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SIDELIGHTS ON EVENTS ABROAD TOLD IN LETTER

Visitor Here Surprised at Change in Attitude on Heat in Kern

Commenting with amazement upon the changed sentiment regarding the sunlight in Kern County, and contrasting this altered psychology with Fresno, where it is declared a penal offense to mention the heat, Edward P. E. Troy, special articles writer, paid the people of this district tribute for their judgment and discernment yesterday. He was also warm in praise of Leigh H. Irvine, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, whom he holds chiefly responsible for this change. Mr. Troy, who has spoken and written on the single tax and public ownership in all parts of California, has just returned from a visit of seven weeks in California Hot Springs and six weeks at Democrat Hot Springs, where he had delivered a number of talks.

Mr. Troy lectured here on the single tax in 1915, accompanying Mrs. Joseph Fells, widow of Mr. Fells of the Fells-Naptha Soap Company, a speaker through all parts of the country. Professors Barnes and Slaughter were also here at that time.

Discussing sunlight in Kern County Mr. Troy quoted his sister, Miss Lillian Scott Troy of Washington, D. C., also a writer, and the owner of a motion picture theater for many years in London. After much suffering from trouble with her knee she cured it simply with sun baths. "At first only stay in the sun about ten or 15 minutes, and in a few days you can remain half an hour, then an hour. I think I can do the Charleston now, and only a little while ago I thought I was permanently crippled. It is a good thing the doctor charged me so much or I might still be going to him."

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"I don't know a thing about the French debt other than that we are supposed to have cancelled the whole of the war debt—and only ask payment of monies advanced to France since the war ended. But, as you know, I was in France a long time this journey, and to be quite truthful must say that I did not see any rudeness to Americans either in Paris, Nice or anywhere else. The French to whom I spoke in regard to the debt all seemed to have the idea that the debt would be paid in full, but rather slowly as France was in such a terrible financial condition. This was due to the expense of the war in the Riff—it was costing them enormously. But, about four months before I left France I began to notice that a great deal of subtle propaganda was being spread right in France by British writers and military men in regard to getting the French to start the active cry to cancel all war debts."

Because Miss Troy gave her theatre for use of the police during the organization of labor unions, she was deported a few years ago to New York, and she wrote in the letter just received: "Sir Basil Thomson, the man who hunted me in England, also hunted Calliaux during the war because Calliaux had tried to bring about peace before Europe was drained of youth and money. Thomson planted something on him, and Clemenceau swept him into prison and then to exile for five years. He was

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Miss Troy concluded: "The Dawes plan will ruin Germany inside of five or six years. It is a cleverly worded box of tricks to steal the valuable and efficient German railways from the Germans and give them to the Wall Street international bankers. I got it in English in Berlin and I saw this trick and took it up with Admiral von Tirpitz. None of them had seen it, for the language was very vague. He passed it on to the press, and then gave me his interview for the American and German press. It was in all the Hearst papers. The paragraph which contained the trap was worded innocently but the wording was so English I doubted if Dawes could have done it."

First Regular Meeting W. O. W. Will Be Tonight

Activities will be resumed tonight at the W. O. W. hall, where Bakersfield Camp 460, Woodmen of the World, will meet in its first regular session of the fall season. Remodeling of the lodge rooms has taken place during the summer, and although not quite complete, the lodge members will get an idea of the renovated interior.

Regular business, with initiation, is scheduled this evening. The meeting will be closed with the serving of light refreshments.

NEW EMPLOYEE IN COUNTY LIBRARY ARRIVES FROM N. Y.

Miss Kathryn Langan of Syracuse, New York, has been employed at the Kern County Free Library as first assistant cataloguer to work in the department headed by Miss Aimee Peters. Miss Langan, a graduate of Syracuse College, has been six years with the public library of that city. Her work here started yesterday. Miss Langan is making her home at 2111 Nineteenth Street.

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