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End Of A Fast Ship

This month will see the end of one of the world's most famous fast liners, the Mauretania of the Cunard fleet, which has been sold for junk. But in the quarter of a century after her launching in 1907 she made maritime history. In 1910 she wrested the trans-Atlantic speed record from her sister ship, the ill-fated Lusitania, by crossing in 4 days 10 hours 41 minutes, and held it until 1929 when her record was broken by the German Bremen.

Even after that the Mauretania broke her own eastbound record by steaming from New York to Plymouth, England, in 4 days 17 hours 45 minutes, at the rate of 26 knots an hour. The Bremen's top speed was about 27.8 knots throughout a trans-Atlantic voyage.

For a short spurt, the Mauretania goes to the boneyard undefeated by any passenger ship, a record made, too, less than two years ago, when in July, 1933, she covered 32 knots in one hour while on a voyage from Havana to New York.

In her day the Mauretania is said to have carried more distinguished personages as passengers than any other ship afloat, many of whom will feel a tinge of sadness that the former Queen of the Sea is to sail no more.

The Use Of Perfumes

Perfumes are said to have been first used by early barbarians to kill the offensive odor of burning flesh offered as a sacrifice on their altars. This was not so much because the pagans were themselves fastidious, but in order that the gods might not be offended by an unpleasant smell. The use of church incense logically followed in the course of time.

According to an authority on the subject of perfumes, quoted by Princess Kropotkin, ladies of ancient Greece used different scents for different parts of their bodies. Later the idea prevailed that a woman should use one distinctive perfume exclusively.

It is related that perfumery was introduced into England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth by a Count of Oxford, who brought it from Italy. Court ladies in the time of Louis XVI of France bathed in crushed strawberries, washing off the fruit with fresh milk. Madame Pompadour is said to have spent \$100,000 a year for perfumery, which seems a bit extravagant.

It is rather surprising to learn that Napoleon was the greatest male user of perfumery in history, and that "in three months of 1806 he soaked up 162 bottles of eau de Cologne."

But artificial odors were frowned upon by the British parliament of 1770, which passed a law providing that "any girl, woman or widow who shall entice any man to marriage by the aid of perfume shall be subject to the same penalty as that in force against sorcery, and the marriage shall be declared void."

Causes Of Crime

In their efforts to find an explanation for the increasing prevalence of crime, many thoughtful persons have concluded that the tendency to burden the public with a growing multiplicity of laws may account for much of the lawlessness which now pre-

vails. Speaking before an international convention of police chiefs Dr. Carlton Simon said: "We can limit and harass human freedom to such an extent that even the normally balanced individual feels that he is oppressed and will seek unlawful means of expressing his personality."

Through the operation of innumerable laws and the activities of government agencies employed thereunder, we are restricted, inspected, spied upon, investigated and caused many unnecessary annoyances which are resented by a people who love freedom.

If more attention were paid to apprehending and punishing real criminals while allowing greater freedom from harassment to respectable citizens, we should doubtless have a more law-abiding and happier citizenship.

Russian Railroads

So many conflicting reports concerning conditions in Russia have come out of that country in recent years that one hardly knows what to believe about what is going on in that land of Communism.

Defenders of Soviet rule claim it as an ideal form of government, while its opponents declare that the mass of Russian people are worse off than they were under the absolutism of the czars.

But whatever conditions may be in other respects, it seems certain that railroading in Russia under government operation has just about reached zero in efficiency. The loss of life and property due to railroad accidents has become appalling.

Heretofore it has been the rule to suppress news of train wrecks in that country, although many reports of gross negligence and inefficiency in connection with the operation of Russian railroads have leaked out.

Now, however, the new commissar of railroads, Lazar Kaganovich, has adopted a policy of publicity, rightly believing that only by such a policy can the deplorable situation which exists be corrected. In a recent official report he revealed that during 1934 no less than 62,000 accidents occurred on Soviet railroad lines, with the destruction of 4,500 cars, damage to 7,000 locomotives and 60,000 cars, involving a property loss of 60,000,000 rubles and the deaths of "hundreds of persons."

A Classy Doll House

The world's most expensive doll house was recently completed in New York, the finishing touch being the placing of a gold cornerstone by Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of the President, following a short speech by former Governor Al Smith.

This unusual creation, in the form of a miniature castle, is nine feet square and 12 feet high, costing \$435,000 and requiring nine years in the building. Some of the details are described in the magazine Time, as follows:

"Each room is built around some fairy character, such as Cinderella or Sinbad. A 15-inch solid gold organ plays, a silver nightingale sings by electricity, a golden chandelier is hung with pear-shaped diamonds, lighted by electric bulbs the size of wheat grains. Pumps in the dungeon and tanks in turrets make fountains splash, and chimes tinkle. For the walls artists painted miniature murals."

This sumptuous doll castle was built for Colleen Moore, the famed motion picture star, who will take it on a world tour for exhibition purposes. The best part of the story is that she will donate the proceeds of admission charges to hospitals for crippled children.

Your news items would help to make this paper more interesting.

Farmers and the AAA

According to estimates made public by officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration a few days ago, farmers of the United States will receive approximately 550 million dollars for their participation in the crop adjustment program during 1935. This is about 20 million less than they received for 1934.

The relatively small reduction in payments this year will affect principally the corn-hog and tobacco raisers, for whom restrictions will be relaxed to some extent. On the other hand, it is estimated that payments to cotton farmers will be somewhat larger this year than last.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by the cotton manufacturing industry because of the processing tax, which it is claimed places cotton goods at a disadvantage in competition with other fabrics, such as rayon, and also makes it more difficult to sell in competition with Japan, in both domestic and foreign markets.

An amendment to the work-relief bill authorizes the President to use relief money instead of the processing tax revenues to pay farmer bonuses, but it is said that this authority will not be used by him.

There is a wide divergence of opinion as to whether permanent benefits to agriculture will accrue through the carrying out of present AAA policies. That there has been temporary benefit to the farmer is evident, but many believe the immutable law of supply and demand will ultimately govern, as it has always done in the past, and that artificial devices will fail to produce permanent results.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. When and where was the name "republican" first assumed in Illinois?

A. A meeting of anti-slavery independents was held at Ottawa, Aug. 1, 1854, and a new party to be known as "republican" proposed. At district meetings the name was formally adopted.

Q. When did the first republican state convention meet?

A. Oct. 4 and 5, 1858, at Springfield.

Q. Did Lincoln attend the first state republican convention?

A. No.

Q. What was the immediate result of Lincoln's reluctance to identify himself with the new party?

A. The growth of the Republican party in Illinois was retarded temporarily.

Q. When did Lincoln first run as a candidate on the Republican ticket?

A. He was a candidate for U. S. Senator against Douglas in 1858.

Q. Of what party was Lincoln a member prior to 1858?

A. The Whig party.

Q. What were the results of the first season of operation of the Illinois-Michigan canal?

A. It was opened in the spring of 1848 and operated for 180 days collecting \$88,000 in tolls from 162 licensed boats.

Time Tables

C. & E. I.
Southbound1:42 p. m.
Northbound3:36 p. m.
Star Mail Route
Southbound7:15 a. m.
Northbound8:30 a. m.

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LEGALS

Executor's Notice
Estate of August T. Block, Deceased.
The undersigned, having been appointed Executor of the Estate of August T. Block, late of the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice he will appear before the County Court of Champaign County, at the Court House in Urbana on the First Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
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Interesting Notes

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Mrs. Margaret Dawson of Cardiff, after working as a scrub-woman for 40 years, left an estate of \$80,000.

Paul Lasseur, a crippled porter, gave an alarm and saved the lives of 30 guests in a hotel fire at Nancy, France.

A chemical engineer at Washington, D. C., believes coal will be an important future source of paint.

Greek women were the first to raise pot-plants, says Richardson Wright in a history book of gardening.

After paying his income tax in the federal building in Brooklyn, Thomas Goodman, 75, died of heart disease.

Arrested for intoxication, Richard Phillips of Chicago admitted that he had stolen communion wine from a church.

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., has on exhibition a collection of more than 2,000 primitive musical instruments.

Morris Kellar of Cleveland was sent to jail for two weeks on a charge of binding and gagging his wife when she reproached him for being drunk.

When Mlle. Helene Zalliere of Paris was taken to a police station a ring she was accused of stealing was found concealed in her mouth.

Ada Theal, 18, of Nottingham, Eng., stole money to buy a dance dress and was sentenced to go to bed at 10 o'clock every night for three years.

Germany has cut her oil importations 17 per cent by building engines which will run on fuel made from coal dust, leaves, corncobs and wood.

A Knoxville paper reports that after a wedding ceremony in that town the orchestra appropriately played the good old hymn—The Fight Is On.

Thomas Sandilands, until recently a mine pit boy in Wales was discovered by a concert manager and is now winning fame and wealth through his voice.

A doctor, an ambulance and the fire department appeared simultaneously at the home of J. C. Rustin in Chicago, in response to calls sent by a practical joker.

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