. Out of 49 tunnel trips whose duration ranged from 4 1/2 to 25 minutes, it was found that carbon monoxide was present in the air in 34 cases. Hot exhaust gases from the engines were another source of danger.

Exhaustion of train crews due to exposure to atmospheres containing carbon monoxide, or to exceedingly high temperatures saturated with moisture, was said undoubtedly to have been the cause of many accidents.

Results of physiological tests over periods of ten minutes in engine cabs showed that the conditions there might be severe enough to cause asphyxiation or exhaustion in periods of 20 minutes, in case an engine became stalled in a tunnel.

While the bureau has experiment-

ed with gas masks for the use of cab crews, and has perfected a small pocket respirator for quick use when in a tunnel, it has been concluded that the most satisfactory method for overcoming the tunnel atmosphere is by supplying fresh air to the men from the train's air brake system. A supply is led to each man through a small rubber tube with an ordinary funnel on the end, which, when held close to the face, furnishes an adequate fresh air supply.

U. S. OK'S NEW RAILROAD WORK

WELLS, Nev., Aug. 23.—Permission for the building of the Idaho Central railroad between Wells, Nev., and Rogerson, Idaho, has been granted by the interstate commerce commission at Washington, and construction work will be started in the near future, according to word received here recently.

In the permit granted, it was stipulated that the work on the new railroad must begin before January 1, 1924, and be completed before June 30, 1925.

The new line will tap the copper camp at Contact, where, it is said, a large body of ore has been uncovered. Heretofore, however, the ore could not be shipped to the smelters because there were no railroad facilities available.

BUDDHISM SPREADS IN HAWAIIAN ISLES

HONOLULU, Aug. 23.—An active drive for converts to Buddhism among the English speaking peoples of the Hawaiian territory is forecast as the result of action taken by Buddhist leaders in deciding to organize a Buddhist evangelic association in Hawaii with headquarters here.

The principal aim of the society will be to spread the teaching of the sect in English, and present plans call for the training of English speaking priests of Buddha, the publication of canonical books in English and the circulation of other publications in English regarding Buddhism.

The women graduates of a local high school or a Buddhist university in Japan, will be invited to study for five years in a mainland university on the understanding that they are to preach Buddhism in Hawaii on the conclusion of their studies.

The society is an outgrowth of the efforts of Archbishop M. T. Kirby of the Hongwanji mission here, an Englishman converted to Buddhism in Japan, who has been in charge of churches here for some time.

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GERMAN TITLES STILL HEARD IN HOTEL LOBBIES

MUNICH, Aug. 23.—American tourists get many a smile out of the strings of titles shouted through German lobbies and cafes by pages in search of guests who are wanted on the telephone.

"Frau Doktor Professor Director Schmidt, bitte," isn't an unusual mouthful for the pages. The "bitte" is "please," and all the rest of the titles are the property of Mrs. Schmidt's husband, and must be used by servants who want to keep in favor with the lady.

Democracy has not discouraged the German love for titles. And women love them just as much as men, and insist upon having everything attached to their names which belongs to their husband.

"Frau Advokat Braun" is not a woman lawyer. She is Mrs. Lawyer Brown. And "Frau Doktor Weiss" is the wife of Doctor White. If she happens to be a doctor herself she will probably be called "Frau Doktor Marie Weiss," or Mrs. Doc-

tor Marie White. Doctors are so numerous in Germany that telephone directories have the appearance of faculty lists for a medical school in America. But the doctors are not all medical. Everyone who has been awarded a doctorate of philosophy, or a doctorate of science, or a doctorate of law or theology, uses the "doctor." It is part of his, or her, stock in trade. It is a trade mark of gentility, a social asset which goes on hotel registers and calling cards and establishes the position of the family in any neighborhood.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 23.—Snow from the huge drifts left in mountain passes since last winter was pressed into unique service recently by fire fighters in the Uintah range, when a forest blaze was extinguished by means of shoveling the snow onto the fire. Report of this method of quenching fire was brought here by W. G. Mann, assistant supervisor of the Wasatch na-

tional forest, who supervised volunteers who overcame the fire which had spread over a two-acre area at the Black fork of the Green river.

Water in good quantities was not available and the men shoveled great piles of snow around the blaze with the result that it was cut off and left only smoldering timbers. Although Mann has had considerable experience in fighting forest fires, he has never before had recourse to the use of snow, he asserted.

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