

FOUND IT HARD TO QUIT MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley H. Johnson Escape North From Vera Cruz

Hartley H. Johnson, a native of Notre Dame, Kent county, and Mrs. Johnson, had several trying experiences in Mexico during the recent unsettled state of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are now visiting relatives in London, N. J.

For the past three years the Johnsons have been located at Minatitlan just south of the city of Vera Cruz where Mr. Johnson is engaged with the Eagle Oil Corporation. It is a rule of this corporation to grant employees a month's vacation for every year, so when the rebels caused a cessation of the oil works Mr. Johnson thought it was a good time to enjoy the furlough that was his due. Whether they return to Mexico at the expiration of his vacation depends upon whether the Mexicans can scrap it out and get back to normal conditions again by that time.

Had Exciting Time.

When Mr. and Mrs. Johnson decided to leave Mexico they found that to get boat accommodations was quite a difficult matter for the rebels had confiscated everything almost that flew the Mexican flag. Nearly 50 employees of the oil company were leaving at the same time for various destinations. Only small boats were available, and each of these could only accommodate a few with all their luggage. Finally the Johnsons got started, but when their craft was out of the three mile limit the captain was ordered to return to port. This he refused to do and after communicating on the subject got word "to beat it" and on they sailed for their destination, Tampico Bay, where they were to be transferred onto a large boat for their run to New Orleans. As the boat sped on all aboard were feeling much easier and congratulating themselves that they had been able to get away, never dreaming of further trouble in pursuing their course.

But when they pulled into Tampico Bay permission to land was forbidden because they were from a rebel port. It took about 24 hours to smooth out this obstacle so that the captain was allowed to let his passengers walk the gang plank to land.

After three days more of waiting the boat for New Orleans was finally off, but when about midway of the distance they were caught in a terrific storm that held them up for another 24 hours. It was some experience all around and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will not soon forget this particular trip from Vera Cruz to New Orleans. From the latter port they came by rail via St. Louis.

Speaking of Mexican life as he has seen it in times of peace Mr. Johnson says he likes it. He finds the class of people remarkably clever.

Mr. Johnson is a son of the late James Johnson, of Notre Dame, on the Cogan River.

MONTH OF MARCH UNUSUALLY WARM

Mean Temperature Three Above Normal and 10 Above March, 1923

There was a fall of 2.8 inches of snow from early yesterday afternoon until 9 o'clock in the evening. The snow was soft, almost rain, and pedestrians found the walking rather bad in all parts of the city. Automobiles without skid chains on the wheels had to be carefully handled to escape damage, especially on corners.

The amount of the snowfall was received from the Meteorological Observatory, where it was further reported that the highest temperature for March was on the 24th when the thermometer showed 49.7 and the lowest was on March 2 which was 7.5. The mean temperature for the month was 31, which was three degrees above normal, 10 degrees higher than the mean temperature during the corresponding month of 1923.

The snowfall ceased before midnight and the weather turned a bit colder.

FIRST FATALITY.

Memphis, Tenn., March 31.—William E. Davis, 17, died here after being hit by a pitched ball in a baseball game, the first fatality of the 1924 season. Davis regained consciousness after being struck and went home on a street car unaided, but collapsed upon arrival. Physicians found his skull fractured at the base.

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FIFTY THOUSAND SEALS SIGHTED

St. John's, Nfld., March 31.—The Terra Nova, Capt. Abram Kean, which was reported up to the week-end to have coured 17,000 seals, appears to be the only ship of the local sealing fleet to have secured a profitable catch. The Terra Nova has been badly knocked about in the ice. Scores of tons of drifting floes at one time poured over the little steamer's rails carrying away 30 feet of her bulwarks and in other ways damaging the craft. The vessel carries a small airplane, the aviator of which reported a patch of ice four miles by eight miles on which was a herd of seals computed to number 50,000.

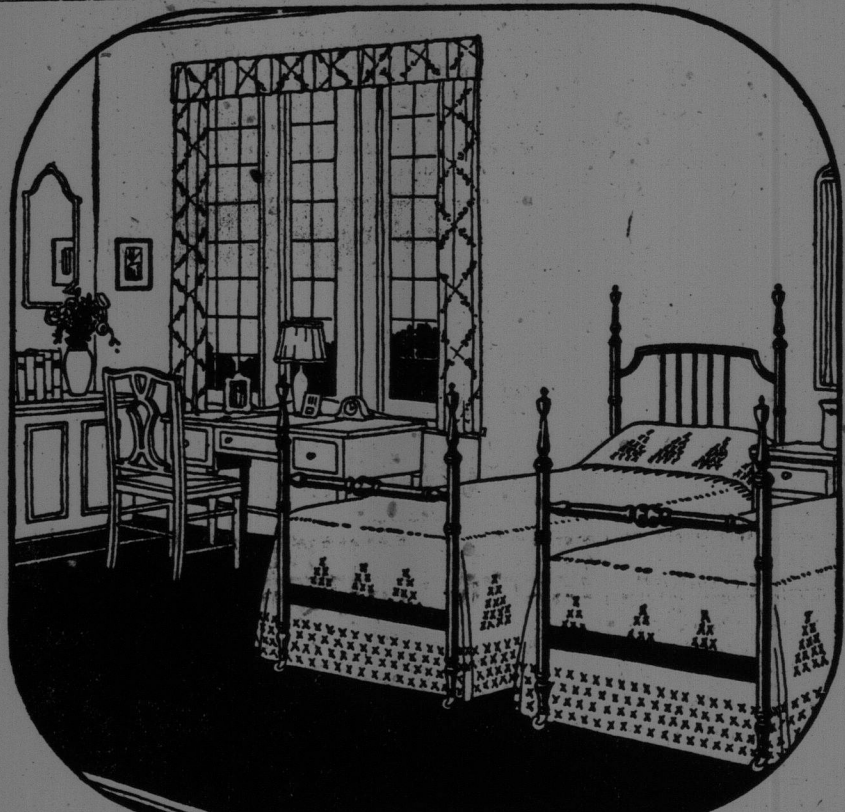
BRITAIN LIVING WITHIN MEANS

Expenditures £50,000,000 Less Than Total Income During Year

London, March 31.—John Bull continues the excellent practice of living well within his means, a pre-war virtue not yet resumed by all of his European neighbors. In the fiscal year ended tonight his expenditures in running the Government of the United Kingdom were nearly £50,000,000 less than his total income.

The official figures as announced by the exchequer were: Revenue, £837,169,284; expenditure, £788,540,211. In the previous fiscal year John Bull's books showed a surplus more than twice as large as the one revealed with no little pride tonight. It was £101,900,000.

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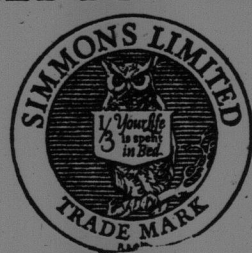
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Although no Gains Made, Prohibition Holding Its Own, Speaker Avers

In many parts of Scotland today the people have voted "dry." At the latest vote, while no gains were made by the "dry" forces, every place in which the people had already voted for control of the liquor traffic reaffirmed that vote, according to Miss M. Ferguson, of the executive of the National W. C. T. U. in Scotland, who explained to a public meeting last night in the Y. W. C. A. recreation centre how the vote on licenses was carried out in Scotland. She brought word of the sturdy stand being made by the temperance forces.

Miss Ferguson gave an illustrated address showing some fine lantern slides of views of the islands and highlands of the west coast of Scotland. She also showed pictures of some of the W. C. T. U. work in Scotland

showing the holiday homes for city girls in the healthy country surroundings. The big picnics arranged for the women and children were also spoken of by Miss Ferguson and some groups of picnickers were seen in the slides. Mrs. George Colwell, county president of the W. C. T. U., presided at the meeting and thanks were extended to Miss Ferguson. In showing pictures of the Isle of Skye she showed the former who was greatly affected at the recalling of former happy days.

With regard to the coming of the Hebrides to Canada Miss Ferguson referred to the sad farewells in Scotland and the times of distress which led to the exodus from their homeland. She hoped Scotland's loss was the gain of Canada.

Miss Ferguson is to speak at the W. C. T. U. meeting this afternoon.

STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR.

St. Stephen, March 31.—(Special)—Miss Corey, formerly of Fredericton, but now of this town, had a very narrow escape Saturday night. In starting to cross the street near the C. P. R. station she stepped in front of a automobile which was coming down the street. The driver quickly threw on the brakes but was unable to stop soon enough and the young lady was hit and thrown to the pavement. With the exception of a few bruises she escaped without serious injuries.

MAY CALL FOR TENDERS.

In all probability tenders for the second wing of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage will be called for some time this week. Garret W. Wilson, architect, has the plans already prepared. The south wing, which is nearing completion, was to have been finished on April 15, according to the contract, but some of the outside work will probably be extended beyond that time in order that the frost may not interfere. The south wing is a fire-proof building, 118 feet by 56 feet, with

two storeys and a basement. It is of reinforced concrete construction with walls of interlocking terra cotta tile faced with brick. The proposed north wing will be of similar construction, 121 feet by 56 feet. The two wings will provide accommodation for 100 girls and 50 boys, besides receiving rooms for newly admitted children and quarters for the staff.

Many, if not all, of the so-called fixed stars are changing their positions.

TWO STEAMSHIPS COLLIDE IN FOG

Boston, March 31.—The Savannah liner City of Savannah, bound from Savannah to Boston with 91 passengers, was in collision with the steamer Walter D. Noyes, of Boston, during a fog, according to a wireless message received here today from Captain Garfield, of the former vessel. He reported both boats slightly damaged.



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