

COLORFUL PEKING

City of Gates and Walls

China's Fascinating Capital

"SEE PEKING if you see no other part of China," is the sound advice given by experienced travelers in the Orient. Known as a city 2000 years before Christ, it has, except for about thirty-four years, always been the capital. Situated in latitude $39^{\circ} 54'$ north, which is about the same as Naples and New York, it is in the center of a vast plain of Chihli which extends back from Tientsin on the sea coast for more than 700 miles. The cold months are from November to March, with April, September, and October mild and temperate. Summer begins in May and extends through August, during which time it is very warm. Peking is three hours by rail from Tientsin, its port, and thirty-six hours from Shanghai. The railroad station is just outside the great wall, ten minutes from the Wagon Lits Hotel.

Peking is a city of gates and walls, being composed of four distinct walled cities, the one surrounding the other. The Forbidden City is at the center, then the Imperial City, surrounded by the Tartar City, which in turn is encompassed by the Chinese City. From time immemorial, treasures of arts and crafts, of rich silks, furs, gems, and merchandise of every kind, have been brought to the capital, and months can be spent there without exhausting its possibilities in interest and pleasure.

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Grand Hotel des Wagon Lits, in Legation Quarter



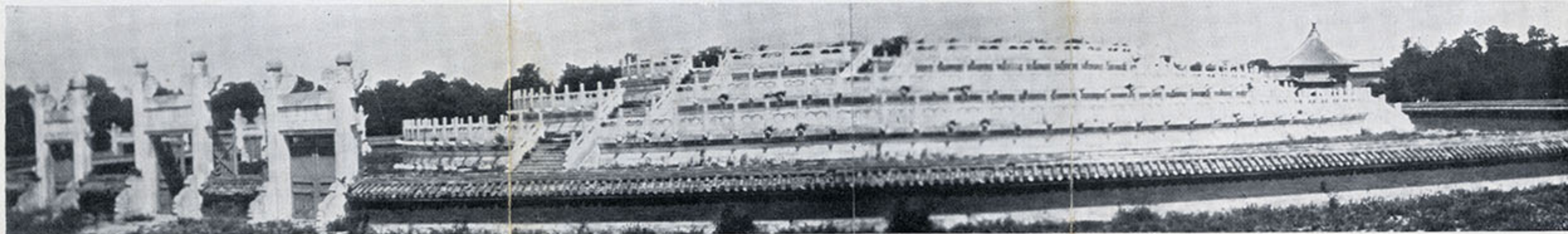
The ballroom where tea and dinner dances are held



The dining-room is spacious and airy

THE HOTEL is in the Legation quarter, as that district surrounding the varied Legations is known. This section is under joint control of the "foreign" representatives. The hotel is well and favorably known to all visitors as the only hotel within the Legation walls and the scene of many of the important social functions of the diplomatic corps. Renovated and improved throughout within the past year, it presents the same facilities for the comfort of travelers as is found in the first-class hotels of New York or London with an atmosphere and flavor all its own. Its cuisine is unequalled; its service in all departments satisfactory; its sleeping chambers delightful; and its numerous public rooms spacious, cheerful, and inviting. Among the

places of interest easily reached from the Grand Hotel des Wagon Lits are: The Forbidden and the Imperial Cities, the Winter Palace, Coal Hill, the Yellow Temple, the Temple of Heaven, the Hall of Classics, the Lama Temple, the Drum and Bell Towers, the Temple of Confucius, Hatamen Gate, Chien Men Gate, the Observatory, the Summer Palace, and Jade Fountain. The streets of Peking each merit a special excursion, there being individual streets on which the various crafts are gathered, such as Rug Street, Silver Street, Brass Street, Ivory Street, Curio Street, to say nothing of the wonderful silks, furs, and jewelry in shops to be found in unexpected places in the city. Hotel Tourist Bureau is at the service of visitors.



The Altar of Heaven, Most Impressive in Architecture and Conception, Is a Part of the Temple of Heaven