

RHINELAND AGAIN A QUESTION MARK EUROPE'S POLITICS

Germany's New Military Program Renews Ancient Problem of Fortifications Along Fertile Valley

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sp.)—Germany's new military program, which defies the Versailles treaty, renews the old problem of Rhineland fortifications, and again brings into the news a fertile valley which has so often been an economic and political frontier.

According to the terms of the treaty Germany was allowed to retain the left bank of the Rhine providing it was completely demilitarized. Military occupations of this zone (from 1918 to 1930) by American, French and British forces insured Germany's fulfillment of her agreement.

Once a Roman Frontier. "The Rhine has always played an important part in European politics," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"A glance at the map shows many of the most famous Rhine towns standing on the left bank of the river. This is because the Rhine was once a frontier of Roman civilization, and it was on the west side that Roman strongholds were established. Today, starting near its source, the river marks the boundary first between Switzerland and Liechtenstein, then Switzerland and Austria, Switzerland and Germany, and finally Germany and France.

"Flowing from south to north, the Rhine is one of Europe's chief waterways. With its numerous tributaries it drains one of the most densely populated regions of Europe, a country rich in minerals and intensely cultivated. It reaches the North Sea coast opposite London, thus connecting with British shipping, and forming a natural outlet for Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"Canals join the Rhine from the Rhone, the Meuse and the Danube. It is navigable without interruption from Basel to the sea, a distance of 350 miles. Ocean-going steamers can ascend as far as Cologne, where cargoes are transferred to river boats, but only small craft can navigate the upper Rhine above Speyer.

"Since the Versailles treaty the Rhine has become an international waterway, open to ships of all nations. Although it rises in the Swiss Alps and enters the North Sea through Netherlands territory, to the Germans the Rhine is their national river. It is firmly woven into their history, their art, their music, and their literature. A boat trip down this stream is a journey through Germany's past as well as her present.

Rhine Rich in Legends. "The Rhine enters the Rift valley at Biele, flowing north between the ranges of the Vosges and the Black Forest. At Mainz, where the Rhine enters the Rhine, the slopes of the Taurus hills turn the river westward until it reaches Bingen. Between Bingen and Bonn it winds through the narrow Rhine gorge beneath high cliffs adorned with ancient castles or steeply terraced vineyards.

"There are legends everywhere. Siegfried slew his dragon on the rocky Drachenfels. There is the frowning cliff where the Lorelei, combed her golden hair and lured sailors to destruction on the rocks below. Deep in the river beneath this cliff the Nibelungen gold was buried. On a little island at Bingen stands the 'Mouse Tower' where the wicked Bishop Hatto was devoured by rats. It is said, after he had refused to open his granaries to the starving villagers.

"Halfway between Bingen and Bonn the gorge is broken by the entrance of the Moselle from the west and the Lahn from the east. Cologne is built on a triangle of land between the Moselle and the Rhine. The Romans called it Confluentes. During the occupation of the Rhineland by the Allies after the World War it was headquarters for the American division. On a rocky precipice across the Rhine is the old fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, an important stronghold since medieval days.

"Just West, Home of Great. "Bonn is famous as Beethoven's birthplace, and as the seat of an ancient university. Beyond Bonn the Rhine swings north and then west through a wide plain. Cologne (Köln) third city of Germany, is a busy port, trading in grain, wine, ores, coal and timber. Above a sea of city roofs, seen the twin spires of the Cologne cathedral, each nearly as tall as the Washington Monument.

"Industry and commerce crowd out natural beauty along the lower Rhine. Düsseldorf is an important manufacturing town, noisy with factories and great steel and iron works. It is particularly noted for its dyeing industries, and also as the birthplace of Heinrich Heine, Dusseldorf, at the point where the Ruhr joins the Rhine, is one of the most extensive river ports in the world. It is a chief center of the German steel industry, and commercial gateway for the coal and iron shipped

SCENES, VICTIMS OF TRAGIC DEATH PLUNGE



John Coogan, sr. (upper right), father of the former juvenile movie star; Robert Horner (middle right) actor and playwright; Junior Durkin (lower right), young actor, and one other were killed when their car (lower left) was forced off an embankment near San Diego, Calif., and turned over four times before crashing into a pile of rocks in a canyon. Jack Coogan (upper left) was confined to a hospital but was expected to recover. (Associated Press Photos)

out of the Ruhr. Incidentally it was once the home of Mercator, the great map maker. "Coal smoke and machinery have failed to destroy the legends of the past. Siegfried was supposedly born at Xanten, near the Netherlands border, and at Cleve, Lohengrin, the knight of Wagner's opera, rescued the beautiful Elsa.

Ice Cream Freezer In Huson's Window Creates Interest. Considerable interest is being manifested by Medford people in the new Wee Maid rotary visible ice cream freezer installed Monday in the front window of Huson's confectionery store (formerly known as Deary's). The new machine is designed to make either soft ice cream for fountain service, or hard ice cream for package delivery, and freezes from 2 to 6 quarts in from 5 to 10 minutes.

According to Darrell Huson, proprietor, the new ice cream is rapidly proving a sensation, with insistent demands for the product even though so recently offered to the public. The new ice cream has a smooth consistency and delicate flavor that promises to become a summer favorite. The machine which produces the product is compact and handy, with a glass freezing cabinet in plain sight. The mixture is put in, and the public can watch it swirl for a few minutes, until it is of the right consistency for use.

Webfoots, Cougars Even On Victories. EUGENE, Ore., May 8.—(Sp.)—Washington State college and University of Oregon's baseball teams were all even with each other and with old man percentage today following the Cougars' 8 to 7 victory over the Webfoots here yesterday.

Fouls, Oregon hurler, issued 11 passes while Schoening contributed a home run with a man ahead to the Cougar cause.

HUSKY BASEBALLERS WIN FOUR STRAIGHT. SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—(Sp.)—A three-run rally in the seventh inning enabled the University of Washington to garner its fourth straight win yesterday. The Huskies defeated the University of Idaho baseball team 8 to 7 to continue leading the conference.

CHAIN LETTERS CLOG ST. LOUIS POSTOFFICE. ST. LOUIS, May 8.—(AP)—Send-a-dime chain letters clogged St. Louis post offices today and three

JOYCE WETHERED, MANNISH GOLFER, LOOKS FEMININE

By GAYLE TALBOT (Associated Press Sports Writer) LONDON (AP)—Although there is a silver streak in her hair now and it has been some years since she passed her 30th milestone, Joyce Wethered still is capable of showing American fans a carload of golf during her projected 10-weeks tour of the states this summer.

Perhaps she won't be knocking them quite so far off the tee as in her younger years—when she captured the British women's championship four times between 1922 and 1930 and was regarded as one of the world's greatest golfers, man or woman—but she still has every bit of her old mastery around the greens.

"I don't see hitting them about as well as ever," she admitted. "It feels rather good to be getting back in competition again. Besides, I'm pleased at the idea of playing on American courses for the first time and meeting many old friends."

There also, presumably, is the pleasing prospect of clearing around \$5,000 for 10 weeks of not-to-exhaustive labor.

"I really do not know what the tour will do to what remains of my amateur standing over here," she smiled. "In any event, I have no intention of playing professional golf in England. My position in the store will remain open."

Famous golfers have declared that Miss Wethered played a man's game, yet there is nothing "mannish" in her appearance now. Months on the inside, out of the sun and wind, have left her slim and attractive. It is a little difficult to believe that she has played many a friendly foursome with three men, asking no more than to bring her own over the most difficult courses in England and Scotland. She was always a match for her brother, Roger Wethered.

Up at St. Andrew's she occupies only a slightly lower pedestal than Bobby Jones. There are some of the oldtimers around the famous links who hold an honest conviction she was at one time second only to Bobby among the world's golfers. British critics are confident their Joyce "will look them in the eye with a few 7s and 8s."

She expects to sail for New York on May 22.

ANIMAL HOSPITAL ADDS EQUIPMENT. X-ray and fluoroscopic equipment has recently been installed at the Regue Small Animal hospital by Dr. S. E. Phillips. This latest addition rounds out the scientific equipment of the hospital so that it equals that in any of the large city institutions according to those in charge.

The recent installation of an infrared and ultra-violet light makes possible beneficial light therapy in the treatment of patients. Because this hospital serves not only Medford but all of southern Oregon and parts of northern California this expansion has been possible. Pets may receive when necessary such treatment as blood transfusions, laboratory analysis, light treatments and the many other procedures which have made the science of medicine what it is today. Dr. Phillips sincerely appreciates the support of pet lovers which has made possible these frequent additions to the hospital equipment.

regular mail deliveries 24 hours behind schedule. Postoffice officials said the chain letter postage had increased the normal daily mail average from 450,000 letters to an estimated 800,000. Regular letters which, under normal circumstances would have been delivered yesterday, still were in the mail bags awaiting delivery.

'FRA DIAVOLO' ON CRATERIAN STAGE WILL HONOR NEW, OLD CCC CHIEFS

Tonight the long awaited performance of "Fra Diavolo," the classic light opera from the pen of the composer, Auber, makes its appearance on the stage of the Craterian. Only a few seats remain unsold and it is expected that the rise of the curtain will see the "standing room only" sign displayed at the box-office.

For several weeks, under direction of Ralph Burgess and Wilson Walt, both of whom have appeared professionally in the show in other seasons, the principals and chorus have been rehearsing diligently with the orchestra. In consequence the production has acquired a smoothness which lifts it from the uncertainty of most amateur productions.

A further promise that the show will be far above the level of "home talent" opera lies in the fact that James Stevens will appear in the title role, a part that he has played many times in cities throughout the country.

Ether Bristol as Zerlina has ample opportunity to display her unusually lovely lyric soprano voice, which coupled with her personal charm is sure to make her a favorite with the audience. Mammie Olson makes a convincing and dashing captain Lorenzo, while vocally leaving nothing to be desired.

Other members of the cast fill their assignments fully, rounding out what promises to be a production in keeping with the best traditions. The curtain is scheduled to go up at 8:15 promptly.

CONTESTS SEEN IN FILLING SEATS AT SPECIAL SESSION. (Continued from Page One.) The legislature, and successors be appointed by the county courts. The report from Portland in which Representative Lew Wallace questioned the legality of Harry Corbett as a member of the senate was not taken seriously here. Corbett's legality was questioned because he was a member of the Port of Portland commission. It was stated here the port office was not a state or federal position and therefore did not conflict with the constitutional right of Corbett to serve in the senate.

Should the matter be contested within the legislature, there will be several seats for which there will be two candidates—the new appointees—those declared ineligible by the opinion. The action of the house and senate in seating was expected to be final. Not all seats will be contested, it was declared.

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