

Physician Pays High Tribute to Melody of Bird

California Doctor Travels Thousands of Miles to Hear Notes of British Nightingale.

By THOMAS C. WATSON.

London, June 10.—Not even the most petted and pampered prima donna has ever had so great a compliment paid her voice as the compliment which Dr. Casey Wood of California has just paid to the common British nightingale. The doctor has just completed a 6,000-mile quest in order that he might hear the British nightingale in full song.

The quest must have cost thousands of dollars. It has meant much discomfort, traveling night and day by sea, air and road, but at the end, risking pneumonia by kneeling on the damp, dewy grass, he has fulfilled his long-postponed wish.

Hears Metallic "Tweet."

Far away in the fastnesses of a Surrey woodland the doctor heard the metallic "tweet-tweet" of the nightingale. He must have been disappointed, for the nightingale has a rather harsh note at times and often drives distracted inhabitants of the lonely country houses here to shy shoes at the disturber of its night rather than listen to it on bended knee, as did Dr. Wood.

It is now dangerous to whisper the nightingale in the ear of Dr. Casey Wood. It is true he came all the way to hear the songster, but he bitterly regrets ever spilling to the reporters the cause of his long journey. Since that date he has been besieged by well-meaning helpers who wanted to track their own particular nightingales for his benefit. Bird lovers from all corners of the continent have been pestering him. They even inquired at the embassy for him, and it was all too overpowering for him, so he had to move about incognito.

Result Successful.

The doctor gave his impressions of the nightingale. "The result was highly successful," he said. "Toward noon of a bright sunny day the first nightingale was encountered. His deep, sweet song was distinctly heard at intervals for over an hour. This demonstrated the falsity of the current belief that the bird only sings at night or in the gloaming."

"During the tramp over the beautiful downs in Surrey a dozen birds of the species were heard in full or partial song until hunger and the shades of night drove the explorer to rest."

Ohio Pastor Enters Race for Sheriff Nomination

McArthur, O., June 10.—Not only is Rev. C. E. Bateson a preacher, he is also a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of Vinton county.

Mr. Bateson tells an unusual snake story. He said he recently killed a mother rattlesnake with 17 of her tiny offspring. The mother snake swallowed all of her young when attacked, Rev. Mr. Bateson said. Then he wiped out the entire brood.

Passion Play at Oberammergau Holds Charm to Repay Trouble of Reaching It

By HENRIETTA M. REES.

Since I last wrote I have been to Germany and to the first performance of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau. Everyone knows the story of this play, portraying the sufferings of Jesus Christ, of the vow taken by the elders of Oberammergau in the year 1633 that every ten years they would faithfully represent the Passion of the world's Saviour in grateful veneration of Him if they

rested of line and grace of detail. It was the most beautiful we had seen. We rode around the city and found everything in good repair and seemingly normal.

We went to Coblenz, where we saw the American flag flying from the picturesque fort of Ehrenbreitstein (high on the opposite bluff of the Rhine), where American soldiers were everywhere and it seemed much like home. No wonder the American soldiers like it, for Coblenz is in a beautiful part of the Rhine valley, where the Moselle and the Rhine meet, living is cheap, and there are innumerable interesting and historic places at hand for short excursions.

We had a fine time here. Gen. Allen entertained us at dinner, and among the guests was Gen. Peyton March, ex-chief of staff, who was formerly stationed in Omaha and who still remembers his friends there.

We went on to Berlin, which is not a remarkably beautiful city, con-

in bloom everywhere along the Rhine and the Moselle, and in our wide detour we had many opportunities to see what a fertile and beautiful country Germany is. Birds and blossoms were in profusion and we found that the German farmer, like his French and Belgian neighbors, does not waste any valuable space on weeds. The fields were planted everywhere, and everything was neat and orderly.

Wherever we went in Germany we were treated with the utmost courtesy, and no unpleasant incidents marred the trip. But we were "Auslanders" and there was a little undercurrent everywhere which did not let us forget it for a moment and Germany is getting very well organized for, or should I say against, the Auslander.

Living is cheap in Germany—pitifully so when one translates their prices for their own people from depreciated marks into dollars. But the prices for their own people and for Auslanders are two very differ-

where the increase for the Auslander amounted to 170 per cent above the price marked. At the hotels signs only in German said, "The Auslander is charged according to the value of his own money." We went to the castle of Lindenhof, near Oberammergau and the 6-mark entrance tickets had been remarked for the Germans to 25 marks and the 4-mark tickets to 150 marks for the Auslander. These were among our experiences. In a few cases we were able to buy things at the marked prices.

Tax Laid On Lavishly.

And yet, most things, even including the taxes imposed, are still cheap from one point of view, if anyone wants to pay someone an enormous per cent of profit from his. But the great game of "soaking the foreigner" becomes somewhat of a bore to him after a while, and as someone has aptly said, "it leaves a bad taste in his mouth," which does not react to the credit of Germany.

In Bavaria the police take a hand in the game—one must call personally upon the police if he stays anywhere in Bavaria 24 hours. If he stays longer he must pay accordingly and notify the authorities. A Cook representative told me that Munich charged the foreigner 750 marks after the first 24 hours and

1,000 marks every day thereafter. A copy of police regulations which I have states that, according to a Bavarian law regulating fees, a charge of from 10 to 10,000 marks may be made for granting permission to stay in Munich. It is great to be welcomed to a town in this manner—one feels so comfortable and pleasant in it. To stay in Oberammergau three days costs the Auslander 200 marks.

One German, an architect, said that the Germans were furious that foreigners were coming into their country in such numbers, eating up their food while there and buying many of the best things away from their own people, things which they could not replace.

But if Germany does not want the foreigners could she not close her passport office except for those on business. Others said Germany did want the foreigners, as they brought money into Germany and stimulated many lines of business. Some of the Auslanders said it was against the terms of the Versailles treaty to discriminate against foreigners—but we also heard that Bavarian police regulations were strict because of bolsheviki. Whatever the cause, they are strict. The attitude of Germany for the most part—and of many stores in France too, for that matter—

seems to be, "Welcome to our country. Now pay for the welcome." We bought very little in Germany. In the first place, all the outlandish Auslander stunts were a bother; in the second, a 10-ton suitcase is the only traveling adjunct dampens one's enthusiasm for extra ounces and pounds; in the third place, it takes time to shop.

Little Poverty in Sight.

In Germany we saw no starving people, and we noticed many typical fat ones. One sees very little stock in either France or Germany, and in both countries one occasionally sees a cow hitched up in the fields. We saw few who looked very rich and few who looked very poor. Cinemas seemed to be going, opera was being presented, and Saturdays and Sundays found hotels and coffee houses well patronized. The breweries were also running. We saw several large ones. The money in Germany is all paper money—except pennings which scarcely count.

Such were our impressions in

Germany on our way to Oberammergau. But to one who has never seen "Passion Play" it was worth being an Auslander in Germany, to attend.

A good deal of the charm of the "Passion Play" is in the "atmosphere" of its surroundings. One is scarcely out of Munich on the train before beautiful lakes are seen and, as one nears the village, one enters a mountainous valley, where mountains rise higher and higher until one begins to see snowcapped peaks among the jagged summits. Lone log cabins lie here and there between villages, and numerous tiny villages nestle among trees around little churches. Each cathedral has a quaint steeple, many are of Moorish effect, looking like a huge red brick inverted upon a neat white octagonal tower.

Now I understood the house of the cuckoo clock and the little man and woman barometers. Many of the houses are built with the long

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A Passion Play scene and Anton Lang, the German peasant, who plays the part of Jesus Christ.

might be spared from the terrible contagious disease that was ravaging the community.

The play should have been given in 1920, but world conditions and local sacrifice during the terrible war caused its postponement.

We but scarcely made our reservations and purchased our tickets for the play until we began to hear wide-spread conflicting stories about Germany, and of the difficulties that beset the traveler and the severity of the customs.

But our plans were made and after a few marvelous days in Holland we crossed the border and went to Cologne. We found reservations here at a premium as the city is occupied by the British, and the principal hotels are requisitioned.

Germany Greets the Visitor.

Spring is a lovely season to visit any country. Trees and shrubs were

ent things, outside of the occupied territory.

Prices are usually marked, but when the Auslander is interested, he learns that that is the old price and the new price is perhaps double.

Then there is an Auslander tax of 50 per cent of the price, which is added. Then one must pay an export tax of 100 per cent to take it out of the country, or if he tries to smuggle it through it may be confiscated at the border. Then one must pay to bring certain things into France, I understand, and also pay duty to enter America, and by the time one has carried his purchase around and paid everything asked it isn't as cheap as he thought it was.

We went into a jewelry store and a sign behind the counter said in German the increase on gold articles is 100 per cent, on silver 50 per cent. We went into a china store

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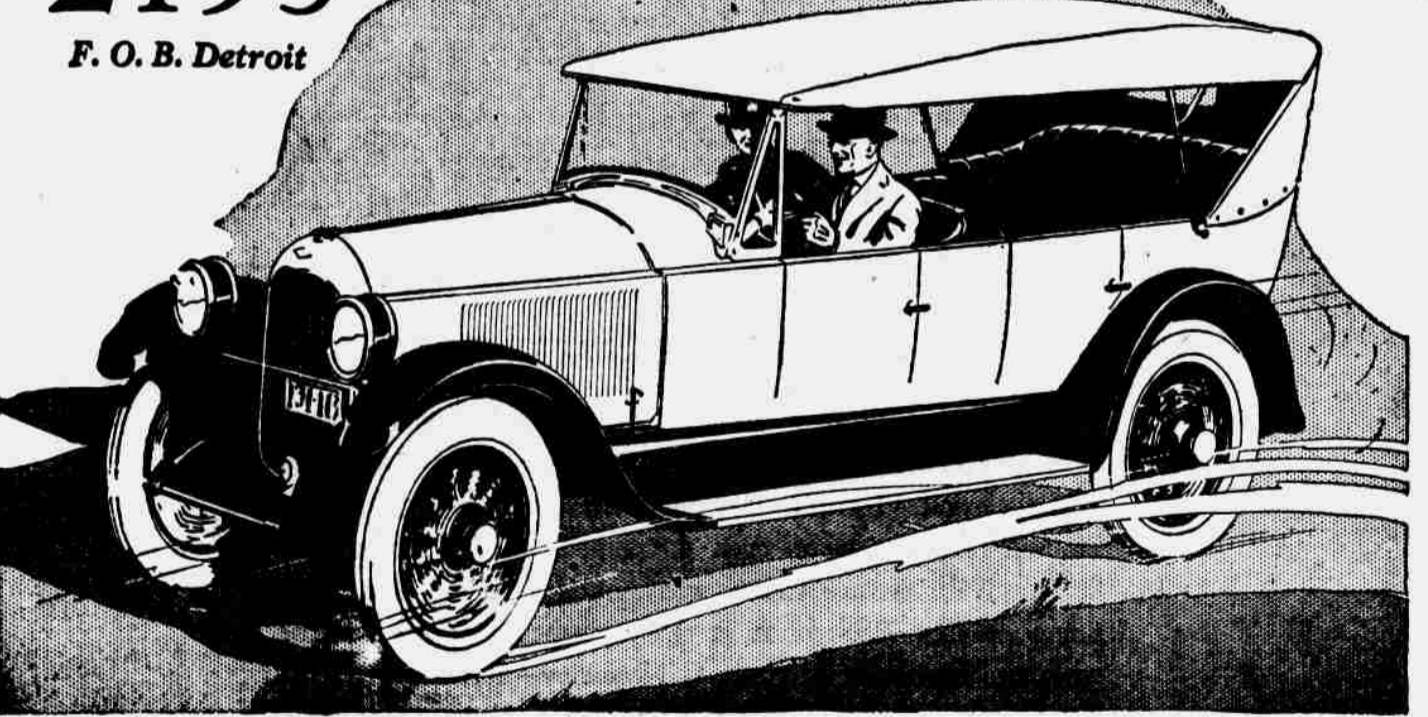
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