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his observations and experiences on his trip. I feel sure that the readers of the local publication will enjoy reading his letter.

Trondheim
June 29th

Dear Otto-

We have covered a great deal of territory since we landed at Liverpool May 22nd and naturally will have a whole lot to talk about after our return. We allowed ten days for bombed cities of Germany and Bavaria, including the celebrated Berchtesgaden and surroundings.

This is written upon the completion of a 10 day cruise to the North Cape, and beyond to Kirkenes where Norway and Russia dove-tail in with extreme northwest Finland. We were permitted to go within 300 yards of the symbolic Iron Curtain where barbed wire barricades and Norwegian sentries block the entrance into an alleged peaceful "No man's land".

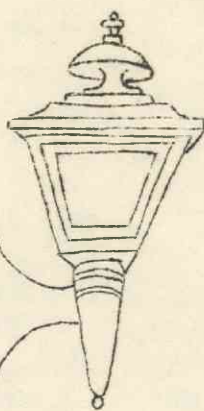
Last year you published an article by me headed "Highlands Weather" so I'll devote this to observations of the effects of "The Sea Around Us" on weather up in the land of the midnight sun. After four days travel from Kirkenes we have just crossed the Arctic Circle which is still some distance-2000 miles approximately-north of Highlands!

If you recall your geography Norway's comparable mild climate along the west coast, and around the top to the Russian border is due to the Gulf Stream. Although it is chilly at sea the cold winds call for heavy wraps even on land, despite thermometer readings of 50° to 60°.

We were pleasantly surprised to note that tulips of every color grow big and tall and are in full bloom over a distance of 1000 miles wherever there is any favorable soil. Also noted in bloom were many of the hardy garden flowers. All Norwegians seem to love flowers and every house has potted plants in the windows. The one flower which interested us was the dwarf dahlia, usually single, in the same colors we grow in Highlands; but the stalks varied from 6" to 12" high! At Hammerfest, advertised as the world's northernmost town, we noted that jonquils were in full bloom, as well as tulips and hyacinths.

It was surprising to know that Norway is self-sustaining in the matter of potatoes, cabbage, eggs, (but no poultry), and dairy products. The usual garden vegetables cannot be raised except in hot houses; consequently vegetables are expensive. For parents whose child-

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THE Colony Shops

Luncheon from 12⁰⁰ 2:30

-Soups-

Bean, tomato, chilled madrilene

-Salads-

Chicken, tossed green, fruit

-Sandwiches-

Baked ham, chicken, tuna

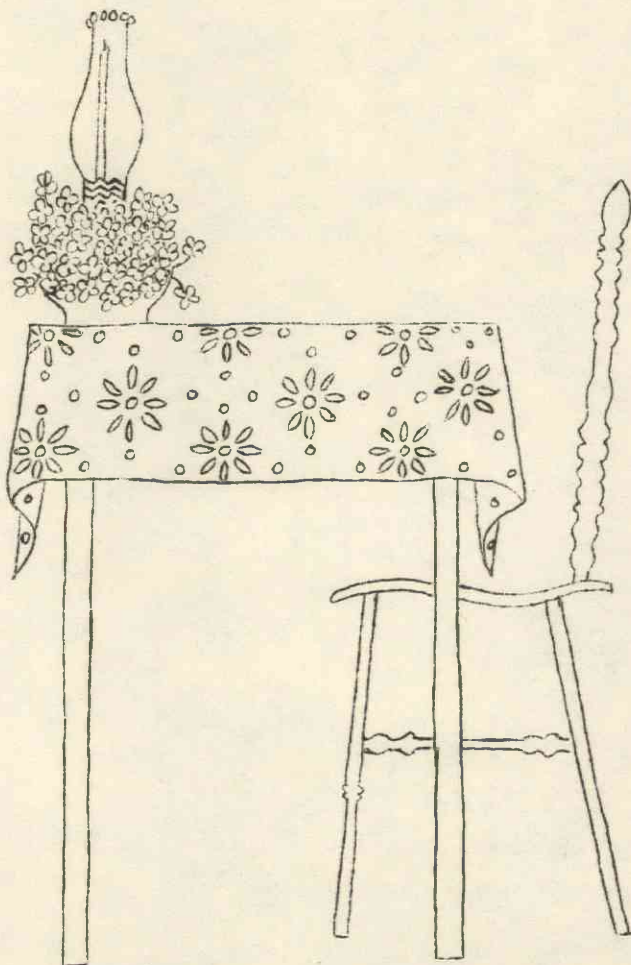
-Hot Dishes-

Chicken, roast beef

-Cold Plates-

Ham, cheese, potato salad

Home made pies and cakes



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