The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

My prophecy last week of the Labor Day week-end was fulfilled when I became on the Alert and said perhaps the fun was just starting. Cards in the mail last Saturday morning brought announcements of a supper and dance to be held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club that evening. Although hurriedly arranged by the committee, following the lifting of the pleasure ban, everything went off in fine style—delicious supper, good music, large crowd, and big time. In fact, all places of amusement, from most reports, were equally crowded, including the Rock Hall Yacht Club and Betterton, Labor Day itself was more or less of a semi-holiday, this year, and for those who did have the day off, most of them spent their time in returning home.

All of which brings us to the point of who was there to enjoy the week-end with us. Starting down Quaker Neck way, and working toward town. Mr. and Mrs. William R. McAlpin, of New York, visited their farm over last week-end. At Deep Point, Miss Sara Longstreth and her brother, Mr. Edward R. Longstreth, of Moylan, Pa. are guests of their niece, Mrs. Clark Grieb and Mr. Grieb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Eliot P. Hurd, were guests of Mrs. Edward A. Hurd at The Reward, while over at King's Grant, Mr. Walter Miller, of New York, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Blackhurst.

Mrs. Isaac Roach, of Newton Square, Pa., who has been visiting at Reardon, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Roach for two weeks, was joined by her husband, a nephew of Mr. Walter Roach, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stokes visited their farm over the week-end, and over in the same section of the Neck, Mrs. Martin Ramsay, of Washington, concluded a visit of ten days with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Sease. Other recent guests of Mrs. Sease were Captain Harold Martin, U. S. Navy and Mrs. Martin. Captain Martin has of late returned to this country from the Pacific.

Mrs. E. Carroll Stollenwerck and her two children of New York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Miller, at Hinchingham.

Over at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Truslow, Miss Mary Louise Truslow had as her week-end guests, Miss Kitty Flanigan of Richmond, Va., and Miss Nancy Hunt, of Oxford, N. C. Both Miss Flanigan and Miss Hunt are room-mates of Miss Truslow's at the University of North Carolina, where Miss Truslow will be a member of the Senior Class this semester, leaving Chestertown on Monday to enter.

Coming into Chestertown, now we find that Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Townshend entertained Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O'Sullivan of Culpepper, Va., and Miss Marian Pickett, of Clarkesville, Md., over the week-end. Mrs. O'Sullivan is a sister of Mrs. Townshend's while Miss Pickett, who spent last winter here attending Washington College, will enter the Union Memorial Hospital for training.

Mrs. William W. Beck, of New York and her brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Beck, of Dallas, Texas came from New York on Friday and remained until Labor Day as guests of Mrs. Allan A. Harris. Miss Isabelle Beck, of Baltimore was also a guest of Mrs. Harris over the week-end.

Ensign and Mrs. Clarke Fontaine, Jr., and their young daughter were the week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Fontaine.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinsfield, of Arlington, Va., were guests of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Smith.

Miss Edwina Senior, of Baltimore, who was here for the week-end, is spending her month's vacation from the Union Memorial Hospital, where she is a nurse, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitworth, at Radcliffe Hall.

Miss Betty Thibodeau and Miss Edith Warneke, of Baltimore were guests over the week-end of Mrs. William R. Janney.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead, who returned from Capon Springs, W. Va., on Thursday, after a vacation there of two months, were accompanied to their home here by their son, Mr. John C. Mead, who is living in Cynthiania, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley, of Baltimore, and Lieut. Beverly Hazel, of Philadelphia, joined Mrs. Hazel here as guests of Mrs. J. Kennard Aldridge over the week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Beach and their son, George, of Baltimore, spent the past week at Riverview the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts, who entertained at cards in their honor last Thursday evening. Over the Labor Day holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warner, of Easton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Their daughters, Misses Dorothea and Mary Clare Roberts spent last week in Baltimore visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Richard Hall has rteurned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollison Baxter, from Talladega, Ala. for an indefinite period, while Lieut. (j. g.) Hall is serving in the anti-submarine division of the U. S. Navy stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. J. Philip Skipp, and her young son, will also return to Chestertown the last of this month, to make their home with Mrs. Skipp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hynson Rogers, while Mr. Skipp is in the Services.

Mrs. Elmer Thomas and her son, Billy returned to Chestertown Thursday after a visit of five weeks in Milton, Fla., where Mr. Thomas is doing government work.

Mrs. Arthur J. Leonard and family will move, next week, to Norfolk, Va., where they will make their home, joining Mr. Leonard, who has been employed there for several weeks.

Lieut. S. Scott Beck has been spending several days here, as a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott Beck before leaving for duty in the South Pacific.

News of an approaching wedding of interest greets us to-day:

Miss Margaret Ellen Bishop Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spry Ford, of near Galena, Maryland, will become the bride of Lt. William Page Carter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Page Carter, of Nutley, New Jersey, on Saturday, September the eleventh, at 5 P. M. in Old Shrewsbury.

On Tuesday, September 14th at 2 o'clock the Garden Club will resume their regular monthly meetings. This month, Mrs. R. F. Tull will entertain the members, who are asked to bring arrangements suitable for a living room or for a hall table. These arrangements will be judged, for first, second and third honors. These within the club flower shows, do much in stimulating interst in better arrangements for all, and result in more beautiful displays when arranging flowers in one's home. Thus, every member is urged to contribute one or more entries.

Turning toward vacationists we find that Mrs. Joseph Lewis and Mrs. Richard George are spending this week at Ocean City, Md.

Mrs. Louise Dutcher and Miss Ann Pippin are guests this week of Mrs. Dutcher's sister, Mrs. Edgar A. Popper, at her home in Wappinger's Falls, N. Y.

Now by the dawn's early light, so proudly we hail, the jubliant entry of our Allies into Italy. We may well be jubilant, we must be vigilant and we can not be indolent.

Yours on guard,

The Wanderer

Now Open

The Chestertown Bowling Center on Cannon Street is now open every evening from 6.00 P. M. on and 2 P. M. on Sunday.

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Washington Digest

History Written at Quebec; Only Time Will Reveal It



Military Experts Satisfied With Results of Roosevelt-Churchill Conference; Political Angle an Enigma.

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

Mr. Baukhage has written today's column from Quebec, site of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference, which he covered for newspapers affiliated with Western Newspaper Union.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building Washington, D. C.

Now that some of the deep secrets which surrounded the most important conference so far held by the firm of Roosevelt & Churchill, purveyors of victory, are beginning to be revealed in action, one can lean back, gaze at this remarkable adventure in history in the making—and wonder . . .

I cannot help recalling the evening of Sunday, August 22, nearly a month after the actual preparations for the conference began, the purpose of which was then unguessed even by the people whose job was to do the spade work. I was sitting with Edgar Mowrer, the well-known newspaper man, Michael Barkway, representative of the British Broadcasting company, and Wilson Woodside, commentator for the Canadian Broadcasting system. That morning the news had broken that Ambassador Litvinov would not return to Washington. It was learned that a virtually unknown member of the Soviet diplomatic corps, who had been their representative in Ottawa, was to replace the adroit Mr. Maisky, Stalin's expert lieutenant in London.

Woodside had learned, quite by accident, that a little while before the representative of Tass, the official Russian news agency, who had been an active participator in the press conferences, had suddenly departed from our midst—severing the last shadowy link with the Kremlin.

A few days before, just as a rumor was circulating that the conference had agreed upon the division of Germany into separate states as one of the post-war steps, the text of a broadcast from Moscow was printed in an American paper. It was made by the so-called Free Germany committee, and of course could not have voiced any views contrary to the will of Stalin. It urged that the German army be kept intact after the war!

Stalin's Absence

Of course Stalin's absence from the conference had been widely discussed in Quebec. To say the least we were four very confused members of press and radio, and I think our feelings were typical—two of us had covered international conferences before. Was Russia running a competition show to the one staged on the heights of America's Gibraltar? The shudder we shuddered and which spread out over the telegraph lines and airwaves bounced back to the walls of the Citadel where the top-men were conferring. At an eight o'clock conference that eve-evening presidential secretary Stephen Early announced that the recall of Litvinov had been known to the conferees long before it happened and had no influence or effect on the conference.

Meanwhile all sorts of speculation about the effect of the absence of the Russians, the ominous "empty chair," had been pouring out of Quebec, perhaps comforting if not aiding the enemy and probably making no one happy, even Stalin.

Could this and the other unfortunate things which were written have been avoided; were we, in spite of ourselves, evil muses?

I said to one of the willing but rather futile and frustrated men who were supposed to provide us with facts: if we could have just had a little guidance wouldn't it have been better?

He admitted that was true, but, he added, "When an information man asks the higher ups for information they are so afraid they will say more than they ought to that we get nothing."

More than 200 press, radio and news photographers were here. We filled to bursting the little old Clarendon hotel, with its narrow corridors, its lobby turned into a telegraph office, and its modest bedrooms made into press room and broadcasting studios. Two blocks away was the spacious Chateau Frontenac, a Normandie palace with 750 bedrooms, where some 300 military and technical experts were immolated. Canadian Mounted police, tough British marines and hefty Canadian veterans of Dieppe guarded its portals. The inmates, like us, were virtually incommunicado. When they dared take a one-day's river trip one officer said, "it was to prevent an outbreak of claustrophobia."

Invisible Ink

There is much we did not know when we arrived. There is more we still do not know of what occurred after the conferees met. History was written but it was written in invisible ink.

Now some things can be told. In the first place the event was, perhaps purposely, perhaps unwittingly, played down in Washington in advance. Before I left the capital I was assured the conference would probably end about the Wednesday a week before it did. I had hoped for a quiet half-week's vacation. But no sooner had I arrived on the Sunday preceding Roosevelt's arrival the next Tuesday, than I saw we were all wrong. I felt sure something had happened when the President and the prime minister had their preliminary talk at Hyde Park. Something did, for I am sure there had been no intention of producing the parade of cabinet officers and other brass hats who kept dropping in from the skies and elsewhere one after another. But I learned that the length of the conference was planned to a "t" by the President long before it began. He knew it would last precisely as long as it did for he timed his Ottawa trip in advance so he would be back in Washington on August 26. He knew what was coming and that is why he slipped off for that fishing trip, which was just that and nothing more, ahead of the conference—it was a health measure pure and simple. Churchill and his midnight cigars are something to prepare for, the wee sma' hours are the big moments for this human dynamo.

Then the "something" yet to be revealed, happened. Churchill hailed his foreign minister from London and with him came not only Information Minister Bracken, who played no part as an informer but nevertheless was of cabinet rank, but also the permanent head of the British foreign office, Sir Alexander Cadogan with the accent on the "dog" pronounced (though Secretary Early could never quite master it) "dug."

Of course Hull had to appear to match Eden; then another cabinet member, Secretary of War Stimson to match Bracken and then Secretary of the Navy Knox for good measure, perhaps to give verisimilitude to the talk that the Pacific was not being neglected. Then just before Stalin made public his gesture of withdrawal (recalling Litvinov), T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister more or less permanently installed in Washington for some time past, appeared. Then there was the excuse that a big drive on Burma was in the wind.

The Big Drive

Meanwhile the press had blown very hot and then very cold on an immediate invasion of Europe from Britain. I don't know whether the reports that the big smash was coming was a part of the Allied war of nerves, but I am sure that the folks who threw cold water on it were sincere in their belief it just couldn't be started before spring.

I sat with a general whom I have known for a long time, a real soldier in World War I as well as in this one. Here's what he had to say:

"We haven't got the men yet. We must drop bombs upon bombs. There is a lot more softening up to do."

This man was on the periphery—not on the inside. I am sure that the technical experts, the officers—and we had them all, probably the greatest aggregation of military brains and real experience, too, ever assembled anywhere — they were sure. They were certain. And when the conference was over they were satisfied. As to the political side, that is an enigma and will be one as long as Russia remains one. And that she is.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

The British colony of Fiji, once noted for cannibalism among the natives, is granting reciprocal aid to U. S. forces stationed there to the value of almost three million dollars annually.

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Women have been found to be men's equals or betters in making diamond dies, the WPB has revealed.

A heavy bomber, cruising at 250 miles an hour, burns 3⅓ gallons of gasoline every minute.

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To continue the standard of the U. S. army as the healthiest army in the world, 7,500 additional physicians and surgeons will be needed during the coming three months, and an additional 2,500 by January 1, 1944.

Asylum Escapee And Youth Rob Dry Branch Store

Aberdeen—After forcing a hooked screendoor in broadlight, an escapee from Spring Grove Sanatorium and a youth he had picked up in Baltimore, robbed the Phillip's Store at Dry Branch, in the Fourth District, of about $8 in change last Saturday morning.

County officers, notified promptly of the robbery, picked up the pair shortly afterwards as they were trudging on the road to Black Horse.

The mental case, Hubert Nixon, 35, was returned to Spring Grove on the same day, and the youth, Joseph Kennedy, 15, was held this week in the Harford County jail on a breaking-and-entering charge.

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Elkton—Mrs. Katherine Jennings of Fallston, Harford county had her handbag stolen recently. During the past week the "kind thief" sent by mail from New York the handbag containing her driver's license, three government vouchers totaling $116.25 and a few personal papers, but kept $22 in cash and her wrist watch.

Secure Interest In Gold Mine

Easton—A number of Easton business men have acquired an interest in the famous Calhoun mine, in Georgia, and are preparing to reopen the property which has not been worked for a number of years. At one time the mine produced ore assayed at $60,000 per ton, it is said.

A new strike was recently made on the property which geologists stated ran nearly one-third gold. The vein is believed to be of considerable depth and thickness.

The mine is in the famous Dahlonega district of Georgia and was worked for many years, yielding at one time metal valued at $1,000 per day.

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