

MILLERAND IN KING'S CASTLE

President Spending Vacation in Old Mediaeval Castle.

Rambouillet, France, Sept. 3.—President Millerand of France has been spending his vacation in the mediaeval castle here built by the Kings of France in the 15th century. It is surrounded by a wide moat and flanked with five huge towers.

In days of old when the kings received their guests at official functions, officers commanding 1,000 guards and servants protected royalty and their friends. A few days ago, President Millerand, after receiving credentials from the Papal Nuncio Monsignor de la Cerretti, entertained him at the castle on that day.

The President rises at 7 o'clock every morning, partakes regular American breakfast, toast, coffee, ham or eggs, while reading the morning papers. Millerand does not take any one to mark in blue pencil the articles as may be thought would be interesting to him. "I am an old newspaper editor myself," the President told his secretary one day. "I can read the papers as well as any one."

Then comes a long tramp through the forest of Rambouillet from which he returns to the castle about 11:30 to sign whatever decrees may have reached him from Paris, attend personal telegrams and other business. Lunch is at one o'clock followed by a game of checkers or dominoes while smoking his cigar. Then sleep until 4:30.

A tennis court installed in 1921 upon the spot where, five centuries ago, stood a hand-ball alley is next visited by the President who plays a few sets with his younger sons or some of the latter's friends. The President is very sporty and wears reinforced automobile goggles while playing so as to avoid a possible return in the face. He invariably loses.

At 8:30 Mr. Millerand reads the afternoon mail, then has dinner and a little chat over the coffee. Curfew sounds at 10 o'clock.

STATE PRISON FEELS HOUSING CONDITIONS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 3.—The housing shortage has reached the South Dakota Penitentiary. Built to accommodate 216 prisoners, the institution is now caring for 512 with the prospect of approximately 100 more being added by the first of the year from the full terms of circuit courts.

An old shirt factory, which has been in disuse for years, is being remodelled into a cell dormitory, which according to Warden George Jameson, will take care of the expected increase in the prison population until January 1, 1922. A number of trustees are being housed in outbuildings both inside and outside the prison walls, and on the prison farm a mile away until the converted factory building is ready for occupancy.

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THE BLACK SEA

A Waterway of Modern Argonauts.

Washington, Sept. 3.—"Because the Turkish Nationalists, rebelling at the Treaty of Sevres which stripped the old Ottoman Empire of the Bosphorus and the Greeks who profited heavily by the document, are fighting it out in the Near East, the Black Sea and its gates are again a field of world events," says a bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society.

"The treaty which practically ended Turkish power in Europe made an entirely new entity known as the Zone of the Straits out of the narrow waters that separate Europe and Asia Minor—the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora, and the Bosphorus—and their shores. Over this was placed an international commission. The door which had so long been kept closed by the Turks when they desired, to the detriment of commerce, was to be flung wide open to permit the passage of ships of trade or war belonging to any nation. That this has already been accomplished in a measure is shown forcibly by recent dispatches stating that Greek warships—barred from the Black Sea since the prosperous days of Byzantium—are again sailing its waters and have shelled towns held by the rebellious Turks.

ON ROAD TO GOLDEN FLEECE.

"For thousands of years history and tradition have been busy about this chain of waters, from the mouth of the Danubius to the point nearly 200 miles to the northeastward where the narrower Bosphorus sucks its mighty stream from the Black Sea. Tradition has it that Jason and his fellow searchers for the golden fleece passed through the straits; and later hardy Greek seafarers and colonists, and after them Romans and Genoese, built their bases on their shores and established over their waters the world's important trade routes of their days.

"The Dardanelles, or the Hellespont as the Greeks called it, is the longer of the two great salt-water rivers that separate Europe from Asia Minor. It winds its way from the Aegean Sea with two sharp turns and numerous gentler curves, for 40 miles before it expands into the Sea of Marmora. It is in length and width, it is thus somewhat smaller than Lake Ontario, the smallest of our Great Lakes. But though relatively small, the Marmora in its time has been the center of the world. Probably about no other body of water of such size have so many important cities stood. Of these, Constantinople alone is of importance today; but living and dead cities cover the shores of practically every harbor and headland of the little sea. The settlements that still exist are not even the heirs of the great cities of yesterday, but rather ill-kempt interlopers that under Turkish dominion occupied their sites.

THE SEA OF MARMORA.

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garnus and Rome. It was one of the finest of ancient cities in its prime, its gold coins were the standard of their day as the florins of Florence became the standard in Renaissance times. But when Byzantium, thanks largely to its incomparable location on the Bosphorus, rose to power, the glories of Cyzicus faded. Today practically nothing is left of the once great city. Its buildings were not left to fall; they were torn down by Byzantines and after them by Turks and the stones used in the construction of the latest and still flourishing metropolis of the Straits.

"Though it is both narrower and shorter than the Dardanelles, the Bosphorus, third link in this chain of isthmus, is perhaps most important; for it is the immediate gate to and from the great Black Sea, which reaches toward the heart of Europe. To command this Strait is to command one of the great trade routes of the world, and a fact which has been written deeply into history from the days of the early Greeks to those of the wandering Turks. The Strait is about 20 miles long and varies in width from a third of a mile to two miles. Darius, Persian king, who invaded Europe, took his army over a bridge of boats which he had constructed across the Bosphorus.

WATER ROUTE TO HEART OF EUROPE.

"At its northern end the Bosphorus expands suddenly into the Black Sea. This is no small sea comparable to one of our Great Lakes but a great body of water 750 miles long and from 200 to 400 miles wide. If located in the northeastern portion of the United States it would cover all of the New England States as well as New York and Pennsylvania.

"More nations are now grouped around the Black Sea than perhaps at any other time in history. On the European side of the mouth of the Bosphorus is the tiny patch that remains of Turkey-in-Europe. Next comes the new northern extension of Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania share the western end of the sea, Rumania holding the lion's share. Across the north stretches the old Russian territory which may contribute one or many nations to the Black Sea family. To the east, their status equally questionable, the republics of Georgia and Armenia have a Black Sea shore line, at least on paper. The whole of the rocky southern shore was allotted by the peace conference to Turkey. But it is not only the countries which have a Black Sea frontage that are interested in that sea and its outlets to the south. The broad, navigable Danube carrying the commerce of inland Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Jugoslavia to the Black Sea makes the final settlements in regard to this broad expanse of water a matter of vital interest to a large part of Europe."

HOTEL COT RETURNS TO NORMAL STATE

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 3.—Normalcy has claimed another victim, in Sioux City, the hotel cot.

Overworked during the war period, this despised stepladder of Morpheus has been placed on the retired list at reduced pay. No more than \$1.50 henceforth will be charged for sleeping on a cot in Sioux City hotels and cots will be offered guests only when all other beds are occupied.

Seasoned travelers, who profess to have paid in the past anywhere from \$5 to \$15 (depending upon their imagination) for one night's occupancy of a hard cot, sat up, took notice and allowed that perhaps at this price a person might woe Morpheus with complacency and equanimity.

History's Mysteries

No. 37--The Japanese Dancer

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Her true name appears to have been Marguerite Gertrude Zeile, though the one by which she was much better known—and rather more notoriously—known was Mlle. Mata-Hari, the title which she took when she made her vows as a vestal priestess at the great Buddhist temple of Burma at a time when mixing in the affairs of the great nations of the West was as foreign to her thoughts as the World War was to the minds of the majority of people. But Mata-Hari was destined to come intimately into connection with the conflict of nations, and finally, after a life of mystery, to face a firing squad in the fortress of Vincennes.

The child of a Japanese mother and a wealthy Dutch planter, Marguerite Zeile appears to have been given exceptional opportunities for education and training, opportunities far above those usually afforded to children of her race. Even before she entered the service of Buddha she gave signs of possessing more than an ordinary talent for dancing, and, during the ten years which she spent within the walls of the nunnery, Mata-Hari perfected herself in the art of the Japanese dance. Her native wiles wooed the beneficence of their deities.

But the world stretched forth its first temple in the shape of a young and personable army officer who attended one of the Buddhist festivals and with whom Mata-Hari fell in love at sight. Less than a week later she escaped from the sanctuary and fled with her lover to Paris, where they were married and lived for several years. It was not long, however, before the French capital began to hear rumors of a beautiful and extremely graceful dancer who had brought with her all the sinuous sensuous movements of the East, presenting these before private audiences at special afternoon functions.

Society, ever watching for something novel, enthused over this new sensation and her fame spread to other parts of the Continent. London, Madrid, Rome, Lisbon, Berlin and Vienna all put in bids for her services and Mata-Hari found it hard to meet all the calls for her art. Apparently, she divided her time equally among the different capitals, but those who followed her career closely recalled that she made a point of being in Berlin and Vienna at certain stated periods of the year—the time when the agents of the Wilhelmstrasse, the dreaded German Secret Service, were gathered together for their conferences behind locked doors.

However, no suspicion attached itself to the beautiful Japanese until some time after the outbreak of the war. She came and went, unhindered by any thought of treachery, and during the first two years of the hostilities she flitted through England, Holland, Spain and Portugal, undoubtedly in constant communication with Berlin but unsuspected by the authorities. How much valuable information she had gathered during these trips was never discovered, but the fact that she spent huge sums of money upon her personal adornment and the support of her large and imposing retinue is in itself proof of the fact that the German Secret Service considered her well worth her hire.

Finally, the combination of her friendship with a young officer of the British tank corps and the fact that the Germans had been receiving an al-

most constant flow of information about this most important branch of the service led the English authorities to place Mata-Hari under a more strict surveillance. Sensing this, the dancer removed the scene of her operations to France, but the instant she stepped ashore at Cherbourg the French officials took up the trail where the British had left off. Mata-Hari was a marked woman. Less than a month later she was placed under arrest and the verdict of the court-martial was "Guilty and condemned to be shot for high treason!"

Just what secrets Mata-Hari had discovered, how she managed to get them past the watchful eyes of the British and French censors, how she received the money which enabled her to live in almost regal splendor and the way in which she had secured admittance to the charmed circle of the Wilhelmstrasse are only a few of the mysteries which surround this remarkable woman—mysteries which she took with her when, on the morning of October 15, she faced the rifles of the firing squad in the court-yard of the Palace of Vincennes.

STEERE RETURNS TO HEAD SCOUTS

James E. Steere, former Boy Scout executive here who was elected again to that position by the Boy Scout council Friday night, began his duties Saturday morning. John B. Floyd, who recently resigned as scout executive to take charge of the Topeka, Kansas, Boy Scouts, took the new executive over the details of the work during the morning.

Mr. Steere has been for the last year deputy national field executive for four southern states. He has just returned from a four week's vacation. The council considers itself fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Steere, as he is thoroughly familiar with all Boy Scout work. He accepted the proposal from the local council because he desired to settle down in one place instead of traveling about, he declared. Mr. Steere has had training in scout work at Columbia University.

Mr. Floyd's resignation was officially accepted by the council Friday night. He had been with the local organization about a year and a half, coming here from Louisville, Ky., in April, 1920. The organization has progressed as if by magic under his direction and energetic work, and the council feel that they are losing a valuable man. Resolutions of regret at his departure were adopted.

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