

FRENCH READY FOR TOURISTS FROM AMERICA

Expect to Reap Rich Harvest by Showing Big Battlefields and French Lines of War.

By ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE (Staff Correspondent of Universal Service.)

London, March 9.—It is expected to be a very busy season for the French tourist industry.

Why preparation for capitalizing French battlefields for American tourist dividends. The latest news from Paris is that already a new crop of French guides to Armageddon is ready for the rich harvest expected from across the Atlantic this summer.

Guide books to battlefields are being prepared, hasty reconstruction of hotels at strategic points adjacent to the old battle lines is going forward. By June everything will be in readiness for the Cook's tripper from the states with a large wallet and a consuming curiosity.

Tourist Sectors.

The old trench line from Neuport to the Swiss border has been divided into two tourist sectors, each mapped appropriately and with veracious reading matter appended which tells the story of the heroic deeds recorded in that particular district. It is anticipated that three of these sectors will be the star features to the American tourist—

including Chateau Thierry, the Argonne sector where the American army put up its magnificent offensive in the last two months of fighting, and Verdun, the scene of the desperate French resistance against the crown prince's army.

German Dugouts.

In the Argonne forest there will be a particularly fetching feature to attract American tourists. This is Prince Eitel Friedrich's dugout home—a two story underground palace with electric lights, tiled bath rooms, sumptuously fitted living rooms and a kitchen which would bring envy to any New York chef.

Nearby is a theater designed for the use of German officers exclusively and with complete electric wiring and all the appurtenances of a modern show house.

To enhance the beauty of this imperial nest, evidently designed with an eye to pre-eminence which the advance of the Americans rudely cut short, professional gardeners had been summoned to lay out shell lined paths, gardens and woodland nooks surrounding the place, all of which were left inviolate when the American forces surged into possession.

Peace Negotiations Planned to Begin at Versailles March 20

Berlin, March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March 20, according to reports in circulation here today.

Count von Brockhoff-Rantzau, the foreign minister, now is arranging for a small party of prominent businessmen to accompany the German commissioners to the peace conference.

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Sedan and Sportive Cars Attracting Attention

Sedans and sportive types of motor cars will attract the attention of motorists, is the opinion of H. R. Miller of the Keystone Motors corporation.

The interest of the public is shown in the sedans and other types of the Standard Eight is evidence of the popularity of the car. According to factory officials, the output of Standard Eights, heretofore limited, will be adequate to meet any demand. The lines, conveniences and comforts of the new bodies bring due satisfaction to the owner.

Captain Eggleston Gives Y. M. C. A. Clean Bill

Capt. F. W. Eggleston of Berkeley, Cal., is in Omaha, just having arrived from overseas. He asserts that he heard little complaint relative to overcharge made at the Y. M. C. A. huts. He found the men in charge always anxious to please.

Speaking of hotels, he said that at the time when King George was in Paris and when the city was crowded, he obtained a bed in a hotel, paying 50 cents for the same. In Omaha last night, he said he was charged \$1.10 for occupying a cot placed in a corridor.

Youth Dies in Same Manner as Twin Sister

Carl John Lindberg, aged 16 years, died Sunday afternoon at 4:45, while sleeping. His mother, Mrs. J. B. Lindberg, 901 Williams street, who went to awaken him, found his body rigid. She called Dr. A. Johnson, who failed to revive the boy. According to physicians death was painless.

According to Mrs. Lindberg the boy's death was identical to that of his twin sister, Constance, who died seven years ago, sleeping, at the same hour.

Income Tax Warning.

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Dreamt of Sweetheart's Fur; the Skunk Got Away

Cheyenne Wyo., March 10.—(Special.)—Henry Alder's faith in dream's has been rudely shattered. Alder, a young farmer near here, dreamed for three successive nights of seeing under his father's barn the fur collar lost by his fiancé one evening when they were riding.

So impressed was he that last evening, before starting to call on the young lady he pecked under an open corner of the barn. Sure enough, he spied the fur and crawled under to get it.

Alder bought a new suit today to replace the one he buried. The skunk got away.

NEBRASKANS GET GOOD PLACES ON BIG COMMITTEES

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Sloan Gets Busy.

When it was found that Andrews could not make ways and means, which was his initial choice, and Jeffers could not land on military affairs, ex-Congressman Sloan, who had the confidence of Mann Moore of Pennsylvania and Dunn of New York, took off his coat for the new man from his state and with the assistance of Kinkaid succeeded in getting the Nebraskans the very best assignments possible in view of the demands of two and three-term men for the places which the new comers from the Prairie state wanted.

In fact, every Nebraskan gets a place on a major committee, which is going some in view of the fact that three of them wandered off the reservation insofar as the speaker'ship is concerned and not one of them voted for the man who has been the dominating factor in the committee on committees, Mann of Illinois.

Lt. John I. Negley and Lt. H. J. Pinkett of Omaha were admitted to practice today before the supreme court on motion of James H. Hanley.

Congressmen Green and Ramsey of Iowa are planning to sail for France the last of the week.

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Cannot Use Poison Gas to Destroy Farm Pests

Washington, March 10.—Poison gas developed in war cannot be used to clear American farms of insects and rodent pests, Secretary Lane has decided after investigation. Experiments showed that while pests were killed there was danger of the gas spreading and destroying livestock and persons living nearby, in case the wind should carry the fumes.

Suggestions had been made that the deadly gases might prove of great value in destroying such pests as the prairie dog, ground squirrel and boll weevil.

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GETTING NEWS OF CONFERENCE NOW REAL JOB

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of them printed it, but in a modified form.

Three or four weeks afterward, when the fact of the proposal had been specifically denied by some of the conferees, it was allowed to be published and discussed.

Of course, being still gaily trustful of our friend in the mission, we made a howl about this murmur on the news. The official said he would take it up with the French. He may have done so. If he did, he got snubbed, for the censorship continued, unabated. Soon after that a correspondent of one of the New York papers wrote and filed at the cable dispatch a statement of what Mr. Wilson had told the French regarding American intentions. It may or may not have been true. I never saw it, so I don't know.

Denied by Everybody.

The point of the matter was that with all the talk about the lifting of the censorship, this dispatch went directly to Premier Clemenceau from the cable office. Mr. Clemenceau took it to Mr. Wilson, who denied it, either in whole or in part. Mr. Clemenceau then took it to the house of deputies, where he repeated Mr. Wilson's denial and the paper for which the dispatch was intended got the denial without ever getting the dispatch.

That is the sort of thing that is going on in Paris all the time. When you read your peace conference dispatches, in whatever paper you buy, you may rest assured that you are getting only the news that the French want you to get. And there begins to be disquieting evidence that our mission doesn't want you to get any more information than the French do.

"Secret covenants," secretly entered into, seem to be the working rule of the conference at present.

What is going on in the session which the conferees call picture-rescue "in camera" is swathed in the utmost secrecy.

In some cases it was found that certain members of the American mission itself knew nothing of the proceedings. Certainly there is no man in Paris who can positively state from his own knowledge what is to be decided upon save the few heads of the greater nations who determine these matters behind closed doors.

The communiques issued by the conference are models of brevity and ambiguity. They always note that the president of the United States, the premiers of France, England, etc., met at the Quai D'Orsay, and discussed important matters, but concerning the discussion they say nothing at all.

Not An American Plan.

We American correspondents could never get a word out of our commissioners about the American plan. In fact, I am beginning to think that there never was any American plan. When we suggested that our fellow-countrymen were interested to some extent in the peace conference we were told that to reveal our plan would be to invite the hostility of other nations.

Inasmuch as the American plan was never admitted to the American people, but only to the American committee and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who will be chairman of the committee in the new congress. A date for the meeting has not been fixed, but it is being planned for between April 5 and 10.

Telephone Earnings Net Fifty Million Dollars

New York, March 10.—The net earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph company for the year 1918 were \$54,293,016, according to the annual report issued today. Deduction of the interest charges left a balance of \$43,901,321 available for dividends which was an increase of \$5,430,215 over the previous year. The surplus for 1918 was \$3,671,622.

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Peace Conference Has Amendments Proposed by Ex-President Taft

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 10.—The amendments to the draft of the League of Nations plan, which have been proposed by William H. Taft, are receiving the close study of the various delegations to the peace conference.

The understanding prevails that the suggestions made by Mr. Taft might be adopted if assurances could be had that the reopening of the whole subject will not be involved and that further amounts will not be asked by other nations. It is generally admitted in well-informed circles, however, that some French and Italian proposals are to be expected.

Omaha to Have Large Auto Assembling and Motor Storage Plant

A large new automobile assembly and storage plant will be added to Omaha's industrial houses in the near future.

The representative of a large eastern automobile concern is in Omaha looking over sites with J. M. Gillan of the industrial bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

Space of 40,000 to 60,000 square feet on track is required by the new automobile firm.

Announcement of the name of the company is withheld for a few days until the business deal is put through.

First Cadillac Sold at Omaha Automobile Show

Sales at the Auto show are already in full swing. The Jones-Hansen-Cadillac company, which is showing a beautiful setting of three special Cadillac cars, and which also has an exquisite exhibition at the salesroom, Farnam and Twenty-sixth streets, reports several sales, and the following deliveries: To Mrs. J. F. Wilcox of Council Bluffs, a specially painted seven-passenger enclosed Suburban; D. F. Corde of the Cort-Aldous-Hunt company, a beautifully equipped "English Derby," four-passenger; W. R. Johnson, Havelock, Neb., an enclosed Suburban; F. E. Simpson, a standard touring car; H. J. Southwick, Friend Neb., a Belgian blue four-passenger.

According to J. H. Hansen, it appears already to be the greatest auto show Omaha has ever seen. With the beautiful weather the show as a whole will be an unbelievable success for everybody.

Disease Adds to the Horrors of Hunger

Paris, March 10.—Typhus is adding to the horrors of hunger and disorder in Moscow which the population has christened "The Graveyard," according to a British business man who has arrived in Paris from Russia.

There are no disinfectants, or medicine with which to fight the epidemic, nor buy soap. Water is scarce because of the shortage of fuel and the result is that the freezing and disheartened population is unable to protect itself.