

FOULKE CONTINUES STORY OF TRAVELS

Richmond Citizen Abroad
Describes Beautiful Villa
Near Italian Border.

We have secured a gasoline launch with a comfortable little cabin when it rains, and this puts us in constant communication with all parts of the lake, including Lugano whenever we desire. Lugano is only half an hour away and Piero our motor-man brings all our provisions over every day. In addition we have brought from America a canvas canoe (which is an object of great wonder to the people hereabouts) and on calm days we paddle quietly over the still waters. Our life here is necessarily mostly upon the lake as we have no land communication with anything except by foot paths with the villages to the north of us and with the beautiful valley of Valsolda beyond, a narrow valley rising between steep mountain sides, with several streams which run the way up, accessible by foot paths only or on horseback if you prefer.

I have said that our house is the last dwelling in Italy before you come to Switzerland. There is indeed a little cabin about ten feet square on a narrow ledge of rock at the foot of the cliffs right at the frontier, accessible only by water and this is occupied by two men of the Italian customs service who stop all the boats going toward Italy (except the steamers which have customs officers on board) and have the right to examine everything if they so desire.

Customs Are Similar.

There is a similar customs office on the Swiss side at the little town of Gandria. So we cannot go for our morning's provisions without the liability of being overhauled each way, yet in point of fact these men have given us little trouble. A word, or perhaps a gesture, as you pass them by is generally sufficient. At the other side of the lake there are two similar custom houses, larger, and one of them the Italian has provided with a searchlight which flashes across the lake into our window every little while, the whole night long. In addition to this there are three tiny torpedo boats at Porlezza at the northeastern end of the lake, which sail forth on dark and foggy nights and carry a search of smugglers. For smugglers abound. The Italian duties upon salt, sugar, tobacco, etc., are many times the original price of the articles and the contrabandiere, as they are called, do a profitable business when they are not caught, arrested and jailed. Just opposite us there is a long series of stone steps climbing the mountain from the lake just at the frontier, with a very high barbed wire fence and a guard above and below to prevent any one from getting over, but in spite of all precautions there are mountain climbers who evade all pursuit or discovery and come with their precious parcels for sale at greatly reduced prices.

Overhauled by Guard.

Yesterday we were overhauled by the guard coming from Lugano with some new dinner dishes which we needed for the table. One of the two men accompanied us to the custom house at Orta where the dishes were taken out and all duly weighed and we were taxed fifty-six cents for them, receiving as a receipt for this sum, so elaborate a document that it might have been a deed for a farm. In answer to our inquiries as to the state of the contraband trade, the collector informed us of the hard lives the guard lived up on the mountains trying to prevent it and showed us a big bunch of sugar which had recently been captured and the smuggler sent to prison for ten days.

They might be condemned and sentenced to eighteen months, he told us, but added with a disengaged air, "They are generally pardoned."

Describes Villa.

Our villa has the most charming situation imaginable. First there is the lower terrace flanked by a wall which is built up from the lake itself and now completely covered with masses of honeysuckle just ready to bloom, and in the middle an iron gateway and a broad flight of steps with a landing at the bottom. On this terrace, in front of each of the two corners of the house, there is a beautiful tall cypress tree, and between these two cypresses and flanking the front doorway there are two large magnolias and at the sides of the cypresses are palms and palmettos.

Above the terrace there is a wall and a second terrace from which you can enter the house at either end and on this upper terrace there are four stately cypresses which appear to guard the building on each side and are quite symmetrical. Behind the house, terrace after terrace rises up the mountain where vines used to grow until the phylloxera destroyed them and where there are still a number of olive trees. Flowers bloom everywhere, the air is overflowing with the songs of birds, cactuses crowd through the crannies in the moss grown walls, the dull red stone of the house with its complicated decorations now worn by time contrasts admirably with the dark green of the cypresses and the brighter green of the mountain sides; the views up and down and across the lake are incomparable. In all our travels we have not seen a building which, with its setting, forms a more perfect picture than this villa of the Marquis Brusati di Settala, at Orta on Lake Lugano.

(To be continued.)

At the end of last June there were 1,840 amateur wireless telegraph operators licensed by the United States government, and the ranks have been materially increased since then.

Chief of 4,000 Red Cross Nurses



Miss Jane Delano is the efficient head of four thousand Red Cross nurses, some of whom have already been ordered to Mexico. Miss Delano serves without pay and her official title is "Chairman of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service." She is a graduate of Bellevue hospital, New York city, and has many times exhibited the efficiency of her corps in times of disaster. The present nursing service is almost entirely due to her efforts.

COBB'S RETENTION

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groups of twos and threes and held conversations in low tones.

He cited the Dr. King affair when King was ousted by a vote of every trustee but one in the county board of education.

A petition asking the county board of education to remove Dr. King and appoint a new trustee, was circulated among members of the trustees' organization for two years before it came to a vote. Howarth says he and George Paulin of Webster township refused to sign the petition, thus preventing the operation of the "unit rule" system. Finally, after some trouble in discrediting schools, Howarth joined the others and after unavailing attempts to swing Paulin, the matter came to a vote in the county board of education with the result that King was ousted.

Mason Against Cobb.

Mandus E. Mason of Cambridge City, who is secretary of the board of trustees and a strong anti-Cobb man, was the one who postponed the June meeting of the trustees in which the Cobb matter was to have come up for final settlement as far as the informal organization of the trustees could settle it. Howarth said Mason did not notify him of the postponement of the meeting, but as he was in Indianapolis Tuesday and Wednesday he supposed that the meeting had taken place. He was surprised to learn it had not been held.

Mr. Howarth also left the inference that he is not the only member that is not "on the caucus" of the board, but refused to give the names of two or three others whom he said were in the same position that he occupied.

Daughter Helped Also.

"I gave it to my daughter when she was thirteen years old. She was in school and was a nervous wreck, and could not sleep nights. Now she looks so healthy that even the doctor speaks of it. You can publish this letter if you like." —Mrs. RENA BOWMAN, 161 S. 10th Street, Ironton, Ohio.

Why will women continue to suffer day in and day out and drag out a sickly, half-hearted existence, missing three-fourths of the joy of living, when they can find health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you write to Lydia E. Pinkham's Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

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