

ENGLAND AS SEEN BY U.S.

Sinclair Lewis Says Americans Would Love Cousins if Minus Superciliousness

STUDY IN CONTRAST

LONDON, Oct. 9. — Sinclair Lewis, the author of "Babbitt," spoke with an entertaining exasperation on Tuesday about some common English misconceptions on the subject of America and the Americans. He took part in a debate with Major Beith (Ian Hay) at the London School of Economics on the differences between the English and the Americans.

Major Beith, as the exponent of "High Street," commented in a light and amusing manner on some of the superficial differences. He contrasted the American who, he said, was a born "up-lifter" and "booster," with the Englishman, who was a born "knocker"—a man who surrounds everything with an atmosphere of gentle depreciation. He made an ingenious defence of the English sentimental novel as a safety valve for the English who are afraid to express sentiment, and he accounted for Mr. Lewis's realism as an attempt to counter the exuberant sentimentality of the Americans. Hence "Main Street" and "Babbitt."

Mr. Sinclair Lewis, a young man with a knotty forehead, a fresh complexion, and extraordinarily fluent speech—the most expert short-hand writers present gave him up in despair—followed.

"Insufferable Lecturers"

Mr. Lewis plunged into Anglo-American relations. He said the misunderstandings reminded him of what happened when a young man called upon his future mother-in-law. They were both so correct that they could not get on together. So long as hands were shaken across the sea so vigorously everyone was miserable, but when the young man discovered the common love of cigarette-smoking in the other "in-law" all went well.

The trouble was that all Americans who appeared in England must be either humorous or inconsequent. Mark Twain had established the reputations of Americans as a very humorous people. According to the English, Americans were only interested in real estate or the punching of cattle. "I don't know exactly how you punch cattle," said Mr. Lewis, "but it seems a disagreeable business." An American who is a realist, interested in the sordid and more interesting side of life, was held to have no right to represent America.

It was one of the most absurd beliefs that England was a very old and America a very new country. "When I come back from Rome I look round and say, 'How extremely raw and new this country is. I must go back to a country with an old and mellow civilization.'"

Old American Families

There was less difference between America and England in age than there was between England and Rome. He knew American families who had lived on the same farm for 200 years, and there were certainly families in America who had always had afternoon tea at the same time, and who were tremendously ignorant about everything. America had a peevishness as England. "We don't call them Lord this or that; we call them Jim and Bill, but they are exactly alike. You must remember if we gave up having democracy in America and had titles we should have three times as many dukes as you."

Mr. Lewis gave some examples of the sort of thing which, he said, made Americans coming to England and wanting to love it come near to hating it at times. He read from a Sunday paper a paragraph on Bohemian changes, in effect that Bohemia was dropping its eccentricities because "Americans and bank clerks are imitating them." Crushing up the paper in his hand, he exclaimed, "This man is the kind of rotten little fool that makes Americans hate England when they want to love her."

Jokes Important

Such things were like the bacillus of some disease which, although a very small thing, caused a tremendous upheaval in the organism. Jokes were the most important things in the world. After giving more in-

stances of caricatures of Americans on the music hall stage and alluding with irritation to a cartoon in Max Beerbohm's new collection, in which Europa offers America 2½d. for her art in exchange for what America has taken from us, Mr. Lewis said that America would love England if Englishmen overcame their complete superciliousness, and, he added, "as an American I hope to be allowed to love England."

WHALING STATIONS CLOSE FOR WINTER

Prince John Brought Nearly 100 Chinese from Islands Yesterday Afternoon

C.N.R. steamer Prince John, Capt. Neil McLean, arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after having made her first trip to all Queen Charlotte points under the new fall schedule. The vessel had some 132 passengers—100 of whom were second class, mostly Chinese from the Lockport cannery and Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor whaling stations which are now closing up for the winter. The majority of the passengers transferred to the Prince Rupert and went south last night. The Prince John sailed at 10 o'clock for Stewart and Anyok.

First class passengers arriving here from the Islands on the Prince John included B. Wheatley (for Vancouver), Mrs. A. Murphy, E. C. Hill, T. L. Williams, R. Mallory, R. E. Burger, J. F. Hanna (for Victoria), L. H. Hinton, R. Ives, Tom Geary, A. Thomas, P. Plusk, Mr. and Miss R. R. Maxwell, W. G. Mitchell, K. Habermacker, G. A. Day (Vancouver), Dr. A. H. Bayne, Mr. Harrison, Herman Block (for Baltimore), Mrs. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hall (for Vancouver), A. J. McMillan, J. W. Russell, C. Mullen (Vancouver), J. Castle.

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by Shirley Sharon



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Have you ever noticed that you can usually tell the age of a child's mother by the color of the child's coat? Sober, practical colors generally mean the youngest child of a family of middle-aged parents. Gay colors, a mother still young enough to be frivolous and impractical. One envies the bit of femininity in a French coat of powder-blue cheviot, geranium homespun, soft green laces or an amazing green and lilac plaid. She may be a bit short on vitamins, but you may be sure she'll have strap slippers, socks and the new scarf collar and that her tiny flared coat will be as brief in length as those you see on smartly dressed children in the Bois, in Hyde Park, on Fifth Avenue and other delightful places.

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WHY VIENNA GRUMBLES

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TIMBER SALE X 6512.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands not later than noon on the 16th day of October, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X 6512, to cut 18,000 Jackpine Trees on an area situated about 4 miles East from the East End of Francois Lake, Range 5, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 6528.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the District Forester, not later than noon on the 20th day of October, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X 6528, Fountain Lake, Kitimat Arm, C.R. 4, to cut 733,000 feet of Hemlock, Balsam, Cedar and Spruce sawlogs.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, or the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TENDERS FOR COAL

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Contract Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, will be received by him until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, October 13, 1924, for the supply of coal for the Divisional Buildings and Experimental Farm and stations throughout the "Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, and at Kenora, Ontario. Terms of tender, full specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from W. Dawson, Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, J. E. Johnson, District Resident Architect, Winnipeg, Man., G. J. Stephenson, District Resident Architect, Regina, Sask., J. M. Stephenson, District Resident Architect, Calgary, Alberta, C. Wright, Superintendent of Dominion Buildings, Vancouver, B.C., Wm. Henderson, District Resident Architect, Victoria, B.C., and from the Superintendents of Experimental Farms and Stations, and the Divisions of the various Dominion Buildings in the said Provinces, outside of Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. Tenders will not be considered unless made on these forms. The right to demand from the successful tenderer a deposit, not exceeding 10 per cent of the value of the contract, to ensure the proper fulfillment of the contract, is reserved.

S. E. O'BRIEN, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, September 23, 1924.

T. J. Williams postmaster of Port Clement, arrived in the city from the Islands on the Prince John yesterday afternoon.

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