

NERVOUS EUROPE FEARS CONFLICT

Wave of Preparedness Is Sweeping over Powers Across the Atlantic

By Joseph E. Starkey GENEVA, Apr. 27. (AP)—For many years the world has been hearing about the psychic—psychic this and psychic that—without perhaps really knowing what it means. But at all events it seems clear that a psychic wave of war preparedness has hit Europe.

preparedness without anybody really knowing why. It is just psychic. Nobody wants war; nobody can stand war, economically or financially, yet in many countries the nerve centers are taut with apprehension.

Relations Strained Yet a glance across the European horizon explains why the wires are here. Relations between Great Britain and Russia are frankly admitted here to be bad. There is an almost daily allegation that the soviet is the real force behind the existing civil war in China and especially behind the anti-foreign movement there.

Travelers from the French Riviera tell of rumors picked up there that Italy has not abandoned hope of some day regaining the French province of Savoy and that the misunderstandings between France and Italy (though the French deny this) have actually led the French to reinforce garrisons near the Italian frontier and induced them to hold maneuvers of the Mediterranean fleet not far from the coast of Italy.

British Preparing Great Britain's cruiser strength has mounted rapidly to a point where many Americans, who swear by British friendship, ask why American naval strength is allowed to drop so low comparatively. Even little Switzerland, whose neutrality is guaranteed by the great powers, is passing through a kind of feverish epoch of preparedness.

Russia's western neighbors, especially the small states, are fidgeting and wondering whether their real interests should make them turn to the West and stick faithfully by the League of Nations or whether they should make arrangements with Russia to assure their own security.

And Italy's recent complaints that Jugoslavia seems to have designs over Albania, together with the violent press polemics which ensued, contributed their bit to the formation of the psychic war clouds hovering over Europe and more particularly in the Balkans.

Despite the unfavorable political situation, representatives of governments have been meeting at the league of nations to take the preliminary steps for the drawing up of treaties for the limitation or reduction of world armaments. Nevertheless, it is said here, has a preliminary conference opened under such unhappy circumstances.

Still Just a Wave But the psychic wave has not yet developed into a typhoon. Some say it may, and probably will, break into foam upon the troubled shores of Europe, to prove to the world that, after all, nervous preparedness does not necessarily mean sanguinary war.

Europe is divided up into many

A CROP THAT NEVER FAILS—IN THE U. S.



BERRY CROPS TO BE BIG, FORECAST

Government Experts Expect Plentiful Yields Over the Nation

Strawberries should be plentiful this year, government crop experts say.

Increases have been reported from practically all states raising this fruit for the market. These increases range from one-quarter to one-fifth more than last year's acreages.

Four times as many strawberries have been shipped through March compared with that time last season.

The commercial strawberry producing regions are divided into four sections, according to the time of the ripening of the berries. Earliest berries come from five states along the Gulf, and estimates for this year's crop show

typewriters. The letters to the commission began trickling in a few score a day, and then swelled to an unbroken, constant tide, and for ten days have averaged more than 1,000 separate communications for each 24 hours. A special force has been assigned to assort and digest them, and to stack up the drawings that come along with the scripts. The radio fan runs very much to diagrams, because words are weak when pushed to the task of defining the huge and abstract ideas that permeate the radio world.

In the rough classification so far attempted, two general types of response have been made out. One includes the letters from listeners, who want to say emphatically that they like certain stations. The other includes the letters from the same kind of persons who want to say exactly the reverse, usually in most positive fashion. This sort of letter, being in essence a vote, goes into a count, and the findings may rise up and smite a broadcaster here and there.

As to the balance, their variety is infinite. The engineering fellow with the drawing board and the time clock has set himself at the task of gratuitously allocating all the wave lengths and hour times among the 732 operating stations, with the idea of giving all a chance and satisfying everybody. The contrast with the new discovery as to apparatus and the reformer who wants to organize the radio programs has set to reasoning with the commission through the mails.

It will take some weeks to get the first informal digest of correspondence prepared, and then the commission intend to study it carefully. But it will not ask for any more general correspondence. Congress didn't appropriate money to handle a job like that.

Louisiana may have 30,000,000 quarts; Alabama, 8,000,000; Florida, 6,500,000, and Texas and Mississippi together expect more than 2,000,000.

The second early producing section comprises six states, the intermediate region ten states and the late section seven. All the important early and mid-season states, crop officials say, are expecting a heavy crop of strawberries.

U. S. Grant Born In Ohio Hundred Five Years Ago

An election won through a war record but an administration of eight years held through a firm peace policy was the achievement of Ulysses Simpson Grant, Civil War general.

The 18th president was born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822, and died July 23, 1885, near Saratoga, N. Y. Trained at West Point, he was a natural choice for leader of the Union troops. After his successful campaign under Lincoln his popularity gained for Grant unanimous nomination on the first ballot at the republican convention of 1868. His administration, 1868-1877, was concerned

with reconstruction, with the problem of bringing peace to the country and adjusting by arbitration and peaceful methods difficulties with foreign powers.

The 15th amendment, granting equal suffrage "without regard to previous condition of servitude" was passed in 1869, and Grant urged the enforcement act which enabled congress to make laws guaranteeing the 14th and 15th amendments. The Alabama claims against Great Britain were settled in the Treaty of Washington, 1871.

During Grant's administration the balance of trade was changed from \$130,000,000 against to \$130,000,000 in favor of the United States. Amnesty was granted in 1872 to all but 250 of the most conspicuous confederate leaders. America's first transcontinental railroad, an important link in the cohesion of the war-torn country, was completed under President Grant.

The characteristic of oackting after laying an egg is one handed down from the jungle chickens. The hen, after stealing away to lay her egg, cackled to attract the attention of the rest of the flock that had wandered out of sight.

The city of Boulder, Colorado, in order to assure its future water supply, has purchased the Arapahoe Glacier.



Who has the worst tire?

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Invitation To Write To Federal Radio Board Brings Many Replies

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27 (AP)—When the federal radio commission organized, it issued a general invitation to all persons interested in radio in the United States to communicate by letter such facts or fancies as seemed desirable. It is not likely that particular

invitation will ever be repeated; the response has been so generous that it is still doubtful whether any office business other than the opening of the replies will be accomplished about the commission for some time.

In Myriad, the radio fans grasped their pens or leaped to



—N.Y.A. San Francisco Bureau. POINT TOGO, HERO OF THE BATTLE OF THE JAPAN SEA, welcomed another hero to his country recently. He was Gen. Umberto Nobile, Italian who built the Norge and flew across the north pole.



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McWilliams' Butter-Nut Bread advertisement featuring a decorative border and the text: 'The Same Uniform Quality Day in and Day Out MCWILLIAMS' Butter-Nut Bread Always Rich as Butter—Sweet As A Nut ORDER TODAY FROM YOUR DEALER Made in La Grande By LA GRANDE BAKERY K. J. McWILLIAMS, Prop.'