

MIDGET REPUBLIC HAS QUEER WAYS

No Latch Keys Permitted for Youth of San Marino.

BREED GOATS AND GO TO JAIL

Doctors Who Tell Tales Are Punished Also the Folk Who Go Ballooning.

San Marino, Aug. 15.—Locksmiths are forbidden to sell latch-keys to young men in this, the smallest republic on earth, and, it is claimed, the oldest among states—more than a thousand years of age.

Nobody is permitted to play a game of chance either in public or in private.

This latter regulation is a silent re-echo to Monaco, the smallest of principalities. Though Monte Carlo is 150 miles away to the west as the crow flies, the echo of the unrestrained gambling there is very much heard in this tiny republic. It is very proud of having resisted numerous temptations in the way of rich offers for gaming concessions.

Yet Monaco, with a permanent population of 16,000, has more than a million visitors every year, while San Marino, wholly enclosed in the Kingdom of Italy, only nine miles from Rimini, and sixty from Florence, has few or none.

Fines are prescribed here for doctors, chemists or blood-letters who reveal professional secrets, for disturbers of Roman Catholic services (but not those of heretics), and for "usurpation of public esteem" by assuming titles. Imprisonment for from one to three months is imposed for profanely using the name of the deity or of the Holy Virgin, or cursing the founder of the republic.

To write or speak in favor of dissolving the republic is punishable by ten years' penal servitude. Special licenses are required for growing tobacco, keeping she-goats, going up in balloons or climbing the town walls.

A dozen republics the size of San Marino could be put in New York City without crowding.

The "capital," the village of San Marino, is perched on a sheer rock more than 2,900 feet above the sea level and the four or five other villages are built on the craggy sides of the mountain. All told there are some eleven thousand people.

One part of the town is wholly taken up by the residences of the nobles, the remainder of the capital being relegated to the burghers and peasants. The principal public building is the Government Palace, which contains the throne of the Captains-Regent, and among other pictures, a portrait of George Washington by the inscription:

"In honor of the founder of the greatest of republics, this portrait was donated by the citizens of the oldest of republics."

Not the least interesting sight in San Marino is to see the national army on parade. The entire army consists of 124 men. Some of the uniforms, with cocked hats and plumes, are magnificent, and every man struts about with as ferocious and self-satisfied an expression as any Prussian veteran. Honorary rank in this army with the right to wear the uniform is as easily obtained as are titles of nobility.

Various titles of nobility are conferred by the Government of the republic. A few American citizens have been given "handles" to their names by the republic, among them being a dentist who received his title of duke in this manner.

The spirit of caste and other most undemocratic traditions prevail. The executive power is in the hands of two Captains-Regent, elected in April and October by the council of sixty; one of them must always be a nobleman and the other a bourgeois—a plain citizen.

All legislative power is vested in the Council of Sixty, which governs the state in truly paternal style. This Council of Sixty is composed of twenty nobles, twenty bourgeois and twenty countrymen or peasants. Whenever a vacancy is caused by death, the remaining councilors elect a successor.

When the history of the movement for national unity in Italy during the nineteenth century is considered, the existence today of San Marino as an independent republic is little short of marvelous. Small wonder that the superstitious Italians should look upon the survival of the oldest and smallest of republics as a miracle.

But, explain it as one may, by a miracle or otherwise, this strange freak of freedom remains, in this year of grace, 1936, a close ally with medieval laws and constitution.

San Marino was founded about the middle of the third century by a Dalmatian peasant named Marinus. Little, however, is known concerning the republic's history previous to 885, the date of the first authentic document relating to the town of San Marino.

In 1527, Bonaparte, with unusual magnanimity, refrained from annexing "cet echantillon de republique" (that sample of a republic). Napoleon probably was unaware of the aristocratic nature of the oligarchy which then ruled and still rules the republic.

The highest bridge in the world will be built across the Colorado river near Canon City, Col., over a vertical-sided canyon 3,000 feet above the river. The new electric railway line from Canon City to Florence will cross the bridge.

J. Pierpont Morgan is an alumnus of the old "Cheshire school," in Hartford, Conn., which has trained many a Wall Street man since the financier was graduated with the class of 1850.

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WHERE IS STENSLAND?

Cue Found by Police in Bank Absconder's Valise.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The directors of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank today repudiated the Chicago Title and Trust Company as receiver, and took action to have Judge Gibbons' appointment of the company as receiver set aside as illegal.

All the directors, except the two Stenslands, were present at the meeting, and sentiment was unanimous in favor of supporting Receiver John C. Peizer.

It was announced today that Police Inspector Shippy has found one of the valises taken by President Stensland when he left home on his flight. In the bag was a notebook containing minute details of three routes to countries where extradition treaties with the United States are of such a character that difficulty would be experienced in securing the return of a fugitive from justice.

The countries mentioned in the book are Honduras, India and Canada. The valise was found in a Wisconsin village, but no further information concerning the exact location would be given out by the police.

KING ALFONSO A GIDDY CUT-UP

Kept His English Host in a Stew at Cowes—Is a Wit—Perhaps.

London, Aug. 15.—English court circles have reason to be grateful that they do not often have royal visitors with the energy of King Alfonso of Spain.

During the fortnight he and his queen were at Cowes he proved to be the biggest handful his hosts have had for a long time.

In the first place, the visit was a distinct violation of royal etiquette, as it is most unusual for a newly-wedded sovereign to leave his own dominions for a year after marriage. But Alfonso has a strong liking for England and the English court, and this, coupled with the natural desire of his young queen to be once more among her own relatives, decided his majesty to set conventions at defiance.

The king did not lose a moment's time in extracting the last particle of enjoyment which the famous yachting festival afforded. The royal hosts and the state functionaries had hard work to keep pace with his inexhaustible activity.

Rising at an unheard of early hour, he was off for a swim long before the other royalties thought of stirring; then back to attend to state affairs, which he insisted on polishing off before breakfast. This finished, he is ready for the day, and the more that can be crammed into it the better he is pleased. Often, not content to abide by the arranged programme, he sets off on his own account on some expedition without escort of any kind, to the terror of the officials, who have painful memories of the coronation day on which he still fresh in their minds. To all remonstrances Alfonso replies with a hearty laugh, for it is clear that he revels in unconventionality.

All Cowes is laughing at one of his jokes. The leading Spanish functionary here was remonstrating with him against some unseemly and finding the youthful monarch inclined to argue the case, the official mentor said:

"But when you are at Cowes you must do as Cowes does."

Whereupon his majesty immediately began to "moo" like a cow.

His open manner is winning all hearts, to quote Queen Victoria herself.

He is quite in love with the Dowager (Consuelo) Duchess of Manchester. Her piano playing enchants him. The night the royal couple dined with her he begged her again and again to keep on playing. As long as she did so the king and the queen sat on either side of her, both applauding delightedly at the end of each piece. Finally the king took a couple of pieces of music which the duchess had played during the evening, "for my little queen to learn."

He folded them into the smallest compass, and stuffed them in a coat pocket.

This dinner was the gayest of any given during the week.

King Alfonso kept the party in fits of laughter, and after dinner tried his hand at several conjuring tricks.

When the king took his departure he kissed the duchess' hand in the most gallant manner, and thanked her for "the most enjoyable evening" he had spent on the island.

The duchess looked particularly handsome, all in black, with black and diamond ornaments in her hair and two rows of large pearls around her neck.

CRONSTADT MUTINEERS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The Cronstadt mutineers who are to be tried by court martial, have been divided into several categories.

The court martial of the ringleaders is now in progress.

The official inquiry at Tomsk into the abuses and malversations of the Siberian railway during the war, is coming to a conclusion. It has transpired that 1,500 cars disappeared, and that at one railroad station alone the state was defrauded of \$350,000.

BRITISH TARS COURT MARTIALED

Portsmouth, Eng., Aug. 15.—The court martial of Capt. Thomas B. S. Adair and Navigating Lieutenant James H. Dathan, of the British battleship Montague, which was lost May 30 on the rocks at Chesapeake Bay, was begun today. The officers are charged with having negligently or by default stranded and lost the ship.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENSES.

London, Aug. 15.—The report of the imperial committee on Australian defense deprecates the proposal for the formation of a local fleet on the ground that the existing forces are sufficient to repel any raiding cruisers which might escape the British fleet.

KAISER'S NEW CASTLE

Structure at Posen More Resembles Medieval Fortress.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—With the object of lending a German aspect to the Polish City of Posen and emphasizing Prussian supremacy there, Emperor William decided years ago to build a castle at that place. The structure is now nearly completed. Illustrations of it show it to be of heavy Romanesque architecture. The lower story is built of massive, irregular blocks of granite.

A tower 240 feet high surmounts the whole. At the corners are truncated towers. The walls are loopholed. The general appearance is that of a medieval fortress rather than of a modern palace.

The most remarkable apartment in the building is the state hall, which covers an area of 6,000 square feet. It is lined with marble and is richly ornamented with bronze reliefs.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS HALDANES PLAN

Would Have Home Garrisons of Volunteers When Britain Wars Abroad.

London, Aug. 14.—Mr. Haldane, secretary of state for war, has issued a very important memorandum on the army, in which he elaborates the scheme of military policy outlined in his two speeches in the House of Commons.

His dream is to bring the army into closer touch with the people. By means of county associations representative of local feeling he hopes to foster military ardor in the country districts, and to inculcate the rising generation with the same spirit that induces the young men of the Cantons of Switzerland to become citizen soldiers.

He declares that his scheme will give us a force of 150,000 officers and men ready for foreign service in case of war.

He hopes to induce the Yeomanry to accept liability for service overseas, and that they will fulfill in war time the functions of a second line of cavalry. While the striking force is abroad he hopes to garrison the country with the volunteers.

He declares that the political conditions of the time lend themselves to reconstruction on these lines. If the northwest frontier of India were a pressing problem—which it is not—he thinks the policy of having a very small force at home and a large unorganized mass of troops from which to draw reinforcements would be desirable.

Then Mr. Haldane outlines his plans for lifting the Yeomanry to a high fighting level. They will train in their own units and with their own officers for service overseas in time of war, with a view to assuming functions which in the opinion of the general staff may well be entrusted to corps which will become a second line of cavalry.

He explains next his plans for bringing the army nearer to the people in the localities, and for encouraging the people to adapt the volunteer forces for the definite functions of support and expansion.

"To enable them to fulfill such functions, the volunteers must be more completely and more scientifically organized for war than they are at present, and the general staff is now preparing a scheme for giving the volunteer force a real war organization."

"The Government is considering too, the practicability of handing over certain business relating to territorial forces to county associations, so formed as to be really representative of local feeling, and of making them responsible for the civil administration of the volunteer forces locally raised and maintained."

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Windsor, Aug. 15.—Mrs. F. H. McPherson, wife of the well-known accountant, of this city, is dead at her summer residence above Walkerville. She was stricken with paralysis two weeks ago, but was making progress towards recovery, and her death therefore, was a shock to her friends. Mrs. McPherson was a sister of G. M. Lee, clerk of the high court at Toronto.

Why Forty-Five Women Died

During the month of March 45 women were reported to have died in the United States as the direct result of using "headache powders." The poisonous and powerful ingredients caused paralysis of the heart and nerves, and death followed.

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St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—Professor George H. Blakelee, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., who was accompanied by M. N. Lubesky, a newspaperman, was arrested near Volokamsk yesterday as a suspicious character although he had a certificate of identity from the American consul-general, Mr. Smith, of Moscow. He was on the point of being sent to Volokamsk, when he was released by order of the Governor-General at the request of Consul Smith, who had been apprised by telegraph of the situation.

Prof. Blakelee is one of a number of

Americans traveling in Russia, studying the political, social and economic conditions.

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James B. Reynolds, of Boston, has been assistant secretary of the United States treasury for fifteen months, and in that time has signed his name somewhere close to 100,000 times. His signature is of a rather fanciful character and consequently he uses ink by the gallon. As a rule he uses up three pens in a day. During a hot spell of weather at one time 12,000 Indian warrants came in. They had to be signed. The other assistant secretaries were on their vacations, and "Jimmie" signed them, the whole 12,000.

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(Corrected to date.)

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Arrive from the east—4 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 6:25 p.m., 7:47 p.m., 10 p.m.

Arrive from the west—12:15 a.m., 3:20 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:20 a.m., 3:25 a.m., 8:10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:55 p.m. (Eastern Flyer.)

The trains leaving at 8:10 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations. The 8:10 a.m. local and the 11:20 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. expresses have through coaches for Toronto. The Eastern Flyer at 6:55 p.m. stops only at Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford and Hamilton, and goes to Toronto and Montreal.

Depart for the west—4:15 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 1:55 p.m., 8:01 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:55 p.m. trains stop at all stations. The 4:15 a.m., 11:32 a.m. and 8:01 p.m. expresses run through to Chicago without change.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:40 a.m., 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer, stops only at Chatham and Glenora) 11 p.m.

Depart—6:45 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 7:54 p.m. (International Limited stops only at Glenora and Chatham.)

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Arrive—10:40 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

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Arrive—9:45 a.m., 6:15 p.m.

Depart—8:15 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

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Arrive—8:45 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 8 p.m., 6:55 p.m., 8:55 p.m., 9:05 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

*From Walkerville.

Depart—5:45 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

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