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TO SAIL GLOBE IN A LIFEBOAT

Three Norwegians Plan Interesting Trip That Will Take About Year and a Half.

ALL ARE TRAINED SEAMEN

Boat Will Have No Covering Except Canvas Awning to Spread Over the Bunks When it Rains—Boat to Be Sloop Rigged.

New York.—Norwegians are no longer the leading sea rovers they once were, but their adventurous spirit is not yet extinguished. There is a round tower at Newport, built of rude stones, a lasting monument to some forgotten visitors to these shores. Who built it no one can tell, but surely not aboriginal Americans for it embodies principles of architecture unknown to them. Anthropologists believe it was built by the Norsemen, who, there is evidence to show, found America long before Columbus, as early as the Tenth century. Indeed there is a Norse tradition to that effect.

Adventurous Norwegians. These considerations are revived by the fact that three young Norwegians now in this city are planning to cross the Atlantic ocean in an open boat and eventually to circumnavigate the globe. They are Capt. Mimer Tønning and Mates Othar Peterson and Helge Westerling. Tønning was at work on the Panama canal in 1915, but going home was impressed into the Norwegian navy. Peterson was petty officer on another ship in the same service. Westerling has also seen much sea service. They are practically stranded here now, and are laid up at the club of the Norwegian Master and Mates' association, No. 565 Henry street, Brooklyn, where a reporter was told their plans. Tønning acted as spokesman while the other two listened and gave assent.

Their plans are nearly complete. They have secured a 20-foot lifeboat, built by the Atlantic Life Boat company of South Brooklyn. It is a gift from the company, and while it does not differ from the ordinary lifeboat built for ship use, certain changes have been made to adapt it for the specific purposes for which it will be used.

Will Be Sloop Rigged. It will be sloop rigged, having a 26-foot mainmast and a 12-foot topmast, three feet of which will be above the hounds, thus affording a 32-foot sail hoist. Two sets of sails will be carried, one of light canvas for light and moderate weather, and one of heavy canvas for stormy weather. However, they hope to escape stormy weather, except an occasional squall, by sailing in summer time. The boat will have no covering except a canvas awning to spread over the bunks when it rains. Cooking will be done on an oil stove. They will start with a stock for 14 weeks' provisions in the hope of being able to cross the Atlantic within that time.

They will leave Sandy Hook in the near future and steer for the Selly or Azores. From there they will go to Suez, Sumatra, the Philippines, Hawaii, California, Panama, pass through the canal and come up the Atlantic coast to New York. The entire voyage is expected to take from 16 to 18 months.

ONCE WEALTHY GERMANS HIT

High Cost of Living Coupled With Cheapness of Mark and Low Salaries Causing Hardship.

Berlin.—The high cost of living, coupled with the deterioration of the mark and low salaries, has hit German government employees such a blow that a number of them say frankly the only way in which they can exist is "to go deeper into debt every day."

Some of them have borrowed money on their salaries for months ahead, and must borrow more.

One government official, on a salary of 2,000 marks a month, which before the war was a reasonable wage, said he had been unable to buy any clothes for four years, that his garments now were threadbare, his shoes worn out, and he had contracted debts with his power which he could not pay.

"There is nothing to do but keep on going deeper and deeper into debt," he said. "I do not know where it will end, nor what will become of me. I earn 2,000 marks a month; a suit of clothes costs me 3,000, a pair of shoes 500, a good meal nearly 100; cigars, cigarettes, wines, they are out of the question."

It is not uncommon for men who were once wealthy or held high-salaried positions to ask foreign acquaintances to remember them in case they have an old suit or a pair of shoes "to throw away."

TWO PRINCES CLAIM CHATEAU

Historic Building and Grounds Seized by France During War Is Demanded.

Louis XV Gave It to Marshal Saxe and Napoleon Presented It to Marshal Berthier—Became Possession of Dukes of Parma.

Paris.—Efforts by two princes of the house of Bourbon-Parma to recover possession of the celebrated Chateau Chambord, which was sequestered by the French government during the war, is one of the most interesting aftermaths of the great conflict.

The chateau is more than 400 years old and is one of the most striking and interesting of the famous feudal establishments of ancient France.

It was once one of the most magnificent of these great estates and lies in the valley of the Loire close to the town of Blois and has about 15,000 acres, part of which is inclosed by walls extending for 20 miles. The building is about 200 feet square with famous circular towers at the corners and a double spiral staircase leading to the double lantern, which dominates the center tower.

Royal Residence Two Centuries. It was built about 1526 and for two centuries was a royal residence. Louis XV gave it to Marshal Saxe and Napoleon presented it to Marshal Berthier. Eventually it fell into the possession of the duke of Parma.

At the beginning of the war it was owned by Prince Elias of Bourbon-Parma and was sequestered because he was serving in the Austrian army as an attaché of the Austrian general staff. Prince Elias is a brother of Zita, wife of the former Emperor Charles of Austria, who lately attempted to regain his throne as king of Hungary.

After the war Prince Elias attempted to recover possession of the estate, but the French courts have just disallowed his claim. This, however, does not settle the question of its ownership, for Prince Sixtus, also of Bourbon-Parma, brother of Prince Elias, has put in a claim to the ownership of the chateau.

Princes' Services Refused. Prince Sixtus does not suffer the disability of Prince Elias, as Sixtus and his brother, Xavier, both offered their services to the French government in the war and being refused on the ground that descendants of the old royal houses could not be permitted to fight for France, they both enlisted in the Belgian army, where they served as stretcherbearers. Their bravery in this service was afterward recognized in a French citation.

Americans will identify Prince Sixtus as the man who received, while the war was still in progress, the famous letter from Emperor Charles of Austria in which he stated that he sympathized with France's aspirations to recover Alsace-Lorraine and that in his opinion Belgium should be restored by Germany.

Prince Sixtus turned the letter over to President Poincaré and its publication by Premier Clemenceau created consternation in Germany. Emperor Charles denied its authenticity.

Union Grove Items

We had a fine rain Saturday. Corn is fine in this section. Tobacco is very common.

The Sunday School at Union Grove is progressing fine. This school is going to take part in the Sunday School convention at Richmond Hill.

Misses Florence and Effie Hobson went to Forbush Sunday.

There will be an ice cream supper near Union Grove next Saturday night, with other entertainments.

Ex-President Wilson took the oath in Supreme court Saturday which permits him to practice law in the District of Columbia.

An army of grasshoppers, 15 miles wide and 20 miles long, is reported to be playing havoc with crops in Colorado.

The Demsey-Carpentier prize fight comes off next Saturday at Jersey City. The betting has been going on for weeks and thousands of dollars will have changed hands ere Saturday night comes.

Peacock Taken to Hospital for Insane

Dr. J. W. Peacock, Thomasville physician, acquitted by a Rowan county jury in Davidson county court a few days ago for the murder of Policeman Taylor in Thomasville in May was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Raleigh last Thursday afternoon.

Peacock, by order of Judge Finley, is to remain in the criminal insane hospital for life or until he is declared rational by authorities.

Dr. Peacock was in the courtroom throughout the trial and was never moved by the arguments. He heard of the order of Judge Finley with the utmost calm and seemed uninterested in any of the proceedings.

Mr. Nathan Shore Dead

Mr. Nathan Shore, who lived three miles south of town, died Monday afternoon after a lingering illness. He was 78 years old.

He was a farmer and had spent the most of his life where he died. He is survived by a widow and several children, two brothers, Ex-Sheriff Isaac Shore and Mr. John Shore, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchens.

Funeral and burial were at the Allgood graveyard Tuesday afternoon, Rev. S. S. May conducting the services.

Law Regarding Threshers

The North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture announces in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture, that the law requires each thrasher of grain to secure a threshing license from the register of deeds before operating. This license is free—no cost for same.

In the same way that the operator has to have a license, it is also necessary for each farmer to see that the party threshing his grain has a license. Each thrasher must keep and report the bushels threshed and the acres from which the grain was harvested.

All thrasher operators, should at once get their licenses, when a notebook for keeping the records required, as well as the report sheets, will be given them. These books are to be retained permanently by the operators for personal records. But at the close of the threshing season or not later than September 15th, a complete report up to that date must be made to the Register of Deeds. The thrasher's reports are not to be sent to Raleigh, but to the Register of Deeds of each county where the threshing is done.

A word to the wise is: Operate with a license and be sure the operator is licensed. Failure for a thrasher to report means \$25.00 fine, although the license costs nothing—is free. The records made will be a business memoranda for reference in later years and for making collections from farmers.

The information is used as a check on how much grain we produce and where it is made. It is a good business and educational provision.

Joseph A. Fryer, of Parsons, Pa., was killed Saturday when his still, which was being operated in the cellar, blew up and wrecked his home. Let others take warning.

Take Advantage of Our Special Offer Now

Now is the time to take advantage of our Special Subscription Offer if you wish to make a good saving on your home reading matter. It closes July 11th, which is not far off. The time to act is now.

This offer may never be made again, and if you wish to take advantage of it please do so immediately. We are making this special offer for your benefit and if you do not take advantage of it in some manner your name is likely to be dropped from our mailing list if you are behind with the paper, and if it is don't blame us; we have done our best and the balance is with you.

State News Items

It is reported that Marion Butler will be a candidate for the senate against Senator Simmons.

The North Carolina Postmasters association will hold its annual convention in Hickory August 16, 17 and 18.

Senator Overman has accepted an invitation to speak at the Fourth of July celebration in High Point.

J. S. Atkinson, of Wilson, was shot from ambush Wednesday near that city. He died a few hours later.

Mary Pickford won the \$10 prize for suggesting the slogan, "Mooreville, Queen of Iredell," for the commercial club of that city.

The N. C. Rural Letter Carriers association will meet in Asheville next Monday and Tuesday for its 18th annual convention.

The dates for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press association at Morehead City has been changed from August to July 27, 28 and 29.

The North Carolina Merchants Association which closed its 19th annual session last week in Greensboro, voted to meet next year at Wrightsville Beach.

Four thousand homing pigeons were liberated in Salisbury last week. They headed for New York, making the flight in twenty-four hours.

Talmadge Billings, sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of William Chatham in Wilkes county, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Eight persons were badly hurt near Concord when the truck in which they were riding turned over. The accident was caused by the steering gear giving way.

George Burns, a young white man of High Point, while returning to his home in that city one night the past week, was attacked and badly beaten by a mob of men.

Rev. Tom P. Johnson, of Winston-Salem, has been chosen associate editor of the Asheville Advocate and Charlotte Labor Herald, the two leading labor publications of the state.

Mr. E. T. Hartley, was accidentally shot in the cheek eleven years ago. After staying imbedded in his cheek for eleven years it dropped out through his nose last week says the Lenoir News. The bullet was of .32-caliber.

General John J. Perhing and Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes have accepted an invitation to address the laymen's conference of the Methodist church, south, at Lake Junaluska on the subject of disarmament in August, the exact date to be announced later.

Mystery of Lost Ships May Be Solved

The disappearance at sea of several American ships within the past few months is linked by the New York police with plans revealed to them in a score of raids on radical headquarters a year and a half ago for seizure of these vessels at sea and their diversion to Russian soviet ports.

The police said they were informed through certain confidential sources that officials of the Union of Russian Workers of the United States and Canada an organization since broken up had written its members who were out of employment, especially those with a knowledge at sea, to seek employment on American ships, overpower the other members of the crew and direct the vessel to Russia.

In recent months several ships have mysteriously disappeared and all efforts to locate any trace of them have been futile.

Sheriff Moxley Has Birthday Celebration

Between 250 and 300 relatives and friends gathered at the home of Sheriff C. E. Moxley Sunday and gave a great dinner in honor of his 39th birthday. Every part of the county was represented at the celebration.

The occasion was a complete surprise to the genial sheriff, Mrs. Moxley and his friends having worked it up "unbeknownst" to him.

A large table was erected on the lawn and laden to its capacity with the fat of the land. After a prayer and short talk by Rev. J. E. Robinson the people helped themselves to the good things to eat.

As the day faded into night, reluctantly, one by one, the guests left for their homes, wishing their genial host many more happy birthdays.

A Heinous Crime

Jim Maples, of Pinehurst, white, aged about 32 years, is in jail at Carthage on a charge of criminal assault.

His wife, about 30 years old and woman of good character, charges that Maples held her and forced her to submit while a negro, Jake Smith, assaulted her. The attack occurred at her home in Pinehurst, where the negro is said to have delivered whiskey to Maples.

Maples was placed in jail in default of \$5,000 bond and officers are searching for the negro who is said to be a blockader.

Since the above was put in type a news dispatch says that Mrs. Maples has denied the charges against her husband.

New Sleeping Car Service Announced

The inauguration of a new Pullman sleeping car line between Goldsboro and Cincinnati via Raleigh, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Asheville, Knoxville, Harriman, Tenn., and Danville, Ky., has been announced by the Southern Railway company.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor over his opponent, John J. Lewis, by a large majority the past week.