

ARMS RACE FAILS TO DISTURB TINY EUROPEAN STATES

'Graustarks' Remain Serene Despite War Hysteria in Neighboring Countries— Might Be Swallowed Up.

PARIS (UP)—With the world gripped feverishly in another arms-building race and a scramble to achieve superiority, there still remain a few states that have not been touched by the war-preparing fever. Three of them, Luxembourg, Monte Carlo, Andorra, border on France and live on friendly terms with their big neighbor, who has always guaranteed to respect and safeguard their independence. The other, Liechtenstein, lies between Switzerland and Austria. As Chancellor Adolph Hitler has never mentioned poor Liechtenstein in his Anschluss program, the inhabitants rarely find themselves in doubt about the future and about internal intrigues threatening economic and territorial stability.

Of these four states, Luxembourg is the largest and the one most endangered by war preparations. Lying at the corner of Belgium, France and Germany, and possessing rich iron and coal deposits, Luxembourg is very likely to face swallowing for territorial and economic reasons in any future European conflict. Moreover, precisely because of the arms race, it is experiencing one of its greatest economic booms. Luxembourg mines and foundries are working overtime to meet iron and steel orders from neighboring states.

Modern Army of 300

The Duchy of Luxembourg possesses a "large" police force and an army, with giant barracks in the capital city of the same name. The army, equipped with modern arms, runs almost to 300 and might resist invasion for several hours in some war, unless, of course, one neighboring state occupies its territory in defense. Although existing treaties stipulate neutrality for Luxembourg, neutrality even backed up with armed support, it is likely that the Luxembourgish would look upon invasion or armed occupied defense with much the same view. The situation of its citizens would not be different in either case, as any modern cannon could fire over the country—not to mention on it.

The Republic of Andorra, with a people's army of all able-bodied male citizens, is not in such a dangerous position, for the lofty Pyrenees that surround it are a better protection than all present-day treaties. Nevertheless, tiny Andorra is already feeling the effects of war. Frightened lest the Spanish civil war might lead either belligerent to invade, Andorra has called for help from France. Its capital and the surrounding mountains are covered by a French army

company which has answered the call and went to survey Andorra's independence.

Smuggling Now Rife

But the Spanish war brought worse results than preventive occupation. The Franco-Spanish smuggling trade, a large part of which passed through Andorra, has been eliminated, and with it Andorra's economic life. With the French company now charged to apply non-intervention, the Andorans soon will be ready to quit, too.

Monte Carlo, world renowned resort and gambling center, has no army, though a beautifully uniformed police force and a picturesque guard which holds the passes to entertain visitors only. It has never faced the troubles of war in all its existence, though danger of sea bombardment or coastal invasion has increased since France and Italy began quarreling over whether inhabitants of the Cote d'Azur are French or Italians. Sharing France's good facilities for transport, Monte Carlo has been enriched by a steady and wealthy tourist trade, and is suffering in no way economically.

Moreover, its few hundred citizens are losing no sleep over the war danger.

Marshal Without Army

Liechtenstein, which recently celebrated its 95th anniversary, possesses the tiniest army of any state in the world. It single soldier, Field Marshal Kieber, has the unique honor of being exactly the same age as his fatherland, just 95. He took part in his country's first and only war—the Austro-Prussian war of 1866—where he is said to have covered himself with glory.

Kieber still marches up and down for admiring officers in his 1866 uniform, complete with Gras rifle, bayonet, stripes and plumed helmet. Without a hand to give him marching zest, Kieber has ingeniously developed a huge white beard so that no one notices that it is himself whistling to keep martial step. A rare photographer relieves his normal habit of standing before a mirror when undergoing self-imposed drill. The camera also serves to replace the illusion of enemy rifles.

What will be the fate of these tiny states if the predicted war sweeps Europe? No one knows, but some feel that they will be swallowed in the territorial changes that follow.

Feudal Lord Dead

TOKYO (UP)—The last of the Daimyo is dead and Japan no longer has a living representative of that colorful age when feudal lords ruled the countryside by force of arms. Marquis Nagakoto Asano died at the age of 96, surrendering even a valiant battle to lung and heart afflictions.

College Wrestler Unplanned

KENT, O. (UP)—Kent State university's heavyweight wrestler, Carmen Falcone, has yet to be pinned in collegiate competition. Falcone, after completing the regular season undefeated, won the inter-state title, but lost on a decision in the national meet. However, his shoulders never have touched the mat.

Canning's Her Dish

WHEELER, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Jess Crowder of Wheeler has won 222 ribbons at regional and state fairs since she began canning meats, fruits and vegetables six years ago, a part of a home demonstration club program.

EXODUS INCREASES IN DIXIE STATES, SURVEY REVEALS

Population Is Shifting At Swifter Rate To Middle West, West, Northeast— Rural Areas In Decline.

WASHINGTON (UP)—The population of the south is shifting in large numbers to cities and to other sections of the country, according to a survey by the department of commerce.

The urban population of the south constituted 13 percent of the total southern population in 1900; 20 percent in 1910; 28 percent in 1920 and 32 percent in 1930, the survey showed.

This was an increase in urbanization of 17 percent in 30 years, according to Carl C. Taylor, department economist who made the survey. The national increase for this same period was 16 percent, he said.

Despite this migration to cities, the south still is the most rural section of the country, Taylor said. About 68 percent of the southern population is rural as compared with 44 percent of the national population as a whole.

33 Million in 13 States

In 1930 there were 33,711,453 persons in the 13 southern states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.

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Birth Rate Higher

"One-fourth of the nation's population which lives in the south annually contributes one-third of the children born in the nation," Taylor said. Further, this area contributes nearly one-half of the excess of births over deaths, that is, the natural increase in the population of the nation.

The south has more than its share of young persons, slightly less than its share of old persons, and considerably less than its share of the middle-age group," Taylor said.

In the nation as a whole, slightly less than three out of every 10 persons are under 20 years. In the south, more than four out of every 10 persons are in this younger age group.

"The basic explanation of the age distribution of southern population can be found in two facts: first, the excessive migration from southern states of young adults; and second, the dominance of rural population in the south, where there, as elsewhere, has more than its share of young people and less than its share of the middle-age group," Taylor said.

Exodus to East Coast

"Where do the people who leave the south go? There are three major streams: One flowing into the northeast, chiefly into New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; another flowing into the middle west, chiefly into Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan; and a third flowing into the west and northwest, chiefly Colorado, Arizona and California.

"As would be expected, the stream to the northeast is mostly from Virginia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. The stream to the middle west is mostly from Alabama,

Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. And the stream into the west and northwest is mostly from Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma," Taylor said.

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