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## THE INVASION OF LONDON.

The cosmopolitan invasion of London has begun. Tourists from abroad are arriving in such numbers that the present holiday season promises to beat all records. Fifty thousand visitors from America, France, and Germany, at a moderate estimate, are already in London, and fresh arrivals are pouring in at the rate of twenty thousand a week. The London season is only beginning, but the hotels, restaurants, and West End shops are enjoying a holiday boom. Most of the larger hotels are full to overflowing with guests of all nations. The streets are filled with strangers from everywhere, who are spending something like £500,000 a week.

The visitor's list is made up as follows:—

Americans	12,000	Colonials	6,000
French	10,000	Other nationalities	13,000
Germans	9,000		

Each visitor on an average passes a week sight-seeing in London, and spends at least £10, making a total of half a million a week.

Americans and colonials in tourist garb of brown, with slouch hats, may be seen by scores in the Strand, and portly Germans and dapper Frenchmen carrying guide books are seeing more of London in a week than most cockneys have seen in a lifetime. "It should be a record season," says the manager of the Savoy Hotel. "London is becoming the pleasure centre of the world. Paris at one time held the first place, but all good Americans and foreign holiday-makers now try to 'do London' as well." The tide of travel reaches high-water mark at Selfridge's, and a London press representative on Thursday found the American, Colonial, French, and German drawing-rooms there crowded. "We have been busy all day answering questions in all languages," said the young woman in charge of the Information Bureau, who is known as the best informed woman in London.

"More than a thousand German visitors have come here already, and most of them have signed their names in our visitors' book."

### FRENCHMEN AND THEIR NAVY.

The French Navy League, which was founded in 1899 on the model of the Navy Leagues of England and Germany, has just published its tenth yearly report. Once more the general indifference of the mass of the French people to all naval matters is brought very strongly to light. During 1908 the membership was increased by only 2,774 new members, making a total of only 12,008 members, belonging to 72 branches, of which 27 are abroad. The German Navy League has now 307,884 single members, 699,679 incorporated members, and 3,376 branches. The difference is most striking.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S VOYAGE.

The Royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" with Queen Alexandra and the Empress Dowager of Russia on board left this afternoon for the Piræus.

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### EVENTS IN TURKEY.

Paris, May 8.

The *Liberté* states that the French and English Governments have resolved to make urgent representations at Constantinople as to the danger that threatens the Christians in Asia Minor in consequence of Mussulman fanaticism; and to draw the attention of the Turkish Government to the fact that any delay in the satisfactory settlement of the matter would oblige the Powers to take speedy and direct measures of their own.

Constantinople, May 7.

Today's Selamlık was on a still more simple scale than the one held on Friday last. The Sultan was loudly cheered. Shevket Pasha, the Commander-in-Chief, paid visits to the Ambassadors this afternoon.

The Grand Vizier, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Minister of the Interior have assured the diplomatic representatives that the internal condition of Asia Minor has become more quiet, and that all necessary measures have been taken for the complete tranquillisation of the country and the restoration of order.

According to information given by the Porte, a military centre has been established in each Vilayet, with orders to pacify it thoroughly.

Constantinople, May 8.

The reports that the massacres in the Vilayet Adana were instigated by Abdul Hamid are disputed in authoritative quarters. In the interests of the respect due to the Sultanate, the Caliphate, and State authority, steps are being taken by the Porte and the chief military authorities to counteract the gross and increasing calumination in word and in writing which is arousing great indignation among the Mohammedan priesthood, in old-Turk circles, and in some Albanian, Kurd, and other districts.

### VENEZUELA'S TREATMENT OF AMERICANS.

New York, May 7.

According to a telegram from Kingstown (St. Vincent) an American seaman, named Payne, who has escaped from gaol in Venezuela, states that the officers and crew of the American whaler "Carrie Knowles" are prisoners in Venezuela. The ship, Payne declares, was wrecked off the Venezuelan coast, and the authorities arrested the crew, all the members of which are still alive. The "Carrie Knowles" left Provincetown (Mass.), on January 27, 1904, and this is the first news of her.

## GREAT STRIKE THREATENING FRANCE.

(DAILY RECORD CORRESPONDENT.)

Paris, May 7.

Paris awaits tomorrow the outbreak of a great national strike, the natural result of the Government's vacillating attitude towards its postal officials. The forces of associated labour are marshalled against the Government, and neither side shows the least disposition to yield an inch. If this strike occurs, as tonight there appears every likelihood, it will be a thousand times more paralyzing than the recently patched up trouble. Every branch of Governmental employes has promised to support the General Confederation of Labour, which is master of the situation. The authorities are feverishly preparing emergency measures in view of the coming cataclysm of the postal service. Private automobiles are being hired by the hundred; carrier-pigeons by the thousand have been requisitioned and are held in readiness to establish flying mail services between Paris and the suburbs. Regimental telegraphists are under orders to assume charge of the head telegraph office immediately word comes, and an attempt to deal with the accumulations of mail matter which must follow upon a strike will be made by soldiers temporarily assigned to the purpose. France tonight is standing on the brink of social and industrial paralysis; some there are who prophesy that it will prove a sweeping revolution, the smallest consequence of which would be the downfall of the present Government.

Paris, May 7.

The Union of Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Office employes will have a proclamation placarded tonight declaring that the Government has not kept its promises to the employes, who are determined to defend their rights and freedom.

Paris, May 8.

Seven Post Office officials, summoned to appear before the Court of Cassation, have signed a declaration that they will not appear. The new syndicate of Post Office employes already numbers 3,000 members. The meetings of Post Office employes held on Thursday evening in Paris and the provinces resolved to employ all means, including a strike if necessary, to obtain what they demand. The syndicate of railway workmen of France and her colonies has given notice of a general strike if Parliament rejects the Old Age Provision Bill, and declared its approval of the proceedings of the Post Office employes. On the other hand the Congress of engineers and firemen on the Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean line, which assembled at Marseilles, passed a resolution declining to act with the General Workmen's Union.

Paris, May 8.

M. Barthou, the Minister for Public Works, has informed a representative of the *Matin* that the Government will maintain an inflexible attitude towards insubordinate Post Office officials. Post Office employes, he said, had never hitherto ventured to deliver such unequivocally revolutionary speeches at public meetings as the nine Post Office officials who are summoned to appear today before the Court

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