

THE WORLD FROM A TO Z

Moonlight in Agra When the Taj Mahal Is About the Most Beautiful Thing on Earth and Orchids in Zamboanga At Fifty Cents a Dozen.

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The round-the-world traveler, Gwen Dew, who "saw the world on \$50,"—that is, she left the United States with this limited sum, a steamship ticket and a typewriter to work her travel way and succeeded in visiting sixteen countries in eighteen months—was about to see the Taj Mahal by moonlight when we left her last week.  
"It was a soft sweet night when I started from the hotel in Agra," said Miss Dew. "Somehow it didn't seem right to dash to the Taj Mahal in an automobile on such a perfect night, so I chose to ride in a carriage. As I entered the gardens, a silver mist was drifting across them, so that at first the Taj appeared in this veil like a fairy castle rising from some dream picture.  
"Slowly as the moon came up and the mist disappeared, the glorious marble creation of Shah Jahan for his beloved Mumtaz-Mahal rose free and clear against a certain of delicate blue jeweled with stars, and in the still waters of the pool leading to this incomparable architectural gem appeared its reflection.  
"This moonlight view of the Taj left me with a feeling of having bathed in perfect beauty, of having stood in awe and humility before the shrine of a love which will never die.  
Elsewhere in India  
"In the sunlight you are more conscious of details and are concerned more with the structure's details than with the emotions which a moonlight view inspires, but no matter what time of day or how many times you see it, the tomb which Shah Jahan erected for his Mumtaz is a fascinating sight.  
"In Delhi the chief appeal for me was the shops, some of them veritable museums. I particularly enjoyed one shop where a fine-looking Indian sat on the floor before me and spread his treasures there—priceless Kashmir shawls, jeweled pieces of satin precious stones, carved ivory, rich rugs, beaten bowls of shining brass and delicate pieces of tie-and-dye silk.  
"The shop of a famous jeweler produced the Maharajah of an Indian State for me. I believe he was more interested in me than I was in him, for he never took his eyes from me as I looked over the wondrous collection of emeralds, diamonds and other precious stones placed before me—just to enjoy seeing, not buying. I suppose he kept wondering what a poor American tourist was thinking of as she looked at these treasures.  
"When the Maharajah wasn't looking at me I noted that he wore in each of his ears a diamond the size of the end of a large finger. Two other immense diamonds sparkled on

his hands. His costume consisted of light white trousers, a light-colored sort of frock coat and an amazingly wound turban on his head.  
"Delhi stores make a specialty of keeping a book with customers' and visitors' names, usually with some comment by each. One notation showed that Robert Ripley had purchased twelve bubble-bubble pipes in a certain shop—believe it or not. Among others whose names appeared were Miss Barbara Hutton, Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Widener, Baron M. de Rothschild and Prince Arthur of Connaught.  
"The trip from Colombo to Egypt by a Japanese ship was the longest voyage I had on my round-the-world trip, even longer than the Pacific crossing. It took two weeks to reach Aden, the first stop. And Aden, which is British territory, isn't much to see. Important for its strategic position, it boasts the Rock, which rises 1,700 feet behind the town, and on it are the chief defenses of the port. To me the best sight there was an American newspaper woman whom I met in Japan. She was a passenger on the same ship, but because she was traveling in another class I had not seen her during the two weeks out from Colombo."

Not Such a Tough Place

In Egypt Miss Dew made a hurried trip, seeing the museum and mosques of Cairo, the perfume and other shops, and the Pyramids. Also, she took a camel ride. Her last night in Egypt she spent in Port Said, but she found it exceedingly drab, no longer deserving of its reputation as "the wickedest port in the world."  
"My return to Europe at Naples," said Miss Dew, "was made notable by the fact that it was the first land of white people which I had seen for almost a year. Of course I had seen white people all along the way from Japan to Egypt, but this Oriental part of my round-the-world trip is populated almost entirely by people with skins ranging from ebony black through tones of yellow to soft golden.  
"Italy had changed since I was there five years ago. I hadn't been in Naples long before I found that everything is cleaner and brighter, that large new modern buildings have been erected to house offices of the Fascist regime. A woman in my hearing bemoaned the fact that all the quaintness of Italy is being destroyed. If she meant the dirty streets it was right. But I have seen so much dirt in various parts of the world, that I'll do without it any time. Rome, too, has been transformed in various sections by Mussolini.  
"One afternoon I had tea at the

home of Casella, the conductor and composer. He told me he had just completed a one-act opera on the Italian campaign in Ethiopia, which he described as completely modern, dramatic in conception and very stirring.  
"And I went back to the famous little restaurant of Alfredo, who was knighted because he makes such marvelous spaghetti. When he serves you the long slender strands of this dish, he lifts the mass in the air, drops it gently into the huge platter, adds a bit more of this and that, fussing with it as though it were a baby, and then stands back and admires his creation. Finally he gives a satisfied sigh, and with a dramatic gesture places it on the table before you as though you were a king or queen.  
"Alfredo used to display very proudly a golden spoon and fork given him years ago by Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. When asked about the whereabouts of this gift, he replied with a smile and a salute, "To Mussolini!" As the wives of Italy had given their wedding rings to the nation during the Ethiopian campaign, so had Alfredo given his spoon and fork of gold."

China Calls Again

Asked about the highlights of her world tour, Miss Dew answered: "China was the most interesting country I visited. I want to go back even though it is full of dirt. I am glad to have seen India, but I doubt if I shall ever return there. For actual color Jaipur was outstanding, with a high caste wedding ceremony a living rainbow of a thousand guests being entertained in the street, not to forget the twelve-year-old bride, and groom.  
The so-called 'monkey dance' I saw in Bali, with chanting instead of gamelan music, was a sight and sound never to be forgotten—300 brown-skinned men dancing in a sitting position around a central fire as they swayed their bronze bodies and as their 600 upturned palms flickered in the light.  
"Two typhoons proved to be quite an experience. The first one hit two days out from Yokohama, and the other caught me in Manila. So I no longer have to get my typhoons second hand by reading Conrad's famous description.  
"As my last words to readers of The Sun from a travel writer for the Detroit News I want to urge tourists in the Orient to devote more time to the Philippines. They may not be there in the midst of a gold-mine boom and see single shares of mining stock being auctioned off for a few pesos to natives in drug stores and other places, but about everything else will be available: the picturesque rice terraces, to me the eight wonder of the world the Pas-anhan Rapids, which you shoot in native canoes; the mountain resort at Baguio, where the picturesque primitive and the civilized modern meet, the Zamboanga, with the tropics at its best and twelve orchid plants for 50 cents.

NEW PROVINCIAL POLICE WILL HAVE NOVEL FORCE

All Members Will Be of Equal Rank—Young Men Chosen To Fill Posts—Thousands of Applicants For Positions

MONTREAL, Aug. 6—Every aid to modern police work is being used by the Provincial Police Department, now being reorganized under Chief Philippe Aube. It is intended to make it one of the most efficient police units on the continent. Apart from the old and tried methods, new ideas seldom before introduced into police work are being tried to render the organization more efficient.  
In one respect it resembles a

Mexican army, as all members are of equal rank. Only, instead of all being generals, they are merely detectives. Brief spells of authority are enjoyed by members only when they are appointed to take charge of certain investigations which other detectives working on the same case must take orders from them.  
This is intended to do away with the petty jealousy and inter-departmental politics that are to be found in many police departments as the result of wire-pulling for higher positions. Later on, certain officers who have made exceptionally good showings may receive senior positions, but at present all are on equal basis.  
Salaries are now all the same, but later may vary according to the 'results' produced by different detectives. A topnotcher, while of the same rank as another detective who has not the same ability, will receive more money. None of the detectives now on the payroll have yet received permanent appointments. All are on probation and any whose work is not satisfactory will be weeded out and replaced.  
The department is still considerably under-staffed. Thousands of applicants have been examined, but few have been able to pass the rigid physical and educational tests given them. The force as it now stands is the youngest police department on the continent. The majority of the members are in their early twenties. Many are university graduates and the others have equivalent to high school educations.  
New men are being added every week. A new feature which is soon to be installed is a short-wave broadcasting system, through which headquarters can keep in touch with the men in all parts of the province. Automobiles used by detectives will be equipped with receiving sets.  
Another aid to efficiency is the proposed installation of division headquarters in various parts of the province where a number of men will be kept on hand to cover any trouble in their districts. Up to now detectives have all worked from headquarters in Montreal and on several occasions, precious time has been lost in answering emergency calls from distant villages or towns.  
It was pointed out that during a recent robbery in Hull, that it took provincial police, who raced up from Montreal, two hours to reach the scene. Sub-stations, strategically

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