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Berlin, Sept. 30—The Berlin police are giving publicity to crimes, with the descriptions of the criminals, through electrical advertising signs with moving letters, as a means of notifying policemen on their beats, and also enlisting the aid of the public in running down lawbreakers.

The German Capital has nine of these boards, with which the Police Department has made arrangements for aiding the Department of Justice.

The first use of the electric boards by the police was not concerned with crime, however, but announced the loss of a pearl necklace by Frau Breitenstraeter, who is the wife of Germany's champion boxer.

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MANY WOMEN ARE TODAY LOOKING FOR SERVICE ON STEAMSHIPS; LIFE ON THE BRINY SUITS THEM

Agnes Carr in the Boston Traveller, writes:—

More women today are looking for work in various capacities on steamers than ever before, according to officials of the various steamship offices in Boston.

This Explains Why.

Among the reasons given for this urge on the part of the feminine sex to try "life on the briny" are the improvement in shipbuilding which has reduced sea-sickness to a minimum; the war which forced many women from the shelter of the home to outside work; the reduction in price of a trip abroad which enables many persons to come in contact with shipworkers and made the work seem desirable, and the amount of unemployment in sections of the country where the mills have closed.

The job of stewardess seems to be the popular one, the reporter found in a visit to the Samaria, which docked this week.

Of the 16 stewardesses on board, more than half have been in the service of the Cunard line about 10 years and several about 15. Miss Margaret Johnstone, leading stewardess, claims 22 years, and finds the work very interesting.

"It gives a person a chance to see something of the world that she wouldn't if she worked in a hotel or private family," explained Miss Johnstone, "and nowadays the boats are so well built and so comfortable that working conditions are most pleasant."

A new stewardess is assigned to third class until she is experienced and advances to second and first as vacancies occur in these departments. One woman is assigned as matron of the third class and she assists the chief steward in settling any question of the duties of the other women workers.

Chief Steward Ernest Pimbley and Second Steward Sydney Wheeler agreed that women are daily becoming more interested in ship employment.

Aren't Enough Jobs.

The Cunard line receives dozens of applications weekly which the company cannot begin to fill, according to Capt. R. G. Palfrey, marine superintendent at the East Boston docks.

To begin with, no employee can be engaged at the Boston offices of the company. This must be done at Liverpool under the board of trade regulations. So for each application received at the local office a printed form is dispatched explaining this regulation.

"Many widows who must support two or three children apply for positions with us," Capt. Palfrey explained, "and some of the letters reveal real want, and make me wish there were some way of finding work for these people."

The job of stewardess carries an appeal for many women. Sometimes a woman who may be a nurse or housekeeper takes her first trip across and thinks what a fine position that of stewardess is. Her next step is applying for the job without realizing that

there may be one vacancy with several hundred applicants.

Some of the big ships carry as many as 30 stewardesses, and many of them have been in the service for 20 or more years. Their qualifications include a wide range from that of being a "good sailor" to having some knowledge of nursing housewife ability, and a large amount of common sense, tact and patience.

Makes Many Friends.

"A stewardess who knows her job and is faithful to it, makes many friends on the trip across, and very often a better opportunity is offered to her by a passenger who may be looking for a trustworthy housekeeper or companion," Capt. Palfrey declared.

Other jobs for women on the Cunard boats are those of secretary in the purser's office, nurse, matron among the third-class passengers, and on some boats that of social hostess. The latter is more especially required on ships chartered for winter cruises.

The hostess must be a good organizer be able to plan entertainments. A knowledge of music and the customs of the countries to be visited is desirable.

Hairdressers are also carried by this line, and as in the case of the stewardess, the supply far exceeds the demand. During the war the company endeavored to employ the widows of ship officers and men who lost their lives in the service of their country. Many of these women are now valued employees.

Capt. Palfrey was a ship's officer for about 20 years, so speaks from experience.

Many Seek Work.

At the offices of the United States line the reporter learned that the story of the supply of workers exceeding the demand also holds true. On the boats of this line women are employed as hairdressers and manicurists, in addition to the number of stewardesses, which is regulated by the passenger list.

The secretarial work is done by the purser's assistant, who is a man, and by the assistants to the steward, also men.

Many applications for positions by students who wish to work their way over are received, but only experienced workers are employed on the United States line.

The Boston office of the line handles no applications. These must all be taken care at the Hoboken office, where special arrangements for this work are carried on.

Women are employed by the Eastern Steamship Company as stewardesses, and only colored women are engaged.

"Whether it is the restlessness of the age or the venturesome spirit of the feminine sex asserting itself in this year of 1925, it was the unanimous opinion in local steamship offices that women are feeling the "call of the sea."

If there were only jobs enough to go around!

SIR GEORGE FOSTER SAYS THE PEAK OF BAD TIMES IN CANADA IS PASSED

Ottawa, Sept. 30—"The people of Western Canada are evidently of the opinion that the peak of difficult times has passed and that the prospects are excellent now for continued advance along all lines," said Sir George Foster, President of the League of Nations Society of Canada, summarizing his impressions here today after an extended tour of the West. Sir George arrived in the capital over the weekend.

What especially interested the veteran Senator during his tour was the contrast in the farming communities of the West between 20 years ago and the present. "The old shacks and shack-barns have disappeared," said Sir George, "and in their places excellent barns and homes have been erected. One would think that the old idea of farming a little and selling out—the speculative idea—has passed away very largely and farmers are now looking to their farms as abiding homes for themselves and their children." Everywhere improvements in that respect were seen. Sir George also noticed that farmers were giving more attention to mixed farming, dairying particularly. The latter phase of farming gave them a steady income monthly which made things much easier financially. Everything, considered, Sir George thought, the

sentiment throughout the West "very cheerful and even optimistic."

Sir George's tour was made in the interests of the League of Nations Society and he found an increasing interest in the work of the Society in the Western Provinces. Large attendances at all the meetings held throughout the West was an indication of the interest that was being taken in the Society's work Sir George considered. His object was to help branches which had been already established to increase their membership.

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BOSTON PAPER PAYS TRIBUTE TO RIGHT HON. W. S. FIELDING

(From the Boston Herald.)

William Stevens Fielding retires at 77 from Canadian public life. His health has been unsatisfactory for a long time, and he has had to leave the duties of Minister of Finance to a colleague. The reorganization of the Mackenzie King Cabinet in view of the coming elections, made a suitable occasion for his formal withdrawal.

He has been a prominent figure in Provincial and Dominion politics for more than forty years. Americans will remember him as the energetic promoter of international trade. High Washington officials knew and esteemed him. He would have made an admirable Canadian Minister to the United States.

This successful Nova Scotian entered on the serious business of life with no advantages except good family training and a good education. He worked for many years as a reporter on the Halifax Morning Chronicle, and rose to be Managing Editor. He entered the Nova Scotia legislature in 1882. He had always been a keen politician. The issue of Confederation convulsed the Maritime Provinces in the sixties, and Fielding, hardly out of school, became so prominent among the anti-federalists that his opponents used to taunt him with it even after a generation had passed. He became Prime Minister of Nova Scotia in 1884, and continued as such until 1896.

That was the year of coming to power at Ottawa of Wilfrid Laurier who proceeded at once to form his Cabinet of all the talents. Oliver Mowat, the famous Prime Minister of Ontario, became Minister of Justice; Louis Davies, Prime Minister of Prince Edward Island, became Minister of Marine. Another portfolio went to Joly de Lotbiniere, formerly head of a Quebec Government and representative of "an house of ancient fame." William S. Fielding came from Halifax to be Minister of Finance.

These were great men of their day but none was greater than Fielding. He had already proved himself an able administrator, and he was a master

in his special field—finance—as well as a master of parliamentary tactics. He had to defend new fiscal policy against an able and aggressive opposition, and acquitted himself well. He introduced the first measure of Imperial Preference, and followed it with several measures aimed at the extension of international trade by means of mutual concessions. All went well until he negotiated the Reciprocity Treaty with the Taft Administration. This was something for which men of all parties had sighed since the abrogation of the Elgin Treaty generations before. It looked like the crowning achievement of the Laurier-Fielding Administration; yet, such are the vicissitudes of politics, the Government, appealing to the country with confidence, suffered a crushing defeat.

Mr. Fielding might have succeeded to the Liberal leadership on the death of Laurier; but he probably felt that it was time to make way for younger men. When the present Government came in in 1922 the veteran took his old portfolio of finance, and for two years at least, showed all his former vigor. His health failed, however, and retirement became inevitable.

Public men—even Canadian public men from the Province by the sea—must quit some time; but all who have known William S. Fielding, however slightly, will wish that an exception could be made in his case. All who have known him have pleasant memories of the doughty parliamentarian, of the party he loves.

LA FOLLETTE WON VICTORY

Milwaukee, Sept. 29—Robert M. La Follette, jr., son of the late Senator from Wisconsin, was elected to succeed his father in the United States Senate by the voters of Wisconsin today.

With only 518 precincts to be heard from out of the 2,692 in the state, La Follette was leading Edward F. Dithmar, Independent Republican, by 120,101 votes. Returns from 2,174 precincts gave La Follette 1,970; Dithmar, 77,678; Bruce, Democrat, 8,996; Work, Socialist, 10,706; Bauman, Socialist-Labor, 630.

ACADIA WILL PLAY AT ST. JOHN

St. John, Oct. 1—Acadia University's fifteen will meet the Trojans here in an exhibition game on the Allison grounds on Saturday, Oct. 31, if present plans carry. The Trojans have been desirous for several years of bringing the Acadians here for a game owing to the large number of alumni living here and have at last succeeded.

the hard-hitting campaigner who never hit below the belt, the unassuming great man, the loyal friend. But it is to soon to speak of him as if he had disappeared altogether from the public scene. He should have many years of usefulness left as the wise counselor of the party he loves.

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