

# Summer Resort to Glean With Cannon

## Germany Plans Stronghold in North Sea

Washington, D. C.—Sylt island may become a modern Heligoland of the North sea. Like Heligoland, whose cliffs gleamed with steel battlements until the close of the World war, Sylt may be made into a naval and air stronghold by the German government, according to recent news reports.

"Sylt, one of the North Frisian group of islands, is the largest German-owned land spot in the North sea," says the National Geographic society.

"A glance at a map of the island reveals its shape as that of a kangaroo facing the border line between Denmark and Germany. Its area is about one-half that of the District of Columbia, with its widest portion only about seven miles wide.

### Summer Resort

"Recreation, not war, has recently been Sylt's dominant feature. Only seven miles of water separate it from the continent. Its palatial hotels and bathing beaches have long been popular among German and other northern European vacationists who also are lured to it by the simplicity of life among the rural Frisian inhabitants who live contented in their straw-roofed houses. Next to recreation, farming and stock-raising is the island's chief industry.

"In the summer frequent steamer service from Hamburg brings merry throngs to Sylt, and for those whose curiosity would lead them inland there is a railroad which runs almost the entire length of the island, touching important towns and villages. Spurs lead to quaint spots off the main right-of-way, where ancient Sylt customs survive. For the motorist there also are good roads that link the chief towns.

"Normally Sylt's population is about 6,000, but torrid sun's rays and hot breezes in continental cities cause several thousand people to make the island their summer retreat. Nearly half of the 6,000 live in the town of Westerland, the Sylt metropolis which lies about midway the western shoreline.

### Oldest Oyster Banks

"Off the southern coast are oyster banks which the natives will tell you are among the oldest in Europe. They were, it is averred, discovered 800 years ago by Knut the Great. Their commercial value led Frederick II, duke of Holstein-Gotorp, to seize and make them a royal possession.

"Sylt, also like Heligoland, annually gives up a portion of its unprotected coast to the storm tides of the North sea. Like a giant steam shovel the waves tear gaps into the island's rim annually. Many miles of walls have been built to protect the coastline, especially near the towns, while in sandy portions of the island dunes have been strengthened to curb the devastation of the relentless sea.

"Fohr island, lying south of Sylt,

## Chief Shoots Straight, but "Windage" Is Off

Cleveland.—"If you want to shoot a guy's hat off," said Police Chief Bert Tilson of suburban Shaker Heights, "aim at his shoestrings."

"Okay," said Chief Herbert Giesler of Beachwood, another suburb. "I gotcha. Keep your eyes on the bull's-eye!"

Chief Giesler had come over to the Shaker Heights city hall for a bit of target practice with Chief Tilson. They were trying out the Shaker police department's new sub-machine gun.

"I've never shot a machine gun before," said Chief Giesler. "But I know how to do it. I've seen these guys in the movies." He loaded a belt of cartridges, pulled back for a full automatic blast.

One bullet crashed into the wall where the bull's tail might have been and the rest of the slugs tore through the asbestos covering on the steam pipes running along under the ceiling overhead. Dust fell for five minutes.

"Now," said chagrined Chief Giesler, "that guy I saw in the movies—"

is about 80 miles in area and has a population nearly equal to its larger neighbor, Fohr and Armin, both of which also are popular playgrounds. The only other important islands of the North Frisian archipelago which includes many low, small, sandy as well as grass-covered land spots that appear as though they are floating on the North sea waves."

## Inch Yearly of Top Soil Is Eroded From Farms

Pullman, Wash.—Natural wind and rain erosion in the rich central Washington wheat belt is carrying away as much as an inch a year of soil, according to W. A. Rockie, regional director of the 100,000-acre northwest erosion control project.

Where formerly only wheat was grown, farmers are now planting grasses and legumes and feeding sheep and cattle. Planting of trees and cover crops is expected to help curb the yearly damage to wheatlands, many of them lying fallow under the AAA wheat-acreage reduction program.

## Southwest Recalls Its Early History

### Recapture Past in Colorful Pageantry

Phoenix, Ariz.—While in other sections of the country attention is directed to "little theaters" and workers' theaters, the Southwest has developed an increasing interest in the historical pageant.

Colorful dons of old Spain stalk across the stages, bringing back the days of Conquistadores. Indian slaves and miners and gunmen refresh memories of bygone times.

In rich natural settings, or in huge stadia of steel and cement, players have tried to recapture the past.

The plays and themes and actors, too, are indigenous to the Southwest. Hundreds of persons commonly take part.

The legends of Montezuma, great mythical Indian ruler, and adventures of Cortez are recreated in what sponsors hope may lead to a permanent vogue of the pageant.

A number of natural sites are being improved and new ones being discovered and used. The most famous of the natural stages is that of Red Knolls, east of Phoenix river, where a pageant of Gila valley history is presented annually. Above are the towering cliffs of red sandstone, which throw back the voices of the speakers to the audience in the bowl. At both sides the cliffs stand close in a natural V.

At Flagstaff, Mesa, and Phoenix likewise, artificial or natural outdoor settings are used for elaborate presentations. Sound amplification permits productions for huge crowds. Choral effects so far have not been developed to the extent that enthusiasts foresee.

In addition to these, "frontier day" celebrations are profitable and successful methods of combining business with fun—the celebrations being intended to attract attention of eastern visitors. Rodeos likewise are flourishing, promising that arts of the range will not be lost, even should their need disappear. Aside from a few big shows, most of the latter are staged for the benefit of local and neighborhood audiences.

ily as cotton. The gayest hues (it comes in a riot of bright colors) are colorfast. An important consideration for warm weather wear is that this summer fabric will not cling to the body, which makes it cool and comfortable. The picture shows a nicely tailored spectator sports frock for summer wear of the new wool taffeta—small white geometric figure on a red background (the voguish Dubannet red). The triangle scarf tucked in below the mannish collar, and the nail-studded leather belt are smart details.

This summer woolen has found high favor in Paris.

## Paris Doctor Sues City for His Injury in Riot

Paris.—A French surgeon, Dr. Jean Bouchon, who was injured seriously in the riots here in February of 1934, has filed suit against the city.

On February 6 Bouchon was summoned to a cafe in the Rue Royale to give aid to the injured. He remained at the disposition of Bonney-Sibour, who was prefect of the Seine at the time, from 7:30 until after midnight. As he was leaving the cafe he was drawn into a crowd of rioters and was swept on with them to the Place de la Concorde. In the fighting that ensued Bouchon was injured seriously.

Unable to continue in the medical profession, as he has been confined to a hospital since he was injured, Bouchon has engaged a lawyer to get financial recompense.

## Dust Storms Reveal Old Indian Flats

Wichita, Kan.—The dust-producing winds from the Southwest, which have eroded farmlands, have brought nothing but ill fortune for most farmers, but for their children they have produced a new sport with a cash angle, which the youngsters appreciate highly.

Hundreds of Indian arrowheads, long buried, have been brought to light by the shifting soil and week-end expeditions are organized by school children of southwestern Kansas to hunt for them.

The children report particularly early day skirmishes at scenes of early day skirmishes between the pioneers and the Indians. Old camp sites along the Santa Fe trail, Point Rocks, in the extreme southwest corner of the state, and Wagon Bed Springs down the Cimmaron, are favorite hunting spots.

## Sweeter Than Cane Sugar

Levulose, derived from the Jerusalem artichoke, is approximately half again as sweet as cane sugar. The difficulty of its preparation for industrial purposes precludes its being sold at every grocery.

# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Events in the Lives of Little Men



## FINNEY OF THE FORCE



## THE FEATHERHEADS



Bamboo Fish-Catching  
Bamboo, said to be a...  
ture's most valuable...  
of the higher plants...  
cles in Caylon, the...  
giganteus, writes E. W...  
coma, Wash., in Collier's...  
that frequently grows at...  
one inch in every 90 minutes.

Fish Must Have Air Bladder  
An air bladder, internally placed...  
regulates the height displacement...  
factor permitting the fish to remain...  
stationary at varying depths, without...  
muscular activity. The air bladder...  
is said to be the remnant of what...  
was once a lung, or additional...  
arrangement for breathing.

Do Not Need Summer Time  
The northern countries of Europe...  
such as Sweden, Norway and...  
Scotland, do not adopt summer time...  
as daylight extends well toward...  
midnight and starts again several...  
hours later. Near the Arctic circle...  
daylight is practically continuous...  
throughout the summer time.

Wake Island  
Wake Island lies between Midway...  
and Guam. It is a coral atoll, four...  
and a quarter miles long and two...  
and a quarter miles wide. Within...  
the reef line are three islands...  
sparsely covered with vegetation...  
and inhabited by a host of sea birds.

Dogs' Temperature Higher  
The normal temperature of dogs...  
is higher than that of people. It...  
is usually about 101 degrees. Young...  
dogs and small ones have slightly...  
higher temperatures than old and...  
large animals.

Don't Own Chinese Wall  
"My ancestors built a great wall...  
to prevent invasion," said Hi Ho...  
the sage of Chinatown. "As a heri...  
tage it was a failure. We do not...  
even own the wall."

Introduced Fox Hunting  
Lord Fairfax is credited with in...  
troducing fox hunting in Virginia...  
in 1730. In 1742 he sent to England...  
for the first pack of English-bred...  
fox-hounds.

Lafayette Not Up on English  
Although he traveled extensively...  
among English-speaking people, La...  
fayette's knowledge of the English...  
language was very limited.

Heart Trouble  
The serious heart malady, angina...  
pectoris, strikes men more often...  
than women, due apparently to their...  
more strenuous activities.

Can You Count 'Em?  
"A hypocrite," said Hi Ho, the...  
sage of Chinatown. "is an actor who...  
is sure sooner or later to attempt...  
a role in which he is a failure."

Yellow Fever Parasite Mystery  
The parasite causing yellow fever...  
has never been found and described...  
but it is known to be extremely...  
small.

## SMILES

### BETTER BE SURE

Percy—Miss Hopkip! Beside! Will you be my wife?  
Bessie—Why, you asked me that last week and I said yes.  
Percy—But I thought it possible you might have changed your mind.

### Those Party Platforms

"A party platform is a mighty important consideration," said one statesman.  
"Yes," replied the other, "a party platform in politics is a good deal like a bunker in golf. The rules require it, but you show your skill in avoiding it."

### Oh, Oh.

"Was this picture of your husband taken before you knew him?"  
"Yes. It was taken during the honeymoon."—Detroit News.

### Worse Than That

Son—Dad, is "politics" plural?  
Dad—No; there isn't anything in the world more singular than politics.

## "Corkscrew" Airplane Built in South Dakota



This corkscrew-shaped airplane-Zeppelin, called the Aerosep, is scheduled to make its test flights this summer at Rapid City and its inventor, Rev. C. H. Locke and Lorrin Hansen, expect it to show a speed of 900 miles an hour. An all-metal dirigible, with vanes running around it, the contrivance revolves in a steel frame 3,000 times a minute. It has wings like an airplane and a large rudder.

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WIGLEYS  
SPEARMINT  
TOOTH PASTE

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