

# AMERICANS WON'T DISCOVER AMERICA

They Haven't Seen Their Own Country but Sail Away to Europe

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer  
New York, May 28.—Americans seem to be the only persons on earth who refuse to discover their own country.

At least three-fourths of the New Yorkers know little of the interior, and fewer persons in the interior know anything much of the eastern seaboard. And Pacific coast residents seem peculiarly cut off from the east. This prejudice arises—dangerous prejudices.

**TRAVEL!**  
With no desire to advertise auto, mobile or gasoline companies, trains or boats or planes, we express an American's wish for Americans to discover America.

Four friends of ours already have gone to Europe this year.

We however, if we can spare the cash, plan to see America once more. Where shall we go? Oh, we don't know. Where would you suggest?

**SIGHTS**  
We know the Hudson river thoroughly but we never have seen the Adirondacks, or the Berkshires, or the White mountains.

We know the Jersey shore, but we never have visited the rockbound coast of Maine nor Cape Cod, down Massachusetts way.

We have gloried in the Great Lakes and have stood in awe at a Niagara Falls enshrouded by industry. We have gone up and down the Ohio river, but we really never have had a good view of the Mississippi.

We have felt a mighty reverence for nature when observing the Palisades, the Kentucky river and the Blue Grass region.

We have traveled to the Far West and have drunk in every minute of vista from the prairies to the Rockies, to the desert to Pacific coast fairland.

We should like to see the Royal Gorge once more, we must see the Grand canyon, we must gaze on Arizona skies again.

Life cannot end for us ere we touch the Big Trees of California, walk meditatively through Yosemite, gaze upon Lake Tahoe.

And we have promised ourselves to give our thoughts entirely to nature in Yellowstone, in Glacier, in Alaska. The vistas are endless.

**VISION**  
But to every man, if he be natural, there comes a vision of a far more beautiful spot. It is a home, surrounded by the most beautiful trees in the world, a home protected from insecurity.

Thus men cry today, in their newly awakened social consciousness: "Nature gave us the land and its wonders, but it is to government that we look to protect us and our families from the depredations upon our inheritance."  
And it is a cry that no government has met successfully yet.

# Congressmen Try Dodges To Ward Off Constituents

Otherwise, No Work Could Be Done By Besieged Representative in Washington; Secretary Must Be Diplomat



Constituents love to visit their representatives in Washington. They like to drop in informally at his office and, staying for just a few minutes, remain the greater part of the morning or afternoon.

This is the fourth or five stories on secretaries to congressmen—the persons who bear the brunt of the mail that now pours in on representatives and senators.

By RILLA SCHROEDER  
Washington, May 28.—Members of congress whose districts are situated west of the Mississippi are the envy of their colleagues.

Not that the easterners and south-easterners have such a yearning for the wide open spaces but such districts are comfortably far off. And bus or train fare to Washington is expensive.

Members of states inconveniently near Washington soon learn the trick of locking their doors at an early hour. It is their only chance of getting their work done.

Try to arouse the office of Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland after 11 o'clock in the morning. Unless you know the secret knock it simply can't be done.

**Too Many Callers**  
It is a curious trait of the American voter that once he has marked his ballot for a man, he believes he owns a part of that individual. He "votes for him" and, consequently, has a right to take up as much of the congressman's time as he likes.

Constituents delight to visit their representative in Washington. They delight to drop in at his office and, "staying for just a few minutes," remain the greater part of the morning or afternoon.

Once inside the office door if they are refused the privilege of an interview they become angry. And an angry constituent can make an awful lot of trouble back home. Merely the rumor that Congressman So-and-So has gone high hat and is refusing to see his constituents is enough

to send the member back to his private law practice or grocery business, whatever his pre-election trades or profession might have been.

**When a Voter Insists**  
A congressman may duck into his inner office, leaving instructions not to be disturbed while he works on a speech or dictates his mail. But the secretary in the outer sanctum knows when a constituent insists that it is good business to yield.

Early in the game a good secretary learns to know certain dodges that will protect the boss' privacy. He can be in committee or "at the departments". The constituent may be appeased by this.

The constituent may elect to sit and chat with the secretary for a time, awaiting the congressman's "return." If so, the unfortunate law maker may stay immured in his private office until the voter gives up and goes elsewhere.

**No Good Dodge**  
The "at the department" dodge always is good. It gives the constituent the idea that the congressman is out on his business, seeing cabinet officers and such. Committee aren't so hot. The idea doesn't paint so vivid a picture of a busy man. Conferences, of course, are "out." Even the most glib constituent knows that is a familiar dodge of business men. The constituent probably has used it himself.

Spring is the hunting season of constituents. Train and bus loads of them arrive in Washington and the first spot they make for is the capitol.

**Desire to See Mrs. Roosevelt**  
School children are the easiest satisfied. A card to one of the galleries makes them happy. But a few insist that their congressman arrange an "interview with Mrs. Roosevelt"—or even the president. Representative Isabella Greenway of Arizona is known to have been a bridesmaid of the First Lady's. Her constituents believe this should give them a special entree to the White House.

Representative Caroline O'Day lives with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. This, her constituents believe, should make arranging an interview with the rather inaccessible head of the labor department an easy matter for her. Dozens of visitors from Arizona and New York call upon these two congresswomen with those purposes in mind.

**Delegations Are Difficult**  
Introduction of a bill, any bill, lays a member open to call from delegations opposing or supporting his measure. Delegations are the hardest to turn away. And they take up more time. They want to thresh the matter out, pro and con. And they won't take "no" for an answer. Introducing a bill really is a dangerous business, as learned by Representative John Steven McGroarty of California, author of the Townsend Measure. Although from the far distant coast McGroarty's office has a steady stream of Townsendsites passing through its doors. And those doors are one of those closed early in the day in the busy part of the session.

The responsibility of deciding who shall see the congressman and who is to go away disappointed is part of the secretary's job. He must learn to separate the important visitor from the "just caller." He (or she) must learn when to call the congressman off the floor for a chat or when to say he is "at the departments". If the secretary knew every man, woman and child in the congressman's district the task still would be a difficult one.

**GRAHAM CAMPAIGN NOW SATISFACTORY**

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the 8 1/2 Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, May 28.—Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, one of the four announced candidates for governor, was a visitor here Monday and stopped to pass the time of day with his friends in and about the capitol. He maintained that there was no political significance to his visit and declined to discuss politics other than to say he was well pleased with the progress of his campaign so far.

# BIDS OPENED FOR PATROL EQUIPMENT

Contracts Prepared for New Motorcycles for Enlarged Highway Body

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Raleigh, May 28.—Bids were opened here this morning on the new equipment for the enlarged State Highway Patrol and the contracts will probably be awarded tomorrow, or as soon as all the bids can be tabulated and the low ones determined, according to Director A. S. Brower, of the Division of Purchase and Contract. The bids opened today were on all of the equipment needed for the patrol with the exception of 28 automobiles and on the radio equipment. Bids for the 28 automobiles will be called for in the next letting, to be held June 11. No date has been set yet for the receiving of bids on the radio equipment, Brower said.

The largest item in today's letting was the bid on 103 motorcycles, 52 of them to be equipped with side-cars, provided it is decided to use side-cars. Capt. Charles D. Farmer, of the highway patrol, said it had not yet been decided whether to use side-cars or not, but that the bids were asked for in order to find out how much more it would cost to get the side-cars. The bids were to be submitted both with and without side-cars.

"Some highway patrol use the side-cars in bad weather only, when it is too dangerous to send men out on motorcycles alone," Capt. Farmer said. "But we have so little bad weather here that we may not try to use motorcycles and side-cars at all. We just wanted to find out how much more it would cost if we should decide to use the side-cars."

The 28 automobiles to be purchased later and which will be driven by the lieutenants, sergeants and corporals, will all be roadsters, Captain Farmer said, pointing out that the patrolmen must be able to see about them on all sides and that coupes or closed cars would not allow sufficient visibility for patrol work.

Bids were also opened today on 242 uniforms and 121 caps, belts, holsters, Sam Brown belts, revolvers, boots, leather coats, badges, hand cuffs, and other equipment needed for the 111 patrolmen. Delivery is expected by a July 1 or perhaps even a little before that date.

Hector Bolito, noted English author, born in New Zealand, 37 years ago.

# 20 Times a Mother



Mrs. Pauline Cole, 37, doesn't believe in the mass production methods of the Dionnes. Her 20 children—she is holding the latest, aged three weeks—have come one at a time, one every year except one for 21 years. Her husband is White Marsh, Md., sharecropper.

# FISH COLD STORAGE PLANT IS PLANNED

Raleigh, May 28.—The quick-freezing fish cold storage plant which the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration is planning to build at some point on the coast in order to help stabilize fish prices, will probably be built either at New Bern or Morehead City, with present indications pointing to New Bern as being the more likely, it was learned here today, despite the fact that Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state ERA Administrator, declines to say just where this plant will be located.

It has not been definitely determined yet as to where the quick-freezing plant or the fish cannery or canneries will be located, since no contracts have been made. But it is known that the NCERA is considering New Bern very strongly for the location of the fish freezing plant, due to the fact that it owns or has an equity in a \$16,000 building there which until recently was used as a beef cannery and which could be remodeled into a fish-freezer without much additional expense.

# Bids Rejected on Fair Building for Replacements Now

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Raleigh, May 28.—All bids submitted for the rebuilding of the wing of the main State Fair exhibits building destroyed by fire during the fair last fall, were rejected Monday by the State Board of Agriculture, which had called for these bids some weeks ago. Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham announced following the meeting. Before any new bids are called for, Commissioner Graham will investigate the possibility of securing a Federal grant or loan under the new public works program, with which to rebuild the structure. "We think that now there is a good chance of our getting a Federal grant under the new PWA program, to put

up the kind of building we want," Commissioner Graham said. "We have slightly more than \$15,000 which we received in insurance on the building that burned, or rather the wing of the main exhibit building which burned. We are hoping to get a grant from the government sufficient to spend about \$27,000 in rebuilding the destroyed structure."

As soon as Commissioner Graham is able to determine how much the Board of Agriculture can get from the government, new bids will be called for and construction started in time for the building to be completed in time for the State Fair, to be held in October.

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