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Yesterday Highly accurate model of the City of Warsaw as it was in the 17th century, showing the city walls, the Royal Palace at the left, and the city wall in the Old Town Square. At the extreme right projects the bastion shown in the picture below. The deficiency of the model is that it omits the extensive suburbs both at the right and at the left of the walled city, including many palaces and beautiful groves of trees.

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The new National Museum in Warsaw on the broad Avenue of the 3rd of May which leads out to the splendid Poniatowski Bridge across the Vistula River. The Warsaw Exhibition referred to elsewhere now occupies several of the large halls of this building. In the center of the page are photographs of models from this Exhibition showing various development projects to be begun in the near future, some of them already under way.

“Warsaw, Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow”

On October 1, 1938, the city authorities opened an exhibition under the title “Warsaw, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” in a number of halls of the large new National Museum in Warsaw showing by means of models, charts, photographs, and other exhibition material, Warsaw as it was in the Middle Ages and in the recent past, as it is today, and as it is planned to be in the future. This exhibition is drawing huge crowds; the attendance has already reached nearly 500,000. Trained guides take the visitors about in groups and explain the exhibits. The exhibition is a splendid success and wonderfully effective in arousing civic interest.

Its educational value is immense, dealing as it does with education, sanitation, recreation, social welfare, care of the sick and indigent, fire protection, gas, water, electric, and sewer service, the sale of milk, the preparation and sale of meat, highway and communication development, city extension, and every phase of municipal life, including the collection of taxes and the use of public money.

The various city development projects are very interesting. With extraordinary rapidity new suburbs have grown up around the Warsaw of yesterday, and the Warsaw of tomorrow promises further large expansion into outlying districts.

Much of the credit for this great and gratifying improvement must be charged to the credit of Mr. Stefan Starzynski, the president of the city these recent years, and we are proud to say, long a voting member of the Warsaw YMCA. In the opinion of many, Mr. Starzynski is the most creative and progressive president the city of Warsaw has ever had; while others speak of him as having done more for Warsaw than anyone since Bielinski nearly two centuries ago.

Tomorrow



Models from the Warsaw Exhibition. In the upper right hand corner one showing Warsaw as the European crossroads on the main avenue of communication between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, and between Western Europe and Russia. In the model of the City of Warsaw, O represents the Old Town, Y Central YMCA, and R the new Central Railway Station

The Polish Exhibition At The New York World's Fair

This Polish Exhibition at the New York World's Fair is going to be a splendid thing. Within the large special building will be seven paintings showing great events in Polish history, 75 representative Polish paintings and 20 sculptures, special exhibits prepared to represent the field of work of the various Ministries, such as Education, Railroads, and Communication, and teams of expert workers from Poland producing Polish laces, rugs, and wood carvings as part of the exhibition. One section will show the part Poland has played in the development of America through Polish immigrants and soldiers. Watch for this feature, the chocolate booth of E. Wedel and Co. of Warsaw, makers of what is widely regarded as the best chocolate in Europe; and then that restaurant serving Polish food! Also you will enjoy the beautiful parquetry made of Polish woods. For information address Republic of Poland Bureau, 151 East 67th Street, New York City.

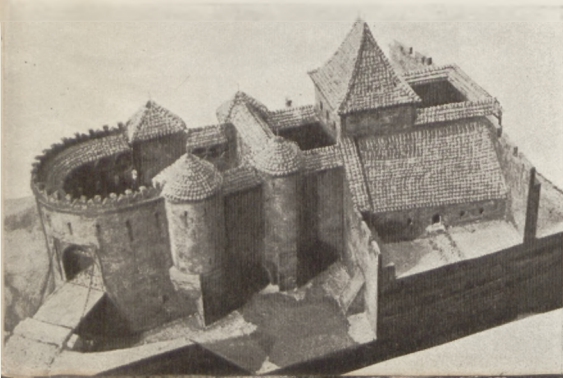
Calm And Ready

Letters from America indicate that people are much more alarmed about us than we are about ourselves. All is calm here, and Poland, feeling safe behind its army, powerful and having the spirit to fight, sleeps well each night. Any armed attack on Poland would be so expensive to the attackers, a fact they well know, that a way around is much more likely to be sought than a way over or through. The local stock and bond market amply indicates that the Poles are not much alarmed.

Thank You

To the scores of readers of “News From Poland”, many of them cherished friends of long standing, who sent us greetings at the Holiday Season, we wish to express our very sincere thanks. Away from America these 17 years, we greatly value the friendship of those whom we have long known and who still think of us at Christmastime, and also appreciate the courtesy of others less well known to us but included in the long list of those with whom we desire to keep in contact.

Model of the main gate and bastion of Warsaw's 14th century city walls. The lower parts and the complete walls at the right have recently been excavated and restored.



“Foreign Capital In Poland”

Under the above title Mr. Leopold Wellisz of Warsaw, General Manager of “The First Locomotive Works of Poland, Ltd.”, a business man of wide financial experience, has written a book well worth the study of persons interested in the topic. It is a thorough investigation of the extent to which foreign capital has been invested in Poland since the Great War, and the further prospects for foreign investors. The book is published by Geo. Allen and Unwin of London.

The Y

Nothing very exciting has happened in the Polish YMCA since our big celebrations of our 15th birthday December 8th except the annual New Year Eve parties, always large. The Warsaw YMCA used its whole first floor for the party, had three professional orchestras, decorated the building with great skill and taste, and received 1320 guests, hundreds of them crowding the three restaurants for their New Year Eve supper.

During the holidays scores of members had a good time in ski camps in the mountains, an attractive feature of winter life in Poland. The general, administrative, and program secretaries met for their annual before-Christmas conference. But beginning January 15 we have four months of intense activity, matter for future reports.

Chart showing four years of growth in the number of modern public school buildings erected by the City of Warsaw: an increase from 51 to 133.

