

NANKING HAS LITTLE GAYETY, VISITORS FIND NO "NIGHT LIFE"

NANKING, China, March 10 — In a city to be improved. The Bridge house the neat but unpretentious lobby of located amid the teeming ancient Bridge House Hotel, with its brown leather chairs and brown table upon which are piled last year's magazines from America and London, a wistful trio is at the piano.

There are two men beginning their advance into middle age and a pretty girl who may be approaching 30. I haven't talked with them, but by reason of their accents, judge one of the men to be the American, his companion English.

The Englishman is operating the keyboard. Over and over he plays the same tune, the strains of "I can't give you anything but love, baby". Over and over his mildly boon companions join with him in the words—but the first words aren't like the original.

What this girl and her friends are singing is, "I can't give you anything but whiskey and soda".

Tipoff on Night Life

Now Nanking is not noted for consumption of whiskey and soda among its foreign population, and yet there is something in the sad nature of the song at the piano indicative of the character of foreign "night life" in China's capital.

Plenty of foreigners enjoy themselves in Nanking. But of "night life" as such there is little. The capital is a blue-law town for the Chinese populace, and those foreigners who like excitement after dinner are hard put to find it. I have heard a little group of permanent foreign residents at the old Bridge House carrying on a long and wistful conversation concerning what they did the last time they were in Shanghai and what they mean to do the next time.

Most of the Americans in the city are missionaries, consular people and "Standard Oil families". One solitary American newspaper man is permanently resident here. There are perhaps slightly more than 100 Germans, including the German military advisers to the Chinese government. The English are not so numerous at present. French and Italians also are to be found, but including every one the foreign community is very small.

Samples of Entertainment

On Sunday afternoon, picnics and walks in the beautiful hilly countryside near Nanking are favorite recreations. In the evening little groups of foreigners get together for bridge or mahjong. Anagrams just now seem to be a big game in the American consular circle. At intervals there are functions in the imposing new foreign ministry—one of many have been erected during the last few years. And one has more intimate dinners and lunches now and then with Chinese friends.

On Wednesday and Saturday nights there are dances on the small floor of the International club. A Russian orchestra plays American jazz and dancers of all nations join in. Sometimes there are luminaries on the floor; Chang Hsueh-Liang, the famous "young marshal", so of the late Manchurian war lord, Chang Tso-lin and himself chief of the bandit suppression forces in the Hankow area, recently went to the International house to dance during a Nanking sojourn.

Also there are two movie houses showing foreign films, but they are cold and unattractive.

More Amusements Planned

However, the cause of entertainment is distinctly looking up at present. A new and pleasant movie house is under construction. Not long ago the ministry of foreign affairs built a nice golf clubhouse and course, which foreigners are finding a life saver. A new and bigger International house is planned.

Not only that, but the creature comforts of foreigners visiting the capital

SHIP VANISHED ON FIRST TRIP

In these days of wireless communication, it seems strange that large vessels can disappear literally into the blue.

That their fate should remain as great a mystery as that of some old sailing ships of the past. Yet what greater mystery than that of the American liner Asiatic Prince, which disappeared on her maiden voyage in 1926?

The Asiatic Prince was equipped with wireless and every modern life-saving device, and left on her maiden voyage from Seattle to Shanghai carrying 33 Europeans and 130 Chinese passengers. In her strong room was a quarter of a million pounds' worth of silver bars consigned to the National City Bank at Shanghai.

Constant wireless messages were exchanged with her until she was within a few days of her destination. Then suddenly, a tramp steamer on her way from Nagasaki to Shanghai picked up the international distress signal—"S O S"—repeated four times slowly, and realized she was being spoken to by the Asiatic Prince. Half-way through the message—giving the vessel's latitude, the wireless stopped and despite every effort the tramp failed to re-establish communication.

Immediately, she relayed the call, and several ships, including two American warships and a Japanese destroyer, rushed to the spot where it was thought the Asiatic Prince might be. The most careful search, however, failed to reveal a trace of the vessel which has never been heard of since.

What lies behind this great mystery of the sea? Many people believe that the vessel was seized by her Chinese passengers—who were pirates—the white people murdered, and the bullion taken to China in the ship's boats. The only alternative explanation seems to be that the vessel struck some submerged object with such force that she foundered before the boats could be lowered, or a full wireless despatch sent out.

Only two years before this disaster the British-owned Caratata disappeared without trace while on a voyage between Balikpapan, and Brisbane, Australia. The last heard from here was a message received by her Brisbane agents saying that she expected to berth about eight o'clock the following morning. At that time she could not have been more than 200 miles from Brisbane, and steaming within sight of the Australian coast, where vessels of every kind are frequent. She was a well-found vessel of 7,300 tons, equipped with wireless and commanded by an efficient captain and officers. One might think that such a ship was as safe as the Bremen but the fact remains that the Caratata disappeared completely and not even a piece of wreckage was washed ashore to give some inkling of her fate.

Australia can boast of another mystery of her coasts. It concerns the loss of a Government vessel. This was the steamer Sumatra, 4,000 tons. She was due to leave Sydney one morning in April, 1934, when the head-boy of her native crew approached the master and begged him not to sail. Asked the reason for his fears, the native announced that all the boys were agreed that evil spirits waited for them outside Sydney Heals, and that the ship was doomed. The Sumatra's captain, of course, paid no heed to the native's warning and the ship, sailing as arranged, vanished.

The Hsin-Wa mystery was even more remarkable. She was a fair-sized river steamer engaged in the regular run between Shanghai and Hankow. One morning in 1929 she was seen by another river boat wending her way peacefully up the river about 20 miles from Hankow. Then, within plain sight of scores of Chinese junks and sampans, the Hsin-Wa completely disappeared. Officers, passengers and crew aboard the other river boat were

emphatic that they saw nothing, and careful inquiries amongst the river folk failed to yield a clue to the disappearance of the Hsin-Wa and her 300 Chinese passengers.

All mysteries of the sea must have some logical explanation. Londoners had an example of one solution in 1901. About 5.30 in the morning, the Blengfell, from New York, was picked up by the tug Simla, and off Gravesend suddenly exploded. Within a few seconds she was ablaze. Debris from

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Stalin's urgings have increased the use of soap in Russia 60 percent in a year. The Volga boat song in a bathroom is a paralyzing thought.

An Arctic observer says the Eskimos give their babies dice for toys. It breeds self-reliance in a child to make it shoot for its own shoes.

The wreck flew into the air for hundreds of yards, and the vessel disappeared. A small quantity of petroleum in the Blengfell's hold was found to be the cause.

Of Interest to Women

Lime and Lettuce Give "Paddy Green"

(By Katharine Baker)

St. Patrick's Day isn't just an Irish holiday. It is a day of rejoicing for the Irish wit and wisdom that makes life pleasant, so every home must have an extra touch of gay green for March 17.

For luncheon, dinner or parties, a variety of salads and desserts of sparkling green can easily be made with lime jelly. It's very appetizing, too, and so easy to digest that even young children may have it. The jelly powder that dissolves in lukewarm water retains a full lime flavor and may be served, attractively molded, on crisp lettuce with a light mayonnaise dressing, as a salad, or piled in sherbet glasses with whipped cream for dessert.

A more substantial salad, particularly good for luncheon or buffet refreshments is Shamrock Surprise.

Shamrock Surprise

1 package lime jelly powder
1½ cups ginger ale
4 tablespoons celery, finely chopped.

1 tablespoon crystallized ginger, finely cut if desired.

Half cup warm water

4 tablespoons nut meats, finely chopped.

1 cup assorted fruits, diced orange, apple, green cherries, grapes or canned pineapple.

Dissolve the jelly powder in the warm water. Chill. Add ginger ale but be sure that the syrup is cool when the ginger ale is poured on it. When slightly thickened, fold in nuts, celery, ginger and fruits. Turn into shamrock mould. Chill until firm. Unmould on crisp lettuce. Serve with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

Shamrocks and Paddy hats are

easily worked on delicious white icings with delicately tinted cocoanut, or the whole cake sprinkled with the long shreds of moist cocoanut and the shamrock or other symbols built up in white icing.

To tint cocoanut, sprinkle about one-half can on white paper. Dilute a tiny bit of vegetable coloring in a small amount of water, pour over cocoanut, and rub evenly through it. For all decorative purposes, and in meringue and whips, the long, shredded cocoanut, called southern style should be used. The short, meaty premium shred cocoanut is adapted for use in fluid mixtures such as pie fillings or in cake and cookie batters. But the first rule in using cocoanut is to be sure it is fresh and has been kept air-tight in its container.

HOUSEHOLD USES FOR SALT

Salt, most common of all minerals used in every day life, has literally hundreds of household uses in addition to proving flavoring for food. Many of its uses are commonly known but many others are known only to a few and many are almost entirely unsuspected.

Particularly valuable is salt when used as a polish for silverware, copper or brass or even unpainted woods. Using an aluminum kettle, boil the silverware in a solution containing one teaspoon of salt and one teaspoonful of soda per quart. After a very few minutes the silverware may be taken out and will be found cleaned and polished. Use of an aluminum kettle is essential, in a vessel of any other metal the process will fail.

For brass or copper, salt moistened with the juice of an acid fruit, lemon or grapefruit, or with vinegar is an efficient and quick polish. This mixture will also whiten and clean unpainted wood surfaces.

BREAD AND ALE SERVED FREE IN ENG. HOSPITAL

A square of bread and a swallow of lukewarm ale—all for the asking—is the hospitable way in which the English treat the weary traveller as he passes by St. Cross Hospital near Winchester, England. At the same time it is a striking example of how a permanent trust fund may get attached to a purpose that proves transient.

This old-time version of "the pause that refreshes" is the result of a foundation left five centuries ago to provide nourishment for pilgrims along what was then the main road from Southampton to London. The main highway has long since been changed but the old foundation still dispenses its welcome trust.

Modern annuity schemes, with all their benefits, are no match for the King's Annuity, which was set up by Charles II. Before his accession to the throne, young Prince Charles, like most rulers of the day, had his troubles with ambitious opponents.

In 1651, when being by Oliver Cromwell's "Roundheads", some loyal subjects of the Prince used an ancient oak tree in which to hide the Prince from his pursuers. This hiding behind an oak proved profitable to his Majesty's loyal subjects with the result that there was created the King's Annuity to reward the rescuers and their descendants. It is still being paid—at present to a doctor in Andover, Mass.

"The wooden leg fund," which is a 70-year old Boston trust, recently ran into trouble because of over-production. A Boston hospital recently had the terms of the foundation liberalized as it provided for many more artificial legs than were needed, but could

CARGO RECORD IS SET AT PORT OF HALIFAX

HALIFAX, March 9—A record in volume of cargo shipped through the port of Halifax for the first two months of the year, 486,166 tons, was established during January and February of 1935, it was announced in an official statement issued by the Halifax Harbor Commissioners. Last year the total was 385,51 for two months.

The volume for the two months taken separately also established new marks, January with 224,508 tons and February with 261,568 tons. These were both gains of approximately 50,000 tons over the totals for 1934.

Cargo tonnage handled out of the port for a 12-month period ending February 28 amounted to 2,189,962 tons for the corresponding period last year.

Roxy decided to test his cook's knowledge of classical music. "Do you like Verdi?" he asked. "Which one is he?" she replied, "the milkman or the vegetable man?"

not be spent for anything else than wooden legs.

These are just a few of the striking examples of ancient trust funds surveyed in the recent edition of The Cleveland Trust Magazine. While considered generally useful and indispensable it was felt that many trust funds go wrong because of administrative rigidity and the impossibility of a literal execution of the original trust terms.

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