

In Holland, The Land Of Windmills -- Dykes And Land Below The Level Of Sea

(Third of a series of articles written for The Star by Miss Kathleen Hord of Shelby on "My Trip Abroad.")

We left London about 7:30 p. m. for Harwich where we went aboard the steamer "Amsterdam," which was to dock at the next morning at the Hook of Holland. On the boat, Nancy and I met two Dutchmen who were going to The Hague,

their home to spend the summer vacation after being at Cambridge university in England a year. We talked with them for hours, they spoke English beautifully, both, especially one had an English accent and we laughed at their talking and they at ours. They told us the North Sea was usually very rough, but no one got sick, for we were on the boat just 9 hours. Early next morning we got on the train bound for The Hague. It took us about an hour and a half to get there. I stood hanging on to a window rod all the way, listening to one of our new friends talk about his country. He explained the dykes, windmills, tiny houses, irrigation and everything we passed along the way there.

After our continental breakfast, which consisted of rolls, marmalade, butter, and a beverage. We never got any good fruits, eggs, ham and all the good things we have over here for breakfast, but don't let a meal like that keep you from going abroad for you'll get used to it and gain too.

A few things about The Hague: It is the capital city of the Kingdom of The Netherlands. It contains the royal palace; the peace palace which was designed by a French architect. Every nation has a donation in the palace. America's gift was a statue; Switzerland gave a clock, bronze doors from the Belgians; yellow marble, inside, given by Italy and many more. The house in the woods, or the royal palace, is just outside the city. The first Hague conference was held here in 1899. Many pictures in it date from the 17th century. There are gorgeous vases, with inland porcelain flowers. There is a clock 300 years old and it is running! The city has a population of 400,000 and along with all those people, 104,000 have bicycles. Everywhere you see men, women and children riding them. I had always pictured all of Holland in clogs, of wooden shoes, and the native costume, but these are worn only by those on the islands and those who live on the outskirts of the city. Our guide showed us these people on the coast, who were mostly fishermen, and their families.

I thought the most beautiful beach throughout Europe was the one in The Hague. I'll tell you the name, but just try to pronounce it. "Scheveningen." All along the beach are hotels, one of which is occupied by the nobility of some European nation during the summer. There are bath houses on wheels; these can be rolled into the water where one just has to dive in, they looked to be very convenient. Nancy and I had tea with the Dutchmen in one of the lovely beach gardens. What was so funny, was the parking spaces for bicycles; there were hundreds it seemed in the narrow places. The boulevards are very wide and are divided into five roads or walks, one for those who ride "bikes," one for equestrians, one for pedestrians, one for motors and one for street cars. These were very unusual.

Next, we went to Amsterdam, which is the largest city in Holland, the population being 700,000. It is on the river Amstel and is connected by bridges. The streets are very narrow and the sidewalks well, they are too narrow to be called such. We had a lovely place to stay here; Nancy and I got such a beautiful room we did not unpack for a moment thinking they had given us the bridal suite through mistake. But it was really ours and we enjoyed two days staying there.

Sunday was a frightfully hot day, however we left the hotel at eight o'clock and walked down to the pier to get a canal, or sightseeing boat for the Islands of Vollenland, Edam and Markem. The scenery was beautiful, the wide green pastures with cows grazing and windmills everywhere. Dutch people were sitting on the banks of the canal fishing. In an hour we were to get off at Vollenland. Each of the three islands is about an hour's ride apart. At Edam we went to the cheese factory, it was undoubtedly the cleanest place I ever saw. Here we bought cheese and milk. The butter-milk was delicious. Some of the members of our party bought cheese and sent home. There were also strawberries and other fruits to buy. They were twice as large as our berries and so juicy. Next was the Isle of Markem, here we saw more "real" Dutch people than anywhere else. It was the most picturesque places an I those costumes! They were pretty, but on a hot day. The poor little boys and girls with several petticoats on and then, woolen dresses; we were melting with sleeveless dresses on. Almost all of them are blondes—honestly their hair looks like light brown molasses streaming down the sides of their rosy cheeks. Their complexion perfect, I don't think they ever heard of make-up, anyway. They don't need it, for if their faces do shine they look pretty. They have two curls, one on each side of their head, the hair around the head is bobbed, you can hardly tell if they wear little caps. The only way to tell boys from girls is the boys have a different kind of bow on their caps, as to the rest of the dress it's all alike, until they are certain-

age, I won't say, for I'm afraid "I'll get it wrong. They would say "hallo" to us, that's all the English they knew.

The next day we took a sight-seeing trip over the city of Amsterdam. We visited Ryks museum which has almost all of the originals of the famous Dutch artists. While we were walking through it we met the Duke university party, we hadn't seen them since London. One of the most interesting places we went was to the celebrated diamond cutters place. Here we saw them cutting and polishing the diamonds, and in a large showcase were many different kinds of diamonds which had already been finished. I had never seen a black diamond before, there were many of them; and beautiful square diamonds.

It's almost time to leave Holland and go into Belgium. After lunch we shopped for an hour or two, then we were ready to leave for Brussels.

BISHOP DEPLORES EXTENT OF CRIME

Declares Preaches Must Get Away From Selfishness. In Need Of Christians.

Henderson.—Bishop Edwin D. Mouson, preaching to the annual North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, deplored the extent of crime in this country.

He cited conditions in China, India and South America, and then declared "It is safer for a man in Brazil than in one of our own American cities."

The bishop recently returned from a church mission to Brazil. Entitling his sermon "Great Expectations," the bishop said the "whole creation of man is waiting for the manifestations of God."

"We preachers must get away from selfishness," he said. "One son of God lived to show man what he can do and under God be. We have depended upon living, we have got to learn the spirit of sacrificial living."

Many churches of North Carolina, the bishop added, "are sorely in need of a son of God in the form of a steward or a Sunday school superintendent."

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In New York city two drawbridges over the Harlem river expanded so much from the heat, on July 21 that a quarter of an inch of their steel work had to be burned off with an acetylene torch.

In Boston, panes of glass in a skylight were believed to have acted as lens to focus the sun's rays on inflammable materials, starting a fire that partially destroyed the club house of the Squantum Yacht club.

At Quincy, Ill., a fire was caused by a similar process on a river steamboat, while at Martinsburg, Missouri, several automobiles standing in the sun were set on fire by the sun's shining through the wind-

shields and igniting the cushions.

"On Sunday, July 20 more than a million people went to Coney Island to seek relief from the heat, and it was estimated that 20,000 spent the night there, sleeping on the sand."

At State College, Pennsylvania Dr. G. L. Zundel, plant pathologist reported that on a trip through Franklin county he had found 5 per cent of the orchards he visited had been, partially cooked.

"In orchards near Scotland, Pa., he found 10 per cent of the apples that were hanging on the sunward side of the trees had been baked."

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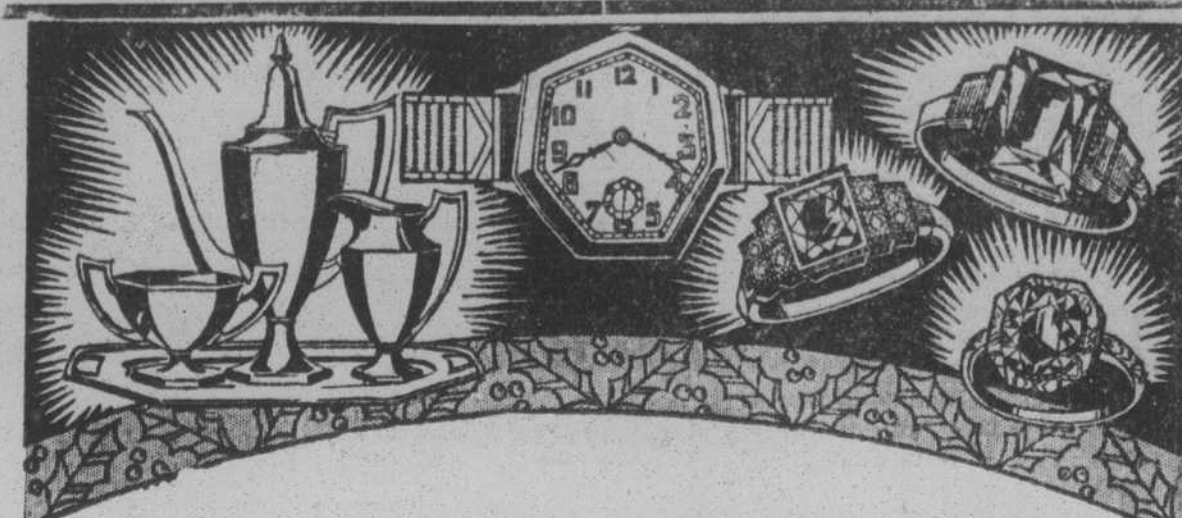
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