

Site of Germany's New Naval Base



Building Another Helgoland

A powerful naval and airplane base is being built by Germany on the North sea, according to the London Daily Herald. Details of the alleged German fortifications, said to be on the Island of Sylt in the North sea, were credited by the Herald to the Pariser Tageblatt, a German refugees' publication.

The island is described as a "second Helgoland" (former German naval base) having camouflaged fortresses with five-foot thick walls and underground hangars for planes. The photograph above shows a view on the Island of Sylt.

These rumors of war are not tending to quiet the tense European situation. Mussolini of Italy has called an additional 100,000 soldiers to the colors, and that country now has nearly 1,000,000 men under arms. Although Il Duce explains this move by new developments in Abyssinia, others believe he is only preparing for possible European trouble.

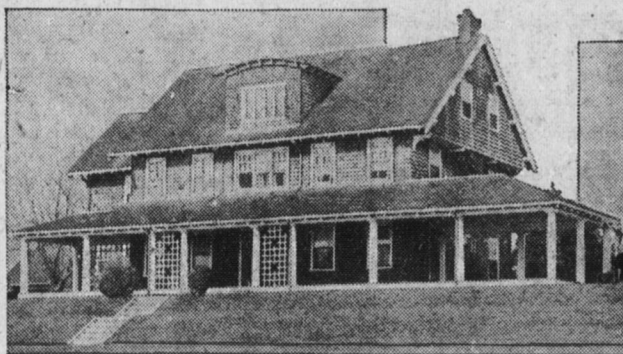
Statesmen seeking some way of averting war are negotiating for a five-power pact, in which Germany and Belgium will be asked to join Italy, France and Britain. British chieftains are perturbed over the armament race, and particularly German's submarine building.

Raid Uncovers Crime Ring Headquarters

Palatial Home in Rhode Island Houses Gang

Devices reminiscent of movie thrillers were found by government agents when they raided a palatial home at Warwick, R. I., in search of a crime ring. The house was found to contain underground passages, secret sliding panels, and mechanical devices that are supposed to exist only in scenario writers' imaginations.

In a sub-basement, the agents discovered \$8,000 believed to be part of the proceeds of a \$128,000 mall robbery staged at Fall River, Mass.,



last January. Now the agents believe was cached by the bandits. Further develops are expected within a short time.

Dainty Edelweiss Called

Bride's Flower of Europe
According to Swiss stories, only the brave and the pure may find and pluck the edelweiss, a little white star-shaped mountain flower, notes a writer in the Washington Star.

Many poems and songs have been written about the little flower which grows high up in the Alps and the Pyrenees, and perhaps it is because of these stories that the edelweiss has won the reputation of growing only in remote and inaccessible places where he who would pick it must be daring to venture.

Only part of these legends are true, for the edelweiss is grown in many English and American gardens. It is a hardy little flower, kin to our daisy and black-eyed susan, and it flourishes with very slight encouragement.

On the other hand, left to its own devices, the edelweiss takes only to its favorite mountain heights, where it wears a little fuzzy coat as if for warmth against the icy mountain blasts. High up on rocky cliffs, it thrusts its roots into the cracks of limestone rocks and blossoms in a profusion of starchy white flowers surrounded by woolly leaves. Its center is clustered and yellow.

But whenever and wherever it is domesticated, it invariably doffs its fuzzy cloak of hair and assumes the more commonplace texture of its garden neighbors.

Because of its romantic history the edelweiss has been much sought and much plucked, until now it is protected by law in most of the Swiss cantons. Like the orange blossom in the United States, it is the bride's flower of Europe—a symbol of purity. Literally translated, its name means "noble white."

Dust Storm About to Swallow a Texas Town



This remarkable photograph was made in the Texas panhandle as a dust storm whirled toward a small town. A few seconds after the picture was taken midnight darkness covered the scene and the air was filled with choking, stinging particles of dust.

Winning Fire Chief and His Trophy



Fire Chief E. E. Cureton of Owensboro, Ky., photographed with the plaque awarded him for winning the United States fire waste contest in fire prevention. The contest was limited to cities with population between 10,000 and 50,000.

Receives Patent No. 2,000,000



Scene in the office of the United States commissioner of patents, Conway P. Coe, as he handed to Joseph Ledwinka of the Edward G. Budd company of Philadelphia patent No. 2,000,000 of the present series, which began in 1896. The patent is for an improvement in pneumatic tires for railway cars and is the two hundred forty-eighth issued to Mr. Ledwinka.

Santa Claus Gets New Postmaster

Oscar Phillips, forty years of age, has been appointed postmaster of the town of Santa Claus, Ind. He



succeeds the late James F. Martin, who became world famous in the office.

She Can Buy All the Dolls She Wants



Beverly Ann Soper, four years old, of Detroit, can now buy thousands of dolls to add to her collection, for George C. Balch, wealthy bachelor who loved children, left her one quarter of his \$250,000 estate. The rest of it was divided among two other children and the mother of one of them.

Newcomer Is Pitching Sensation



Johnny Whitehead, Chicago White Sox pitcher, is one of the most successful of the rookies this year so far. Coming from the Dallas team of the Texas league, this is his first major league campaign.

Harper Sibley Heads National Business Body

Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., succeeding Henry L. Harriman as president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, is a law-



yer, banker, industrialist, agriculturist, and a civic, educational and religious leader. He is fifty years old and was a fellow pupil with President Roosevelt at Groton school. Sibley is the father of six children, and finds time to run four big farms in addition to his various commercial enterprises.

University Posts Ban on Knitting in Classes

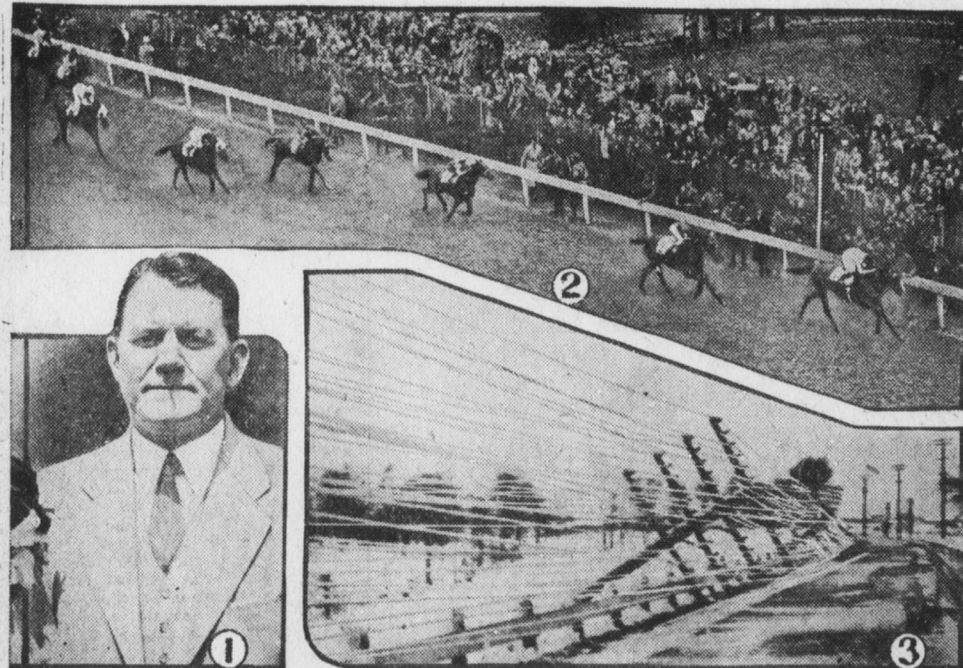
Boston.—There'll be no more "knitting one, purling one" in Boston university's classrooms. After the professors complained that the knitting students distracted attention from their lectures, a notice was posted reading: "Absolutely no knitting will be permitted in classrooms."

Dedicating Cape Henry Memorial



Virginians and many visitors from other states, gathered at Cape Henry, Va., for the annual ceremonies commemorating the landing of the first settler, dedicated a permanent memorial which stands on the spot where the Cavaliers first set foot in the New world.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Alvin M. Owsley of Texas, former national commander of the American Legion, who was appointed American minister to the Irish Free State. 2—Finish of the Kentucky derby, which was won by Omaha. 3—Telephone and telegraph service in the region about St. Paul, Minn., crippled by a disastrous sleet storm.

Cowshed Church

One of the queerest churches in England is a converted cowshed at Bordon, Hants. A Colonel Rich originated the idea of holding services on Wednesdays that people of all denominations could attend, and his warm was the response that his drawing room was soon too small for the congregation, so a cowshed was fitted with central heating, electric lighting. Another strange church stands in a vineyard at Asti, Calif. It is built entirely of wine casks and was used once as a wine store. Stranger still is the smallest church in Europe, at Les Vaubelets, Guernsey, which is constructed entirely of sea-shells, stones, broken plates and glass. The ancient Rock church, at Haute Isle, France, was dug out of solid rock by the townspeople.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

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