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ETON DISCOVERS AMERICA

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NEW YORK, Oct. 15—In article after article in this travel series we Americans have been seeing others of foreign nationalities through American eyes, generally in a favorable light, but this time we have an opportunity to learn about Americans and about travel in our own country. And the information comes from English schoolboys who have gazed upon us and made possible this particular answer to Robert Burns's famous prayer:

Oh wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!

A fine lot of fifteen Eton boys, seers of things and people American, had thoroughly enjoyed sixteen days of touring which took in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal and Boston. It was an enlightening experience to talk with the two masters who accompanied them—the Rev. R. D. Hudson and Edgar Tomlin, who rowed with the Oxford crew in the Oxford-Cambridge boat race of 1935—and several of the boys, sixteen-year-old Robin James, son of Admiral Thomas Norman James of the British Navy, and the eighteen-year-old Arthur Serocold of Baldock Herts and Ronald Kershaw, who has one of those long English addresses—Oulton Hall, Crowton, near Northwich, Cheshire.

Left after introductions, to their own opinions, the boys started right in. The interview began with a pattern, but soon, with no holds barred, it became a free-for-all. First we asked them what they thought of Americans and Serocold delivered the opening blow, but it landed above the belt, if you figure North American's belt line around 49 degrees latitude. "Americans are nicer than Canadians," he began.

"You get to know people far quicker here than in England," said Kershaw.

"Americans are much more polite than Canadians," Serocold added. "Your hospitality is wonderful," said Robin James.

"New York is far more advanced than European cities," resumed Serocold, "but get out in the country and you find it far more backward, that is, less developed than our country districts."

Page Our Railroad Men

"The trains in England are much better than in America," said Kershaw. "Your trains go so much slower here, and they are more uncomfortable than ours."

"Your trains look more comfortable from the outside," pointed out Serocold.

"But aren't," insisted Kershaw. "However, your sleepers are better than on our trains," Serocold noted. "Yes," agree Robin James with special emphasis, "they are good!"

"Food is better here than in England," came Kershaw's opinion on this subject.

Asked if he meant only on trains, he replied, "On trains and everywhere."

"But the service is slower here," said Serocold.

"The service in most hotels is awful," came in Robin James with real feeling, "but it is good in this one. In some hotels we were starved before we finally were served."

"Americans are very commercially minded," said Kershaw. "They always tell you what a thing costs, also how long it took to build."

Re American Girls

"The women here are much better educated," said Robin James. "They are more intelligent than women in England."

"Here you find a girl of nineteen taking an interest in politics," pointed out Kershaw, "while in England a girl of that age wouldn't even be thinking about any political matter."

"All the women here take the trouble to dress well," was Serocold's contribution on the subject.

"Things are much more easy going here—that is, people take things which don't go right much more easily," said Kershaw. "For example, you go out in a taxi and it bumps a motor car, but nobody gets excited over it—they just drive on. Or something goes wrong with the train. People get out and wander about the line, taking things easy until everything is all right again."

"The train is an hour late," added Serocold, "and nobody is bothered by it. Nobody fusses and nobody tries to do anything about it."

It's Bothered Us Too

"This daylight saving is frightfully difficult," said Robin James. "With two different kinds of times you always have to keep at it trying to find out just when you are going or coming or doing anything."

"Then on top of that," Kershaw added, "you have your differences in standard time. Fortunately we have only one time in the British Isles."

"Americans are trusted to look after themselves more than the English," Serocold resumed. "There's not so much regulation here. You seldom see an official on a subway platform, and it is amazing the way level (railroad) crossings are left unguarded."

"But you do have a lot of traffic lights," said Robin James, "and they are awful! You have to look about half an hour to find them, and then when you find out where they are, they're just changing and you have to wait another half hour before you can move."

"Your taxis are marvelous," said Kershaw.

"Especially in Washington, where they are cheap," added Serocold.

"And they have something you would never find in any taxis in England—radios," Kershaw pointed out.

"Your radios in America are very good and very cheap," said Robin James.

Asked what he thought of our radio programmes, he replied, "They are very good."

"They appeal to me because of their dance music," said Serocold.

Kershaw gave his approval too. "American programmes give one about every thing one can want, and they continue so much later at night than ours."

We've Heard This Before

"The advertisements are rather amusing," laughed Robin James, recalling some extravagant claims he heard sandwiched between songs.

All three boys agreed that it was extraordinary that no matter where you went homes and other buildings were all mixed up as to style. They were impressed by the unfinished appearance of American cities and by vacant lots, often with weeds, rubbish and puddles of water, scattered through cities. Chicago they found especially well supplied with such vacant stretches.

"Fine country houses such as we have throughout the British Isles are noticeably lacking in this country," Kershaw commented.

"It is not as hot here as lots of people make out," said Serocold.

"You have to consider that we have never been in a heat wave," Kershaw noted. "So we don't know how hot it really can become."

"Your air-conditioning is fine," Serocold noted. "I don't care much for the clothes American men wear."

"Baseball," said Robin James, "looks great fun to play—a jolly good game. But everybody who plays it looks so very tough!"

"I don't like your American beer," announced Serocold. "But your canned beer is quite an idea."

One Found a Relative

At this point another Etonian, Ronald Speed, joined the group, staying long enough to remark, after he had learned what all the talking was about:

"I like the way you Americans are

King Cole TEA

all so very keen on your ancestors. Somebody in Chicago found out that he and I were related from back in the seventeenth century. His wife had done a book on the family."

The interview was nearing an end, and the boys' summing up of Americans and what they had liked best came as follows:

Serocold: "On the boat coming over everybody told us we would like America."

Kershaw: "And we have. I enjoyed everything frightfully."

Robin James: "Quite true!"

Serocold: "I liked Chicago best."

Robin James: "Washington is the prettiest city we saw, with all its trees."

Kershaw: "New York is my favorite city—nothing else to touch it."

Serocold: "Everybody has been so hospitable."

Robin James: "Americans are very amiable too."

Serocold: "The Americans you see here differ very much from those you see travelling abroad."

Kershaw: "No one worries here. The trouble is how you have to spend money in this country. I brought with me what I thought was a large sum, and it was gone in a week."

Serocold: "There is nothing to do in America without spending money."

Kershaw: "I do want to say that seeing New York from the top of that tall building in Rockefeller Center was absolutely marvelous. It was something you couldn't quite believe. What you saw was like something faked for the cinema. The skyscrapers looked so unreal."

The Eton group of fifteen boys and two masters were associated with 103 other boys, who constituted the third annual good-will student tour under Major J. M. West, master of Shrewsbury School, Shropshire. Among the Etonians were the Hon. G. H. Boscawen, son of Viscount Falmouth, and Henry Hildyard, son of Sir Reginald Hildyard, governor of Bermuda. Young Hildyard joined the group here in New York at the Hotel Wellington, having come on from Bermuda following a visit with his family there. As for Bermuda, the Governor's son says, "It's a fine place for a holiday."

Discussing the trip, Mr. Tomlin said: "The cities we have liked most of all have been Chicago and New York. The boys have been very much impressed with Chicago. Most English people have the idea that Chicago is a city of gangsters."

"Perhaps," continued Mr. Tomlin with a smile, "some of us were surprised to see no gangsters shooting up each other and the citizenry. We were all impressed with Chicago's beautiful lakeside and parks and its fine buildings."

CHEMISTRY WIDELY INFLUENCES WORLD

Has New and Increasing Domination of Biological, Medical Research.

Chemistry is the instigator of benign revolutions and it is still capable of causing others. This impact of chemistry upon civilization was one of the subjects discussed at the Blackpool meeting of the British Association of the Advancement of Science.

The portion of chemistry that is labeled "organic" is relatively a modern development. C. J. T. Cronshaw, managing director, Imperial Chemical Industries, observed, although chemistry as a science has grown out of the earliest times.

The discovery of mauve by Perkin and his commercial exploitation of his invention showed to the world the possibilities of this branch of chemistry. Mr. Cronshaw stated. Up on this discovery Germany gradually erected a great and progressive industry. The success of the dyestuffs industry showed in a very clear way the importance of organic chemistry as a tool in a modern world.

That is only one example, from one of many fields. Sir Henry Dale, head of Britain's Institute for Medical Research, considers that this new and increasing domination of biological and medical research, by chemical methods and ideas, represents the greatest of all the services of chemistry to the community.

Burglar (on being arrested)—Just my bloomin' luck. I spend 'arf the night making friends with the dog, and then go an' step on the cat.

SAILING TODAY FROM MONTREAL SOUTHERN CRUISE

MONTREAL, Oct. 14—Travel from Montreal aboard 'Lady' liners of the Canadian National Steamships on their 25 day round trip voyages to Bermuda, the Bahama Islands, and Jamaica has been so popular this fall that the departure from here of the R.M.S. Lady Somers tonight will take a capacity list of fall vacationists to these southern holiday resorts. The sister ship, Lady Rodney, has also been doing a good passenger business over this route and on her next sailing October 28th will also have a good booking list.

Prominent among the passengers sailing tonight will be the following: Dr. A. W. Haldimand, Medical Director, Northern Electric Co. and Mrs. Haldimand, E. E. Duckworth, asst. secretary Sun Life Assurance Co. and Mrs. Duckworth, all of Montreal, Mrs. S. Kipp, of Hull, Que., secretary to Hon. P. F. Casgrain, P. A. Magnan and Miss Gabrielle Pouliot, winners of vacation tour contest, Radio Station CHRC, Quebec, also Miss Simone Pouliot, Miss L. Bouchard, Miss A. Valancourt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Desrochers, Miss G. Pouliot, Miss S. Pouliot, Paul A. Magnan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourget and C. E. Huard, composing a French speaking tour party, all from Quebec City, in which is also included Rev. Father A. Lessard of Montmagny, Que., all of these boarding the ship at Quebec. Timothy Burns, general manager Bethlehem Steel Co., Lackawanna, Pa., will board the ship at Montreal.

Other passengers will include the following: Miss M. Billing, Miss D. Catchpole, Miss Viola Elliott, Miss E. Heron, Miss Anne M. Landry, Miss Marie Louise Lalande, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McNamee, Miss V. J. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stewart, Miss May Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. C. Mather, H. Twaits and G. E. Viger, all of Montreal.

Those from other points include Miss M. Carson, Miss Edith Ellis, Miss G. Fairbairn, Miss M. Gunn, Miss J. W. Dunnett, Miss P. Nolan and Miss M. O'Shaughnessy, all of Ottawa. In addition to these are many passengers from several other Canadian and United States cities over a wide range of territory.

C.N.S. WILL SAIL FROM HALIFAX ON OCTOBER 22

SAINT JOHN, Oct. 13—The Liner 'Lady Drake', Canadian National Steamships, Capt. N. J. Roach, arrived at Saint John today (Tuesday) with passengers returning from vacation cruises to Bermuda and the Leeward and Windward Islands, Barbados, Trinidad and British Guiana, via Boston.

Passengers on board included W. G. Bryan, Miss R. Conyers, Miss D. Kemp, Miss H. F. Mackenzie, for Montreal; R. S. Proverbs, Toronto; Mrs. H. Freestone, Halifax; Miss M. P. Cameron, New Glasgow; and Miss R. Hallett, Saint John.

Cargo consists of sugar, molasses, bananas, citrus fruits and general. The 'Lady Drake' will sail from Halifax on October 22 on another cruise voyage to Bermuda, the sunny isles of the Caribbean and British Guiana, via Boston, with an extensive list of fall vacationists. These cruises form a very attractive autumn voyage and many are taking advantage of deferred summer holidays to visit the enchanting isles of the Caribbean on 'Lady' liners.

CITY OF FREDERICTON Tenders For Wood

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LONE CONSTABLE KEEPING WATCH OVER 'RESISTERS'

LOVETT, Alta., Oct. 15—A lone policeman kept watch over a seven-mile stretch of abandoned railway track tonight to prevent any possibility of violence as the result of the efforts of 'squatters' to prevent its being torn up.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable took up his vigil Saturday as Canadian National Railways section crews resumed the work of tearing up the track between Foothills and Lovett, 140 miles southwest of Edmonton.

The railway is a spur from the coal branch line and once served a number of coal mines in this area. The mines long since have been abandoned as unprofitable, and the railway company, armed with permission from the Board of Railway Commissioners, is removing the track.

Continuing their passive resistance to the track removal, begun Friday, nearly 100 men, women and children took up sitting positions on the rails Saturday. The work proceeded slowly as the husky track workers, appearing embarrassed, "worked around" the sitters.

"The crew didn't want to start any trouble, so they just worked around the women and left them sitting on the rails," said an eyewitness.

Settlers along the seven-mile stretch of track have expressed their determination to keep open their only means of communication with the "outside." Known as "squatters," about twenty families reside at various points.

SUGAR BEET CROP BEST FOR YEARS

EDMONTON, Oct. 15—A sugar-beet crop of 200,000 tons is being harvested in Southern Alberta, it was stated here today by L. C. Charlesworth, General Manager of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District and Director of Water Resources for the Provincial Government. The crop is one of the best in recent years. Weather conditions for harvesting are ideal.

Mr. Charlesworth estimated there would be an average yield of ten tons an acre from 20,000 acres, of which 7,500 are on the Lethbridge Northern project. New \$1,000,000 sugar refinery built at Picture Butte was opened Monday and now is in operation. A twenty-six-mile gravelled road from Lethbridge to the plant has been completed.

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