

MIAMI ROOM \$20 A WEEK FOR GIRL

Writer Finds Hot Water and Gas Heaters Are Rare Luxuries in Mushroom Florida City.

Editor's Note: Here is the first of a series of articles by Allene Summer, special reporter for the Indianapolis Times, who has gone to Florida to see just what sort of conditions confront women who go there to work or run a household.

By Allene Summer

MAMI, Fla., Dec. 8.—I was prepared for the very worst. On the train coming down from the North, I had heard many stories of the scarcity of hotel accommodations in Miami; stories of people sleeping in the parks, or paying \$5 a night to sleep in parked automobiles.

So it was with considerable trepidation that I approached Miss Helen Sullivan, Travelers' Aid Society secretary, who sat at a desk in the Miami station with a sign which read: "Ask me about hotel reservations." I did.

"What can you pay?" asked Miss Sullivan.

I reflected. Remembering palatial rooms up North for \$6 a day, I timidly suggested that I could pay \$6.

"With bath?" queried Miss Sullivan with lifted brows. "Can't possibly be done under \$10."

I meekly asked for a few \$10 admissions and set forth.

The \$10 places looked dowdy. I did some research for myself. The first place I drove into had a Spanish patio effect with a lobby full of high-born matrons and maids. Scorn and derision greeted my request for "a single with bath."

Pleasantly Surprised

Nothing daunted, I trekked across the street to where another orange-awninged confection of architecture waited forth the ambrosial odor of French perfume and imported henna. And again I made my quavering request.

Now recall that Miami, formerly a city of 75,000, is now almost 300,000. Recall that tent cities dot the entire State of Florida, because "there is no room at the inn."

Here was a clerk suavely and apologetically saying:

"I'm sorry I can't give you a single. But I'll give you a double with bath for the same price—\$6 a day."

Thus did investigation reveal the hotel situation in Miami.

But it means nothing. It's just one of those constant contradictions in which this play city abounds.

Besides, the hotel problem in

What Girls Find in Miami

Here's what Allene Summer found during her first day in Miami:

Hotel rooms are not scarce just now, but will be by the first of the year.

Accommodations for the working woman are almost unobtainable.

It is almost impossible for a working girl to get a single room for less than \$20 a week.

Hot water and gas heaters are rare luxuries at such places.

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Miami is not so acute just now. There is the lull before the storm. The city's population has shrunk slightly during the past month; but before December ends there will be a torrent of tourists pouring that will make the summer's activity look tame.

Hard for Working Girls

But, though \$6 hotel rooms may be found, terror strikes the heart of the business or professional woman who comes here to work and live on what she makes.

For, granted that she could get a room for \$5 a day; that's \$35 a week!

And not more than fifty women in all Miami are making as much as \$75 a week, according to the Y. W. C. A.

The working woman must find a room. She figures on a possible \$12 a week as her maximum.

But, startling though it may seem, there is hardly one single room available in Miami, in which a self-repecting working girl could live, which does not cost at least \$20 a week.

And a girl has a mighty hard time finding even a \$20 room which she may have by herself.

Ladies have learned that men don't mind "doubling up" as much as women do. Four men on one room will pay \$15 each. There's \$60 a week right there. Why bother with a girl with only \$20?

The room registry of the Y. W. C. A. is desperate!

Stop Coming Here

"Tell girls to stop coming here unless they know exactly where

they are going to live and what they are going to pay," says Miss Vilona Cutler of the Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. has 100 rooms of its own and will have 110 more by Jan. 1. These rooms rent for from \$2 to \$5 a week. Thousands of girls are after them and the Y. W. simply takes in girls who would be on the streets otherwise.

I met one girl who is joyful because she has the privilege of sharing a bedroom with another woman for \$12.50 a week. She walks eight miles a day to work and was bothered with a bad cold when I met her.

"Take a hot bath, drink some hot lemonade and take a hot water bottle to bed with you," I suggested. She only chuckled.

"Hot water, did you say?" she asked. "We have no gas and no electric heater. I haven't had a hot bath since I came here, two months ago."

"Well, heat a dishpan of water on the stove," I went on.

Again she howled.

"What did you say? A dishpan? We can't buy one. We haven't even a tea kettle. The embargo shut them all out."

A professional woman who made \$350 a month in Toronto, and who is working here for \$35 a week, complained that her landlady had requested her to leave because she asked for hot water for a bath. And

she was paying \$20 a week for her room.

NEXT: Getting a job in Miami.

BUS COMPANIES NOT PROSPERING

Commission Accountant Makes Appraisal, Report.

No motor bus company in Indiana is making money, it was asserted today, following an appraisal of the motorized equipment of the Interstate Public Service Company by John S. Powell, chief accountant for the public service commission.

Rolling stock of the Interstate's bus division was appraised by Powell at \$192,000. On this basis, a five cents a mile fare would be necessary to provide a 7 per cent return. Powell said. The Interstate's financial problems are typical, Powell said. The appraisal was made in connection with petition of the Interstate to increase its fares to three cents a mile.

A Smith Bowman, People's Motor Coach Company president and Robert I. Maresh, attorney for the Motor Bus Association of Indiana, declared five cents a mile is out of all reason.

PHONOGRAPH EXHIBITED

Coming Out Party Staged for New Brunswick Machine.

Even the phonographs these days have "coming out" parties.

The Brunswick Panatope made its debut in Indianapolis Monday night at a dinner given at the Elks Club.

WALTER J. BAKER, manager of the Brunswick Shop, acted as host. H. M. Reynolds, representative of the Interstate Public Service Company, explained the great improvements made on this new machine.

The guests were newspaper representatives. It is planned to demonstrate soon the use of the Panatope for dancing purposes when a demonstration will be given in the ballroom of the Elks Club.

PADLOCKS ARE ORDERED

By United Press

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 7.—Fourteen soft drink parlors in Gary and four in East Chicago are closed today with legal padlocks ordered by Judge Miller Norton. Liquor law violations are charged.

WANTS TO HELP OTHERS

"I could not rest because of coughing all night" writes Mr. L. E. Davis, 651 E. Forty-Sixth St., Chicago, Ill. "Tried FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR and it is the best remedy for coughs and colds I ever took. I introduced FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR to several of my friends and they think it's the best they ever used." FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR just naturally hits the spot and gives quick relief from coughs, colds and hoarseness. Get a bottle from your neighborhood store today.—Advertisement.

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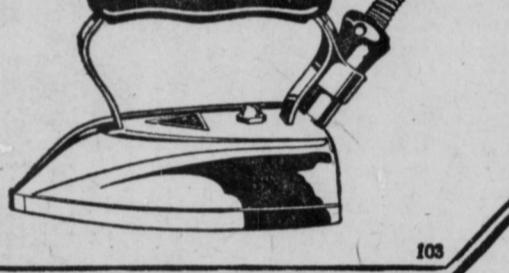
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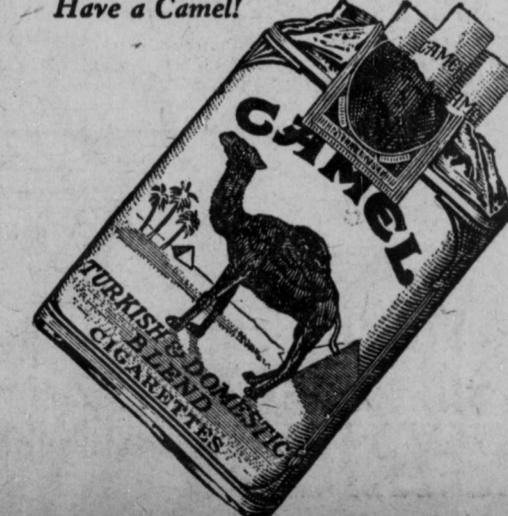
When it's Christmas Eve—and the glistening tree is ready and trimmed with gifts and toys—when the peace and good cheer of Christmas are almost here—have a Camel!

WHEN the happy work of Christmas Eve is done. And the clock calls the approach of midnight. When the gifts and toys are in their place on the children's tree—have a Camel!

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