

European Trip Interestingly Told By Mrs. C. H. Haynes

Last week we gave you a glimpse of the old world as seen by Mrs. F. D. Holcomb on her Mediterranean Sea Cruise from which she recently returned accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Haynes and this week we will try to give you some impressions of the trip as reported by Mrs. Haynes.

As has been said before, in these columns the trip was made on an English ship under the British flag, and they visited Gibraltar, Algiers, Naples, Pompeii, Alexandria, Cairo, Palestine, Constantinople, Athens,

Rome, Nice, Monte Carlo, and on the return trip, London and Liverpool.

The table service on the ship was wonderful, an elaborate array of entrees, relishes, soups, meats, fish, salads, desserts, several kinds of cheese and table drinks with the privilege of choosing any or all, if it were possible to eat some of all that was offered at any one meal.

First Stop. After some days at sea the first stop was made at Gibraltar, the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea

where we were interested most in the great fortress, its guns and warships.

From the rock of Gibraltar we sailed to Algiers on the coast of Africa. Here as in all the other places which we visited we were impressed with the magnificence of the mosques, castles, and other buildings on the one hand, and the pitiful squalor and unpeppable filth, not only of the surroundings but the very bodies of the poor, on the other hand. We thought we had seen poverty at home but there is no poverty in America that in any way compares with the poverty we saw in the East.

Beautiful Scenery. Many times on the trip we felt and exclaimed that the scenery was the most beautiful we had ever seen and such a picturesque and constantly changing panorama was offered us all through our trip that it is hard to say which was most beautiful.

The Bay of Naples with Mount Vesuvius in the distance was a lovely outlook from the city of Naples and from this stop we visited Pompeii; the museum at Naples contained wonderful works of art in marble, priceless paintings and mosaics, and relics from Pompeii. These petrified relics lead us to believe that in the days of Pompeii people cooked and lived under highly civilized conditions and the women used powder and toilet things similar to those now in use. There were flashes of light from Vesuvius and a bit of smoke, otherwise there was no indication of the old volcano's power to destroy cities.

Alexandria and Cairo each were interesting and in Cairo we visited the church where it is said Mary hid her son Jesus when they fled into Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod and from Cairo we went to the Island of Rhoda in the Nile where it is said Moses was hidden among the bulrushes.

They Ride Camels. We visited the Pyramids and Sphinx and could hardly believe they covered the immense area the guides said they did. Riding camels was a novel experience for both Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Haynes says the camels are decorated with gay trappings and wear strands of beads around their necks.

People were at work hauling sand from around the Sphinx, men women and children being engaged in this work.

In the museum of Cairo we saw the sarcophagus of King Tut, his chariot and throne; his body still remains in the tomb at Luxor. The sarcophagus was the outside one of marble and an inner one of gold. It will be remembered there were about seven caskets each fitted in a larger one.

The Holy Land.

The Holy Land held an interest for us that eclipsed everything else on the trip. Even the flowers in Palestine are linked up with our Lord in an old legend that attributes the reason that they retain their brilliant colors, after being dried, to the fact that the soil was hallowed by the touch of His blood.

The Catholics have built churches over many of the historic spots in Palestine and it was through these churches that we entered narrow

passage ways carrying lighted candles to visit the traditional place of Jesus's birth, his tomb and other places connected with the Bible history, the ruins of centuries having buried these spots and made their exact locations uncertain, and also visited the garden tomb which is more generally accepted as the real tomb in which Jesus lay.

In Jerusalem we saw people with their tents in muddy places and beggars squatted amid snow-water and slush asking for alms. Apparently little change has been made in their manner of living during the centuries. In all the places we visited we saw many in modern dress though the masses clung to their native costumes.

Sea of Galilee Beautiful.

One of the most thrilling sights of our trip was a view of the Sea of Galilee, it is surprisingly beautiful, and another thrill came when we were served fish from the waters of this sea.

We visited the Walling Wall at Jerusalem, an inside wall between the temple area and the rest of the city, it is here the Jews congregate certain days of the year to wall because the Dome of the Rock, the site of

Mohammed's Temple, is in the heart of the Mohammedans.

The Mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople is a magnificent Mohammedan temple and from its minarets the Mohammedans are called to prayer five times daily.

In Athens we visited the Acropolis and the Parthenon and here as in many other places the museum might have easily consumed days of our time.

Grandeur at Rome.

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spots so full of old world history and while it was not possible to bring back more than a few small beads and a testament with olive wood cover from Jerusalem, a few flowers gathered by her own hand as well as some others delicately attached to cards, from several points in Palestine, some hand made lace of silk and silk and linen in Star of Bethlehem design from Nazareth, handkerchiefs made by the children in the Near East Relief Colony at Athens, some handkerchiefs made in Cairo, much like the handkerchiefs made here, pearl beads from Rome, seven pointed mother-of-pearl stars from Jerusalem, vases from Syracuse and Rome and a pottery vase from Crete of Galilee where Jesus turned water into wine, a silver handbag from Naples and other little trinkets linking up the memories of her trip.

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Notice of Ordinance calling election for the town of Mount Airy:

Be it ordered and ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Mount Airy in session held the 18th day of March, 1927, at the Town Hall in Mount Airy:

1.—That the regular Municipal election be held in the two wards of the town of Mount Airy on May 2, 1927, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Commissioner at Large, and two Commissioners in each of the two wards of the town of Mount Airy.

2.—That the registration books be opened on the 24th day of March, 1927, and remain open for registration of voters to and including April 23, 1927, and that the following be appointed registrars and judges of election:

Registrar Ward No. 1, W. M. Johnson.

Judges of election, J. T. Monday and E. H. Hennis.

Registrar Ward No. 2, J. F. Graves.

Judges of Election, Thos. B. Ashby and Mal Davis.

That the registration books shall be kept open on Saturdays at the polling places of the registration voters by the registrars hereinbefore named and that the same remain open for the registration of voters as required by law from the 24th day of March until the 23rd of April.

3.—That two commissioners shall be voted for in Ward No. 1 and two commissioners voted for in Ward No. 2 and that a commissioner at large be voted for in both of said wards as likewise the mayor.

4.—That said election shall be held and conducted in all respects as is provided for by the charter of the town of Mount Airy and in keeping with the general election law, provided it is ordered that the Australian Ballot law applicable to Surry County be not in force as to the election hereby called.


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