

DUG AND MARY TO TAKE ROUND THE WORLD TRIP

A STEAMER HAS BEEN CHARTERED

A Select Group of Fifty to Accompany the Famous Movie Actors.

New York, Dec. 12—Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford have begun preparations for the most unusual trip ever taken by any motion picture stars. They are planning, if nothing occurs to prevent, to make a trip around the world next spring. With them, as a possible honeymoon couple will go Charlie Chaplin and Poli Negri. For this trip a steamer has been chartered and invitations have been sent to about fifty guests.

The ship is said on good authority to be the Japanese steamer Persia Maru. This vessel belongs to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, and has a net tonnage of 2,670. It is a single screw ship, the crack vessel of the line, carrying only first cabin passengers, numbering 80. It regularly plies between San Francisco and Yokohama, but on its last trip, instead of making the return voyage to the Golden Gate, it was taken from service and sent to Kobe early last month for special refitting in preparation for the coming trip.

Notice is given on all the folders announcing the service of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha that this steamer was withdrawn after that date for the rest of the season. It will be fitted with a gymnasium, a swimming pool and a miniature movie theatre.

The trip is estimated to cost around \$250,000 and it will last from six to eight months. Its purpose will be threefold. It will be, for one thing, a publicity stunt, as Doug and Mary discovered that their recent trip to Europe increased their popularity enormously by bringing them in personal contact with their admirers. Secondly it will enable them both to satisfy their desire to travel. Thirdly, they will be able to check up on the work of their foreign representatives and distribution agencies, especially in Japan and the Orient, where their releasing bureaus are only newly established.

They will leave San Francisco next spring.

Despite the large cost of the trip it is expected to be more than made up by the publicity and the fact that they will take camera men along and shoot pictures, as well as animals, en route. Moreover, they have the largest capital behind them of any independent stars, being backed by a group of wealthy Cleveland real estate operators and the Doheny oil interests.

LLOYD GEORGE STIRS FURY AMONG FRENCH

London, Dec. 12—Simultaneously with the publication of Ex-Premier Lloyd George's first article on Franco-British relations, which appeared in the Daily Chronicle today, is published an answer by Premier Poincare, who was informed in advance of the contents of the article and asked to give his opinion.

"For my part," Poincare says, "I am determined not to let pass any inexactitude. I understand that in particular he holds me responsible for the non-conclusion of the Franco-British guaranty pact which he proposed at Cannes. He forgets that he never replied to positive and just propositions which I made to him on several occasions."

He adds that the party in France which has for its object "annexation of the east bank of the Rhine exists only in the imagination of Lloyd George."

Poultry Expert Here

Mr. F. C. Elford, Chief Poultry Husbandman of the Dominion Experimental farm, was here on Saturday and inspected the poultry and contest birds at the Experimental Station. He will attend the Amherst Winter Fair before returning home.

TELEGRAMS OF PROTEST AGAINST TAX

Manufacturers and Retail Merchants Will Protest Against Tax on Receipts.

Ottawa, Dec. 11—A terrific telegraphic bombardment of the Prime Minister from all parts of Canada will take place Wednesday if present plans of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada full materialize, according to information obtained here tonight. Upwards of 10,000 protests from manufacturers and merchants against the receipts tax which become effective on January 1, next will flood the Premier's office.

The protests will be accompanied by the request that the Government suspend by order-in-council the operation of the tax until Parliament is given an opportunity of threshing this matter out. Those who are protesting are confident that, when they get their case presented to the Legislature, permanent escape from this impost will result.

Some time ago a circular was sent out by the two associations to their respective members calling for concerted action in this matter. A few days ago, too, the local manager of the Canadian National Telegraph Company, Frank Boomer, received a letter from the head office in Toronto, asking him to prepare for the great electric assault. It is understood that the local staff will be augmented by nine wire operators and four telegraphic printing machine men from Toronto.

Another matter that is giving the local telegraph officials concern is that of delivery of these messages to Premier King's office in the East Block. It will require a small army of messengers.

A flurry was caused in the letter office tonight when the news of this coming bombardment was broken.

"Will they all be collect messages?" was the amused query of one of the Premier's staff. "If so, the Government will show a big deficit next year."

RULES MARRIAGE BY WIRELESS NOT LEGAL CEREMONY

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 12—A marriage ceremony performed by radio is illegal, according to a construction today placed upon the domestic relations law by Attorney-General Chas. D. Newton. The words, "In the presence," as contained in the law, mean an actual and not a constructive presence, the attorney-general held.

"It is as essential that the witnesses and persons officiating should be immediately at hand as it is that the contracting parties to the marriage should be in view of each other," Newton said in his opinion.

Question as to the legality of a radio ceremony were brought up by the proposal to have a San Francisco clergyman broadcast the ritual to contracting parties in the Grand Central Palace in New York city. The bride and bridegroom were to broadcast their responses in return.

"The importance and sanctity of the marriage relation," Mr. Newton said, "requires a strict, rather than a liberal interpretation of the safeguards which the Legislature has set up in the statute. I am of the opinion that any attempt by a clergyman or magistrate to perform a marriage ceremony without being actually present with the contracting parties, witnesses or witnesses, would not comply with the mandates of this state."

Radio is Popular

Fredricton now has a number of enthusiastic radio fans and there are likely to be more in the near future. Citizens who have installed powerful receiving apparatus are able to listen in nightly on musical programs broadcast from Schenectady, N. Y. and other places. J. S. Neill & Sons, Ltd., have inaugurated a broadcasting station and last evening sent out a program of gramophone selections which was greatly enjoyed. Even those having small receiving sets were able to hear the several numbers very distinctly.

Premiers to Meet Again In Conference In Paris on Jan. 2nd

A FORTNIGHT IS LEFT FOR THE ALLIES TO GET TOGETHER ON SOME PROGRAM—MORATORIUM GRANTED TO GERMANY EXPIRES ON JANUARY 15 — BRITISH REFUSE TO COUNTENANCE FRENCH PROJECT FOR PARTIAL OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR.

London, Dec. 11—The London conference on German reparations, generally described as the critical conference, ended today in agreement only on another conference. The next link in the long chain of the Allies' struggles to get together will be forged at Paris on Jan. 2. There will be a fortnight, therefore, left for the Allies to agree upon some programme.

The moratorium granted the Germans expires Jan. 15, and the next payment on account of reparations, which Germany protests she is unable to meet, will be due on that date. Another futile round-table session of the diplomats would seem to mean only fulfillment of the conditions of French politicians for independent action, which British opinion believes would spell calamity for the tottering edifice of European prosperity and sow the seeds for a future great war.

THE ROCK OF DISCORD

The rock on which harmony foundered was the British refusal formally to countenance the French project for partial occupation of the Ruhr and the taking charge of important German industries. The British cabinet met this afternoon and registered its refusal to co-operate with France in such measures.

Premier Mussolini's proposals for a settlement were treated courteously, as was due the head of a powerful nation, but were not taken seriously as a panacea for the German sick man of Europe. The German note was rejected unanimously with the general comment that it meant merely sparring to gain time.

The British government submitted no general plan to solve the deadlock. It practically offered to cancel France's debt to Great Britain as an inducement for scaling down the amount of monetary demand upon Germany.

The French, Italian and Belgian premiers, with their staffs of experts, will embark for home tomorrow morning.

SAYS U. S. MUST BE PARTY

This conference resembles its predecessors in that the conferees insist it has not been a failure, that its dissolution cannot be described as a deadlock and, in general, that there is a better understanding among them than before they met. Certainly this attitude pictures their hopes, if not the realities.

However steadfastly she may stand aloof and protest her detachment from these European debates, the United States cannot prevent her name from being involved and the possibilities of her participation being made the subject of speculation. Continental politicians contend that reparations and the adjustment of war debts cannot be separated and that the United States cannot avoid becoming party to the solution of these problems.

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND HAS SURPLUS

Halifax, Dec. 11—Turning a 1921 deficit of \$14,000 in current expenditures into an income over expenditures of \$8,000 in 1922, was the experience of the management of the School for the Blind here, according to the report presented at the fifty-second annual meeting of the institution this afternoon. Of the surplus of \$7,500 had come from sums collected. The report of the superintendent, Sir Frederick Fraser, showed that one hundred and forty-five students were registered on Nov. 30 of this year.

SIR THOMAS HOPES TO LIFT AMERICAN CUP

New York, Dec. 12—Declaring he still hopes to "lift the cup" and that he will make another try in 1924 Sir Thomas Lipton sailed yesterday on the Homeric. A number of friends went to the pier to see him off including Police Commissioner and Mrs. Richard E. Enright and John J. Hickey. Sir Thomas had postponed his sailing on three different occasions due to a cold. He said that he had not yet decided on the type of boat that the new challenger will be. He had been in America two months.

ALIENISTS DISAGREE IN MURDER TRIAL

Los Angeles, Dec. 12—Arthur C. Burch won his freedom tonight after standing trial three times for murder and once for insanity. The jury on the murder charge disagreed and the alienists at the insanity hearing differed likewise, but the weight of belief of the latter was that Burch was sane or harmless if insane so his freedom was restored to him.

Burch said he did not know what he would do.

The action today completed a long chapter of trials all based on the murder of J. Belton Kennedy a young broker, who was shot down on the steps of his summer cottage in Beverly Glen seventeen months ago. Burch and Mrs. Madalynne Oberchain were indicted for the crime. Mrs. Oberchain was recently freed when the District Attorney dismissed the murder indictment.

JOBLESS MEN HALT TRADE

Vienna, Dec. 11—A noisy demonstration by unemployed in which it is estimated that 50,000 persons took part, caused a practical suspension of business here today. The police in large numbers finally herded the throngs out of the inner city. It is estimated that there are more than 100,000 now unemployed in Vienna alone and the number is constantly increasing.

IRISH SENATORS TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

His Holiness the Pope Sends Greetings to New Irish Free State.

Dublin, Dec. 11—The Seanad Eireann, or Upper House of the Irish Free State Parliament, was organized today with the election of Dr. George Sigerson, professor of biology in the University of Dublin, as temporary chairman, and the administration of the oath of allegiance to the senators. The permanent chairman will be appointed tomorrow, according to the present plans.

Nearly an hour was occupied in the ceremony of taking the oath, which was administered by Eamon J. Duggan, one of the signatories of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, who acted in behalf of Governor-General Healey.

The first woman senator to take the oath was the Dowager Countess of Desart. The proceedings occurred amid a hushed calm, except for the applause upon the election of the temporary chairman.

President Cosgrave and other members of the ministry and Dail Eireann were present as spectators.

The Senate will meet jointly with the Dail Eireann tomorrow, when Governor-General Healey will read the royal message and deliver a message which will be debated by both Houses. The Governor-General today received through Cardinal Gasparri, Papal secretary of state, a cordial greeting from the Pope, congratulating him on his appointment and praying for a happy era of peace and prosperity for the beloved people of Ireland, and saying that "from his heart he sends you the Apostolic Benediction."

An armed band seized the Kildare railway station today and set three locomotives going at full speed. Two of them were wrecked.

WAS MENTALLY DERANGED

Montreal, Dec. 11—With her throat cut so deeply that she was unable to speak, Annie Duplessis, twelve years of age, rushed out into the street this afternoon and into the candy store of J. Dunphy, just opposite, trying to make him understand by signs the tragedy that had taken place in her home. He advised her to go home to her mother and telephoned the police.

The girl then succeeded in bringing two men into her home where she showed them the dead body of her mother, who had just cut her own throat, after inflicting a deep gash on that of her daughter.

According to the police, Mrs. Duplessis had been suffering from great nervousness for some time and it is thought she was mentally deranged. The girl was taken to a hospital where her recovery is probable.

HORSE TAKES A LONG SWIM

Boston, Mass., Dec. 12—A Boston horse, whose usual task is to draw a newspaper delivery wagon, qualified as a long distance swimmer when it was rescued from the Charles river late Thursday after spending 36 hours in the water.

The horse was still swimming when found, but later went to an animal hospital to recover from a bad chill. The horse had run away early Wednesday morning and dived through a drawbridge over the Charles river, leaving wagon and cargo jammed between the rails. For hours the harbor police searched for the animal in vain.

Late Thursday a watchman saw the horse swim out from under a pier and make for the open sea. A stern chase in a dory followed, and the swimmer was roped and towed to shore.

Chatham Has Escaped

Chatham World: The Fredericton Mail says the Celestial City has men who wear flaming gobshes. Chatham has escaped this infection, the only pair seen here having been on the feet of a show girl.

IS PREPARED FOR A WAR TO THE DEATH

SHOOT REBELS WITHOUT TRIAL

Sympathizers of New Government, Urge That No Quarter Be Given.

Dublin Dec. 12—Ireland to-night prepared for a war to the death between Free State forces and the Republican insurgents.

While the public was still stunned by the "eye-for-an-eye" executions of "Rory" O'Connor and the other rebel leaders full significance of the insurgent manifesto that "We will fight to the last man" was realized.

The Free State Government moved carefully cautiously to combat a menace that strikes from points least expected—the death dealing raids by the De Valeraist rebels. Deputies of the new Irish Parliament, Cabinet members and executive officers of the Free State were guarded by closely cordoned troops with bayonets fixed and with orders to shoot to kill.

The irregular leaders from their hiding places let it be known that attacks will continue on the government and its forces. This was as if in answer to the threat of more executions by the Free State if the guerrilla warfare is not stopped.

"Shoot them without a trial" was the cry from the Free State sympathizers on the apparent policy of forcing two rebels to face a firing squad for every one Free Stater shot.

Imprisoned insurgents probably were most awed by this policy of vengeance. Many huddled behind their bars realizing that at any time acts of their own comrades may be the cause of them being dragged out and shot. Others openly and sneeringly defied their keepers choosing to go to their death as martyrs to what they considered the just cause in Ireland's wars of centuries.

Martin Fitzgerald, Free State Senator and proprietor of the Freeman's Journal is expected to defy the order of the Irish Republican army to leave Ireland. The rebel leaders sent word to Fitzgerald he would be slain if he disobeyed the orders. This marking of another man to be assassinated by the "invisible republic" warring on the visible government substantiated the belief that a series of killings and retaliations is "unavoidable."

The warning to Fitzgerald was believed to presage other similar ones to prominent Free Staters. The Republicans plan a reign of terror by sendings warnings and then shooting the marked victims down on the street or in homes it was believed.

It was in view of preventing such a program as this that the government strengthened its guards about all notables and public buildings. The jails where sudden sallies to free prisoners are feared were also closely watched.

MUST GO TO CHURCH OR BE SENT TO JAIL

Chicago, Dec. 12—Here is what Lee Moor, a salesman, must do to escape going to jail for a year's work in the stone quarry:

Give his wife \$40 every week. Go to church every Sunday with his family.

Drop fifty cents in the contribution box.

Be in bed every night by 9 o'clock. Quit drinking moonshine.

Stay out of saloons. Today, in the South Clark street Court, Municipal Judge Haas gave Moor his choice, following a complaint that he was spending all his money in saloons and neglecting his family. Moor promised and if he violates one of the rules he will be sent to jail.

Ring Skating

Moncton Transcript: The Arena rink was opened for the season on Friday afternoon and evening. In the evening the Citizens' Band was present and rendered splendid music which was enjoyed by the 500 or more skaters present. The ice was in very fair condition.