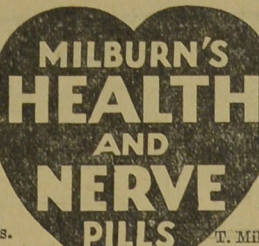


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Our African Letter

(Special Cable Daily Mail)

PRETORIA, South Africa, April 16 —Pretoria Iron and Steel Works have cost five and a half millions sterling to date. Practically all of this vast sum has been provided by the Government of the Union of South Africa; but it is not enough. The appetite of the nursing is seemingly insatiable and there is now need for about another million of money.

A heavy rolling mill is suggested as being necessary for various types of heavy steel products and such a mill it is estimated will cost half a million. It is further proposed to install another blast furnace costing £400,000.

These are large sums of money and as the statutory limit of the company's finance by Government has been reached, it is not improbable that a meticulous survey of the position will be undertaken before the Government goes to Parliament with a proposal for more funds.

ELOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, April 16—Plague is on the outskirts of Bloemfontein. It appears to be taking the pneumonic form and death invariably ensues within twenty-four hours.

At Dealsville the disease is reported to have appeared among the scholars attending the local school and several cases are said to be serious.

Notwithstanding the fact that the farmers of the Modder area have exerted themselves to the utmost to exterminate the rodents, the veld appears to be terribly infested with them.

As the wet season is now drawing to a close and the dry conditions of the autumn and winter are imminent, fears are expressed that the transfer of the plague-carrying flea which infests the rodents may be transferred to the human with greater facility than is at present the case.

The position of the Free State today is more ominous than it has ever been and while it is hoped that the period of greatest infection among rodents has now been reached, there is no positive ground for believing this, and from many reported outbreaks there is reason for thinking that the incidents of greatest infection is little understood especially where there are so many varieties of potential hosts and carriers.

PIETERSBURG, South Africa, April 16—

BEING CORRECT IN WASHINGTON IS SOMEWHAT OF A BORE

Rules Laid Down to Simplify Social Procedure Seem Quite Terrifying to the Newcomer. But Once the Ropes Are Learned, It Is Seen That There Are Many Ways to Cut Corners and Still Be 'in the Swim.'

(By Mary Hornaday)

(In The Christian Science Monitor) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16 — Strolling along the driveway in front of the White House one day recently, I was startled from my meditations by a policeman's call warning me of an approaching automobile.

Stepping back, I recognized Senator Borah, Mrs. Borah was driving. The car halted under the front portico. An alert doorman rushed out, bearing a small silver tray. Rolling down a window, Senator Borah deposited on the tray two small pieces of cardboard. The doorman nodded understandingly. Mrs. Borah started the car. In less time than it takes to tell it, Senator and Mrs. Borah had paid their annual social call at the White House.

This brief ceremony recalled to memory my first introduction to the Washington social system, when, some years ago, my after-school play was interrupted by inquisitiveness as to why a large and shiny limousine had stopped in front of our modest home. My mother informed me that the wife of the Vice-president of the United States was returning a call, which she had made as a fellow Hoosier.

Not Much, After All

Later, this official's wife told of making more than 100 calls that afternoon, a boast which lessened somewhat our feeling of importance at having been noticed. Her part consisted of sitting comfortably in the back of her car and calling out addresses for the chauffeur to find.

Even the democracy of the present Administration has not budged the princely rules by which official contacts are governed. Right now with a new Congress, social form is especially noticeable. Capital bookstores are enjoying "sell-outs" of volumes on etiquette. Women's shops, fortified by decrees from social mentors that "you must wear white gloves", are doing a rushing business. Engravers display the correct in calling cards and invitations. Photographers rush one official wife after another past their cameras by telling them that the society editors are asking for their pictures.

Ritual Makes Heavy Demands

To the newcomer, the ritual at first glance looks complicated, but not insuperable. She knows plenty of women back home who would give anything for the opportunity she now has. Usually she finds that a friend who has been here long enough to know the ropes is glad to take her in tow until she learns something of Washington ways.

The wife of a new congressman, if she wants to do things correctly, must call upon the President's wife in the same manner that Senator and Mrs. Borah did; on the wife of the Vice-President, the wife of the Speaker, wives of the ambassadors and ministers from foreign nations, wives of the justices of the Supreme Court, Senators' wives and wives of all members of Congress who have been in office longer than her husband has.

Few stop to think that these calls, if made, run well up into the hundreds.

Higher-Ups Do Not Escape

Nor do wives of higher officials have any easier time, because they have to pay for the scores of sandwiches and the hundreds of cups of tea the wives of their husband's subordinates consume.

Expectantly, the wife of the new official begins her rounds. She soon learns that the Washington calendar runs like this: Monday, Supreme Court Day; Tuesday, House Day; Wednesday, Cabinet Day; Thursday, Senate Day; and Friday, Diplomatic Day.

Most newcomers rather relish the idea of going to the embassies, and legations to see bits of manners and color transplanted from other shores. A crowd flocks to each "at home" at the Russian Embassy, lured by tales of sumptuous surroundings and huge mounds of caviar.

The glamour soon wears off. Many find it impossible to keep up the pace set by the social advisers. Others become disgusted at the arbitrary rules someone else has made.

"At the Dorns I have to leave seven calling cards", protested one official's wife. "I must leave four cards of my husband's and three of my own because I am told they have a married daughter and a 'post-deb' daughter living with them. It's a pure waste of cards."

"The controversy whether calls should first be paid to the Justice of the Supreme Court or ambassadors has never been settled by the social arbiters; therefore, I run the risk of stirring up international enmity if I call on either one first."

"I must study the lives of the chief justices to find which came to the bench first so I won't make a social error."

Must Study History

"I must study history so I will not call on the wife of one of my husband's contemporaries, whose state was admitted to the Union before ours. Yet the social potentates tell me these rules were devised to simplify social life in Washington!"

Said another wife as she gazed down a long list of her "so-called" superiors, "If I had any false pride about my husband's position, I've lost it now."

Most wives give up in despair after they have called on a few officials from their state or ones with whom their husbands want to make contacts. A few keep up with the race. Some send their cards instead of making calls in person. The attitude of the old-timers who have seen the social rush at the beginning of many congresses was expressed recently by Mrs. Daniel C. Roper, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, quoting a capital adage, "They come and they go, and there isn't much to get excited about."



TENDERS FOR DREDGING

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Dredging, Miramichi Bay (Grandon Flats), N. B.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, April 25, 1935. Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application to the undersigned, also at the office of the District Engineer, Old Post Office Building, Saint John, N. B. Tenders must include the towing of the plant to and from the work. The dredges and other plant which are intended to be employed on this work, shall have been duly registered in Canada on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1922, or shall have been constructed and registered in Canada since the said date.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works equal to 5 per cent of the amount of the tender, or Bearer Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the aforementioned bonds and a certified cheque if required to make up an odd amount. In no case shall the security deposit be less than \$500.00.

By order, N. DESJARDINS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, April 3rd, 1935.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Breakwater Repairs, Negropoint, N. B.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Tuesday, April 30, 1935, for the repairs to the breakwater at Negropoint, St. John County, N. B.

Plans, form of contract and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, at the offices of the District Engineer, Old P. O. Building, Saint John, N. B.; and the Canadian Construction Association, (Saint John Branch), 111 Princess Street, Saint John, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender, or Bearer Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the aforementioned bonds and a certified cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

Note.—The Department will supply blue prints and specification of the work on deposit of a sum of \$10.00, in the form of a certified bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works. The deposit will be released on return of the blue prints and specification within a month from the date of reception of tenders. If not returned within that period the deposit will be forfeited.

By order, N. DESJARDINS, Secretary, Dept. of Public Works, Ottawa, April 9, 1935.

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Of Interest to Women

EASTER BUNNY FABLE MAKES HOLIDAY MORE COLORFUL

Tiny Children Believe in Fairy Quadruped and Older Ones Like to Pretend They Do, Too.

The Easter Bunny may not be drawing on his white kid gloves or muttering, "must not be late or I shall displease the Duchess," but by this time he has his paws deep in dye and rubber gloves are more useful than kid ones.

Is it silly to tell children that his highness the Easter Bunny will hide gay baskets behind the curtain on Easter morning? Or wicked? That depends on your point of view about what constitutes foolishness—or wickedness.

The Easter egg itself is symbolic of the spring season. Those interested in folk lore will find in the archives of history of ancient nations that this homely commodity gilded or colored was passed around among friends as a token of joy and good will on Easter. It was not given in the sense we of Christian nations interpret the Day, but to commemorate an Easter named from Eostre the goddess of spring.

Several festivals of ours, religious and otherwise, it so happens, are coincidental with seasonal holidays celebrated before the Christian era began. Such days were entrenched in the lore of peoples all over the earth and almost unshakable in their traditions and customs.

Widely Observed Festival

No other such festival is as universal today as this one of the Easter season. It is celebrated by diverse peoples in various ways. In Christian states it is the anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ, in others it represents the resurrection of nature and another kind of new hope. It is a day of rejoicing in whatever sense celebrated. And gay symbolism usually attend such times.

Now, about the rabbit himself. Is

it against your grain to tell Nick that his small friend lopes about the countryside with polychrome baskets hung on his ears. Or like Uncle Wiggily, that he travels in state in a car?

This is for you to decide. If you are a realist you will take Nick along to the store and say, "I want a pink basket, a chocolate bunny, half a pound of jelly beans and two blue eggs."

If you believe that the impossible and the whimsical are permissible in this technical world, you will keep it all a secret and let Nick supply the facts. You would be following a thousand or two thousand year old custom that never seemed to do any harm and has made many children very happy.

No Conflict With Religion

Everyone will agree that the lore of tradition has no quarrel with religion. Easter has two separate symbols.

As for the fiction of the bunny, let us examine our own tastes and see if there is a dividing line between the beauty of fact and that of fancy in literature, drama and the other arts.

Shakespeare used whimsy, the supernatural and the impossible. So did most of the old classics. Today we have Barrie, Dunsany, Molnar, Bradford and Connelly. Do you, friend parent, discriminate against the untrue for yourself?

This is a far cry from our homely little Brer Rabbit, but it all comes back to the ledger of imagination to be balanced. Why worry about the nice little myth? It cannot hurt tiny children who take things at face value anyway, and the others are pretty sure there is no fairy quadruped but like to pretend they think so.

The Birds of Canada

Characterizing it as the "black robber" and the worst enemy of some of our largest and most useful birds, P. A. Taverner, ornithologist of the National Museum of Canada and widely known authority on birds, shows no sentimental attachment for the crow in his "Birds of Canada" published by the National Museum, Department of Mines, Ottawa. "The crow is about as black as it is painted and friends of the bird need have no fear of its extermination. Wary, intelligent, and adaptive, it is well able to survive even should every man's hand be turned against it. The most strenuous efforts practicable will never imperil the species, and as for active methods of control, probably the least satisfactory and most expensive one is the bounty system."

Strikingly in contrast is his opinion of the robin. "The familiar harbinger of Spring, originally named by Englishmen in remembrance of old home scenes, has, on its own merits, carved a place for itself in the affection of the North American people." Its worst enemy is probably the domestic cat. "A well-fed cat will not effect the same destruction as one that has to earn its own living, but not even the best and fattest and laziest cat can resist the stealthy stalk and rapid pounce when the occasion offers even though afterwards it refrains from eating its prey."

The English sparrow is denounced as one of the most undesirable importations from Europe. "In Canada this bird has multiplied beyond all reason and though its objectionable features have increased its commendable ones have not."

The Canada goose is described as one of the most intelligent and wildest of birds, which exhibits occasional bits of strategy that are astonishing. "Domestically the Canada goose is a model for man. Geese generally mate for life, mourn a lost mate and are not easily comforted. Both sexes assist in the responsibilities of the family life and if necessary share the sup-

reme sacrifices in its behalf."

How migratory birds find their way is still only vaguely understood. "No sense with which we are familiar explains how some species return unerringly to lonely oceanic islands over wastes of monotonous sea". The Arctic Tern, nesting from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the polar regions and wintering as far south as the Antarctic continent, doubtless performs the greatest migratory journey.

"Birds of Canada" strikes a warning note in relation to the protection of wild fowl. "In its early days the Migratory Birds Convention Act was a potent factor in the conservation of wild life, but today we are not so optimistic, and unless means are found to reduce the annual kill, or to materially increase production, the future of North American migratory game will afford deep concern to sincere conservationists and thoughtful sportsmen alike. The only factor that seems possible of direct or immediate control is the legal kill, but this, the generality of sportsmen seem most reluctant to apply to the practical needs of the case."

Published to awaken and stimulate an interest, both aesthetic and practical, in a study of Canadian birds, "Birds of Canada" is a popularly written, exhaustive account of all kinds of birds known to occur in the Dominion, their distinguishing features, nestings, economic status, and distribution. Familiar names are used technical terms are avoided whenever possible. A "Key to Birds of Canada", presented in the introductory pages, provides a ready means for the identification of unknown species.

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