

### TRAVEL IN IRELAND A PRECARIOUS PLEASURE

When You Arrive You Want to  
"Sing Out Your Business"  
to the Hall Porter

DUBLIN, Dec. 15. (Correspondence Associated Press).—Ireland today is a land where it is advisable for the newly arrived unacquainted traveler to tell the hall porter, at his hotel who he is, his nationality, his business in town and how long he expects to stay, then be most circumspect in whatever he does or says.

People with uncertain backgrounds or on indefinite missions get courteous receptions, but it is futile for them to expect their welcomes to be tinged with anything approaching familiarity, normally one of the dominant Irish characteristics. Therefore the wisdom of "sing out your business" as one American traveler expressed it, to your hall porter.

Uninitiated Americans perhaps would not understand the important position occupied by this functionary. He is a veritable encyclopedia of information and "Who's Who" of everything important concerning the hotel, its management and staff and its guests.

It is this individual that travelers almost invariably consult when they make their unconventional visits to hostilities in search of wanted persons. His statement that a person asked for was an American or Frenchman and that he came to town for some legitimate purpose has been known to save the guest an abrupt waking and quiet, possibly at the point of a revolver.

Instances recently published in newspapers of persons shot "by mistake," or as has been claimed in at least one case, because the victim has been seen conversing with a "marked man" has infused the whole atmosphere of Ireland with suspicion and diffidence. Travelers learn sooner or later that no one wants to know anyone else in Ireland today unless some form of credit is forthcoming, or a mutual friend is willing to vouch for the newcomer's acceptability and trustworthiness.

This state of affairs has transformed old-time happy-go-lucky Ireland into a country where conversations in public places are carried on in undertones, where not shift, but shifting, furtive glances are shot at strangers, and where no one is his brother's keeper.

### Lumberton

LUMBERTON, Jan. 1.—Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, December 28, in the presence of a few friends and relatives, a pretty wedding was solemnized at the new home of Dr. and Mrs. Neil Archie Thompson, when their daughter, Miss Sadie, became the bride of Mr. Claude Lee Watson of Winston-Salem. The home was artistic in Christmas greens and potted plants. The soft glow of shaded lights lent solemnity to the scene. At the appointed hour Miss Julia Thompson, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, entered to the strains of Lohengrin played by G. Ed. Rancke. Following came the bride, with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Stafford, as dame of honor. Entering from the left came the groom with his best man, F. Ell Wishart.

Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated in his usual impressive manner. The ring ceremony was used "Flower Song" was softly played.

The bride was attired in a handsome going-away suit of blue tulle with accessories to match and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses and valley lilies. The dame of honor was beautifully gowned in black charmeuse and carried pink Killarney roses. The maid of honor wore a brown charmeuse and carried pink Killarney roses.

Mrs. Watson is the attractive daughter of Dr. N. A. Thompson and is a very accomplished young lady. She was educated at Flora Macdonald college and East Carolina Training school. Mr. Watson is the son of C. W. Watson of Winston-Salem, and a promising young business man.

One of the most delightful affairs of the holiday season was a progressive dinner party given by the members of the traveling house party, which was organized in 1916, composed of five of Lumberton's most attractive young ladies—Misses Margaret Pope, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Pope; Mary Lee Cadwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cadwell; Viola Jenkins, daughter of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins; Hazel Carlyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, and Rachel McNamara, sister of Mrs. John Knox.

Promptly at six the first course was served, oysters on the half shell, with olives, Miss Jenkins hostess; at seven a most course, Miss McNamara hostess; at eight a tempting salad course, Miss Pope hostess; at nine a delicious desert of ambrosia and coffee and mints, Miss Cadwell hostess.

Here the party lingered for a jolly good time, being entertained with games and music.

Those enjoying the hospitality of these young ladies and their elegant homes were Robert McIntyre, John Proctor, Robert Caldwell, Herman Crump and John B. McLeod. A most enjoyable event of the holiday season was an attractive dinner party given at the Lorraine hotel on Monday evening, December 27, for Mr. Josh Baxley, of Barnwell, S. C., by several local young men. After dinner the party was entertained for the rest of the evening at the Pastime theatre. The invited guests were: Misses Hazel Carlyle, Wilma Durham, Viola Jenkins, Sara Carlyle and Elsie Thompson; Josh Baxley, Lewis Wicker, Ell Wishart, Dewey, English and Walt Wishart.

### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MEN TRY TO CHECK STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Officials of the department of justice here said late today that they were trying to check up the story of Eric Lundblad, prisoner at Waupun, Wis., that Giovanni Costello, Italian radical, had knowledge of the Wall street bomb disaster. A number of agents had been detailed for the investigation, they said, but no progress had been reported.

### A KING GOES SHOPPING

PARIS, Jan. 1.—When returning to Spain via Paris after a recent visit to England, King Alfonso called at several toyshops here to make purchases for his children. Catching sight of some musical instruments in one shop, he immediately ordered a bugle, a bass drum, cymbals, a trombone and a clarinet, adding with a smile, "Just to drive the nurse mad."

The president of the United States, when using his automobile for pleasure in Maryland, must have registration markers of that state, and the chauffeur driving the car must carry a Maryland operator's license.



Sweden has 8,500 automobiles. Public hospitals in New York city operate a fleet of 19 motor ambulances. In the last ten years there has been a decrease of 1,930,000 horses in this country.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 passenger automobiles are now operating in Tientsin, China.

Personal property taxes on motor vehicles in the United States amounted to no less than \$10,000,000 last year.

President William McKinley received a delegation of the first good roads congress more than 20 years ago.

For tourists in automobiles, many towns in the west provide cooking utensils and free electric current at the motor parks and camps.

New Jersey has approximately 15,000 women automobile drivers. This number is 5 per cent of the total of motorists in that state.

Of the 38 types of passenger cars manufactured in the United States not less than 50 have some form of heaters as standard equipment.

The shortage of labor has resulted in an increase of more than 50 per cent of tractors on farms in Pennsylvania, the present number totalling 6,823.

Of the importation of automobile tires into England, the United States, Canada, France, Italy and Germany provide the great bulk in the order named.

The last tollgate on the state highway system of Maryland was finally eliminated when a sum of \$40,000 was recently paid for a three-mile stretch of road.

The first gasoline-propelled automobile to be successfully operated in the United States was designed and built in this country between August, 1891, and September, 1892.

In Australia, motorcycles are altered for the use of badly-incapacitated veterans of the war. The maimed soldiers travel in the business section of the city of Melbourne with perfect ease.

Harry B. Lachmann, an American artist, travels throughout European countries in an automobile studio. He paints landscapes seated on the top of his motor car, to get the necessarily elevated views.

Because of a new traffic ordinance, every motorist in Detroit is having his automobile headlights tested by the police department. No fee is charged and the examination requires but a few moments.

All new applicants for licenses as automobile operators in Massachusetts must pass a practical road test.

India, after centuries of plowing with a crooked stick, is learning the use of plows and motor tractors.

Carroll Shilling, a popular jockey of the eastern turf, is forsaking horse racing to train as an auto race driver.

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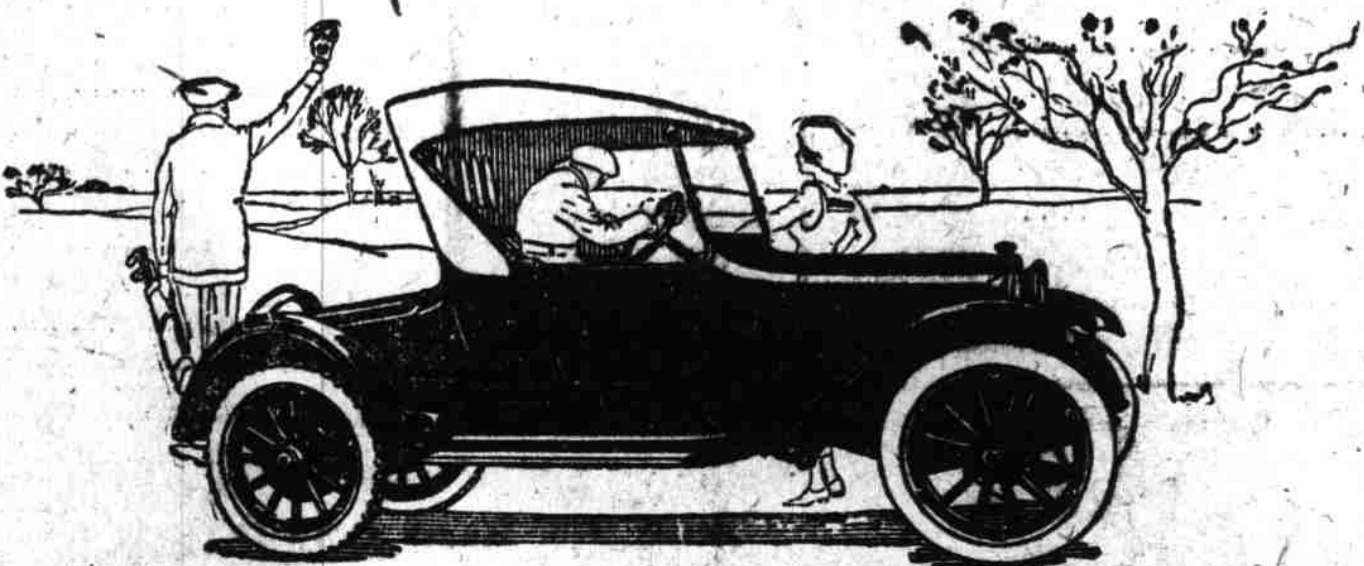
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