

Out Our Way



Women's Clothes May Mark Epochal Change in Old Asia

From The Living Age.

Padishah Amanullah, King of Afghanistan, has ended his European tour and with Queen Suraya has gone back to his palace at Kabul.

For five months this spring and summer the nations of Europe paid court to the Afghan royal couple. As they swept triumphantly from capital to capital—Amanullah, spruce in his uniform, Suraya, chic in her Paris gowns—factories opened their doors, banquet halls overflowed, troops marched and countermarched impressively, and the finest shops displayed their wares to let the monarchs choose.

The apprehension of Afghan husbands was great enough while Queen Suraya was toddling quietly along behind her royal husband across the continent of Europe. It grew to fever heat as the homing couple neared Teheran, the capital of neighboring Persia.

All Persia, all Afghanistan, most of Islam were awaiting anxiously to see how Queen Suraya would be arrayed when she arrived in troubled Teheran. Thousands of Persian ladies, long hopeless of breaking down old traditions, had taken heart when they had read of Queen Suraya's appearance on the continent in European attire.

Suraya arrived at the station elegantly garbed in European fashion and wearing a veil that was admittedly improper, in that it consisted of a thin strip of silk covering only the lower portion of her face.

Arrived in Kabul, she has been equally reticent; but it is certain that sooner or later she will be the centre of a definite effort to bring Afghan women out of their seclusion and give them a share in the life of the country comparable to that which their Queen knows European women enjoy.

Professor Shapley's announcement is a highly important one, scientifically speaking, for it establishes, on the highest authority, the value and credibility of the observations of the variable stars in the Milky Way.

For the field it proposes to cover is enormous and the source of the evil it would combat is not always easy to locate. But at the start it offers itself at least as a nucleus for the opposition to the misuse of the schools and colleges of the country.

Compulsory Insurance. Chicago Journal of Commerce. The defects of compulsory automobile liability insurance are being emphasized in Massachusetts with increasing sharpness.

Protect the Schools. From New York World. In the concerted efforts of power interests to use the schools and colleges for propaganda their best assurance of success was that the public should remain in ignorance of their plans.

meantime, how profoundly it affects the imagination! We are, in our little world, traveling yearly about our little sun—but our sun himself, with his petty brood of planets, is traveling around a center of the universe that is an inconceivable number of billions of miles away from us.

Not New Theory. From New York Times. If Governor Brewster of Maine gave the other governors in their meeting at New Orleans the impression that Mr. Hoover had endorsed in detail the plan to establish a reserve fund of \$3,000,000,000 to be used in times of unemployment, he probably went too far.

When I lived in New York, however, I should have to hurry past the railway stations, for there you may take a train for the very blue.

Larger River Fund. From Kansas City Star. It is indicated that the Mississippi Valley Association, which has been an agency of considerable influence in waterway progress, may ask for increased appropriations at the forthcoming session of congress for a river channel work and flood control plan.

New York's Farm Problem. From New York World. Governor-elect Roosevelt's call to a number of farm experts to consider and devise remedies for agricultural troubles in New York will remind city readers that farm relief is not merely a matter for the Middle West.

Q. Why is John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross, given the title, Judge? J. T. H. A. Judge Payne earned the title through several years on the bench.

U. S. Made No Effort to Reconcile Differences About World Court

From New York World.

During the summer two events have made American adherence to the world court more fitting and desirable than ever. One is the choice of Charles E. Hughes as a judge upon its bench.

At its first meeting next month the senate foreign relations committee will take up the Gillett resolution for resuming negotiations upon the world court question; and the American foundation today issues an appeal in its behalf supported by quotations from nearly 60 important newspapers.

This a sensible proposal for ending a deadlock that seems to rest on misapprehension and indifference. The original world court resolution, adopted in January 1926, assented to American membership provided the other nations accepted five reservations.

The reply to the American reservations adopted at Geneva on September 23, 1926, offered a counter-reservation, requested the United States to interpret the fifth condition and invited us to "such further exchange of views as the government of the United States might think necessary."

But the important fact is that since the reply of September 23, 1926, the United States has never furnished an explanation and has never accepted the invitation to a "further exchange of views."

Strange Ports. J. B. Priestly, in "Open House." It might be described as poetical tripe. It is the enchantment of distance and strange names on the map that holds me, and not the promise of sights.

Waterway development, like road building, is an extended process. Once it is started it must be carried through without prolonged delays if contemplated benefits are to be realized.

When to Kill. From Time. The famed Hindu doctrine that thou shalt not kill even a bug—much less a human—was sensationally reinterpreted last week.

Quoth the Mahatma: "Just as a surgeon does not commit hims (killing), but practices the purest ahimsa (non-killing) when he wields his knife on his patient's body for the latter's benefit, similarly one may find it necessary . . . to go a step further and sever life from the body in the interest of the sufferer."

As to flood control, there would seem to be little ground for argument, except as to the amount of an increase of funds.

Q. How long is the sea wall at Galveston, Tex.? R. L. A. It is 7 1/2 miles long and 17 feet high.

Issue that gravely concerns the Commonwealth. Tax sales in all parts of the State seem to suggest that taxation is the last straw that breaks the farmer's back.

Q. What is the beautiful "Coffee" the Faithful Departed? L. S. A. This is the beautiful "Coffee" the Faithful Departed, said to be perhaps the most impressive of the Russian church services because of the beauty of the language.

SOME HUNTERS ARE VANDALS

From Brookings Register. A small percentage of the hunters are rapidly closing South Dakota farms to all hunting by their vandalism. Each fall there is a small group of alleged sportsmen who think it smart to ignore the rights of the farmers on whose land they hunt.

The Safety Match

The safety match, which strikes only on the box in which it is packed, was invented in 1863 by a Swede named Larsson.

Only the choicest wood is suitable for making these matches, the best being the aspen. A log of this wood is sawed into sections 15 inches long, which is the length of several of the little splinters.

When I should decide, To send, far and wide, A dream, to the children of men. Neath your grey sagebrush coated deserts

I saw the rich grass and the grains, I saw in your rushing streamlets Life for a thousand plains, And I knew in your mountain fisheries

Of copper and silver and gold. So I sent on the gleam Of the sunlight, a dream, And the children of men were told.

Then o'er your borders came teaming hordes from the east and west, Of all the land of their dreaming This was the grandest and best; And straightaway brave cities were founded

And water was turned on the land, And you, lavish one, With your glorious sun, Gave forth with a bountiful hand.

Saying: "Idaho, blessed Bright Gem of the West May your greatness and fame spread afar."

—Laura Edith Darrow, in "From Idaho to You"

New York.—When will men who have been given the franchise of public attention and freedom, learn to use such power in a becoming and sensible manner? America today is steeped in hypocrisy, prejudice, bigotry, sectional feeling and intolerance.

Help Wanted. From Answers. Editor (to applicant for a job): Any previous newspaper experience? Applicant: No; but I was editor of my school magazine.