

FRANCE FEARS AIR RAID ON CHARTRES

Airport Near Old Cathedral Mark for Bombs.

Chartres, France.—The towers of the famous cathedral of this little city of the Beauce overlook a great military aviation field beyond the River Eure and the vista is disquieting.

The proximity of the cathedral and airbase worries inhabitants of this town. Throughout the land there is a consciousness of the importance of the cathedral of Chartres, comparable as an architectural monument to the Parthenon or St. Peter's. The airfield will be a target for enemy bombs when the war Europe fears actually materializes. All of the bombs may not fall on the aviation field.

Even with the example of the bombardment of the cathedral of Reims before them, inhabitants of Chartres are loath to believe that any aviator deliberately would drop a bomb on the cathedral itself, thus threatening the finest early Gothic spire in France, which adorns the southern side of the main facade, or the finest late Gothic spire in France, which occupies its northern angle. But no direct hit would be necessary to destroy a treasure even greater than that of the body of the cathedral itself, because there is literally nothing like it anywhere else, with one minor exception, the Thirteenth century glass which is the unique glory of the cathedral.

Glass Not Duplicated.
Except for a few panes at Bourges, there is no Thirteenth century glass in France except the tremendous wealth constituted by the 24 windows of Chartres, which still hold their old glass, whose beauty modern science has never been able to duplicate. The glass is priceless, literally, for there is no standard by which it can be compared. It is (except for those fragments at Bourges) all there is in the world.

Experts estimate that an ordinary bomb exploding 750 meters from the cathedral will shatter every one of these irreplaceable windows. The aviation field is only 1,500 meters away. The chances that any intensive bombardment of the air field will blow in the cathedral's windows are thus good.

Alarmed by this prospect, the committee for the preservation of French art engaged Achille Carlier, an expert,

to work out a plan for the dismantling of the windows of Chartres and storing them safely away within an hour—the time it would take a bombing plane—reported as it crossed the frontier—to reach Chartres.

Precaution to Be Costly.
Carlier has worked out his plan, but it will cost \$80,000. As all preparations must be made in advance and the French government is not likely to pay until the emergency has arrived, there is the danger that the plan might fail.

During the World war it was decided to take out and store the windows of the cathedral. The work required five months. This time a delay of five months—or even five days, or five hours—might prove disastrous.

There are 5,478 panes of Thirteenth century glass at Chartres, divided among 87 low windows, 84 high windows, and the three great rose windows of transepts and facade, with their lancettes, one of which is the "Tree of Jesse," one of the most famous individual stained-glass windows in the world, whose fame is perhaps only rivaled by the Virgin on the right-hand aisle of the church, far down by the choir.

SEE TRICKY STUFF AT FURNITURE SHOW

Combinations Feature Latest Offerings for Home.

Chicago.—Alert manufacturers have devised many new combinations of furniture which will solve the problems of the small home owner and keep his home from looking cluttered with too many pieces. These new and tricky devices made their debut to retail furniture buyers at the American Furniture Mart, home furnishings style center here.

Among these innovations, many of which can now be seen in retail stores, is a combination davenport, cellarette, bookcase, and radio cabinet, made in California Spanish style. It's a piece that's suitable for summer homes with knotty pine background or for regular home or apartment use in town or city. The davenport is upholstered in soft checked material (homespun) trimmed in leather. The cellarette is concealed in one end of the davenport, and behind it is a bookcase. The other end opens to a radio cabinet, with storage space behind this. The chairs that go with the davenport have concealed ashtrays

and cigarette compartments beneath the arms, eliminating the necessity of resting ashtrays on chair arms. There's also a new bridge davenport that's a grand utility piece, besides being decorative. The middle front section of the davenport is removable, and can be pushed to the front, a bridge table inserted there—and you're all set for a game of bridge without the necessity of pulling up any extra chairs.

Lamps have long since ceased to be just lamps. They now frequently involve tables, magazine racks, and even small cellarette compartments in their bases. For manufacturers have learned to build things in that long space between floor and shade and thus, without much effort, have managed to find room for an extra shelf—a table—or a place for magazines.

One of the best known manufacturers of medium-priced furniture has devised a sectional bookcase, which comes in three compartments, usable in one continuous piece or in separate parts. This combines bookcase, desk, drawer space for linens, and radio cabinet—all in a beautifully polished natural oak piece—which is most effective.

For the little shop girl who shares a hall bedroom, or for the housewife who likes to do part of her own washing, there's the combination wringer and washboard which retails for just over a dollar. This is a real utility piece for, in the case of housewives, it saves the expense of a laundry bill.

Another interesting combination is the bridge and dining room table. It's an extensive table which folds from the regular bridge size into a dining room table which serves six or eight persons. For bridge, the dining room chairs can, of course, be used.

Black Cat Is Mascot
Seattle, Wash.—For five years a black cat has accompanied firemen of a West Seattle station on all calls.

500,000 Fewer Phones in World Than in '33

Paris.—There are 32,496,000 telephones in the world, which is 500,000 fewer than in 1933, according to the latest statistics. The major part of this decrease is to be found in North America, which at present possesses 19,000,000 instruments, an average of 10.4 a hundred persons.

Europe, however, has suffered a decrease of only 200,000, from the 11,000,000 telephones which were in operation in 1933. However, the number of European telephones still remains small, for, statistics show that there are only two telephones per hundred persons.

France, which has 38,000,000 inhabitants, has 1,350,000 phones and occupies third place on the European list after England and Germany. The proportion in France is 3.2 per hundred persons, whereas England has 4.8 per cent and Germany 4.5 per cent.

Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland lead by a long way in the European telephone world, for Denmark has ten phones per hundred inhabitants, Sweden 9.5 and Switzerland 8.8.

South America has only 0.7 per cent, Australia 0.8 per cent and Asia only 0.1 per cent. China has only 147,000, which is about three telephones per 10,000 inhabitants.

Fatherly Paddle Upheld as Curfew for Daughter

Cleveland.—A suburban police judge ruled that a father has the moral right and the "legal duty" to spank his daughter if she refuses to go to bed early. After hearing the case of Anton Jentner, Jr., charged with assault and battery by his seventeen-year-old daughter, Eleanor, Judge Henry Williams, of Lakewood, dismissed the father and reprimanded the daughter. The girl said her father spanked her with a wooden paddle when she refused to go to bed at eleven o'clock.

LIKE THAT SPIRIT

During a spring maneuver at one of the service schools some years ago, the troops were effecting a night river crossing. A sudden rise in the river made the bridging equipment inadequate. During the early morning hours a man in civilian clothes came down to the river bank where some soldiers were pulling on a rope, the other end of which could not be seen in the darkness.

"What are you doing?" he asked. Lifting his eyes for a moment one of the tollers answered: "The engineers didn't send us enough bridge and we are pulling the banks closer together."—Army and Navy Journal.

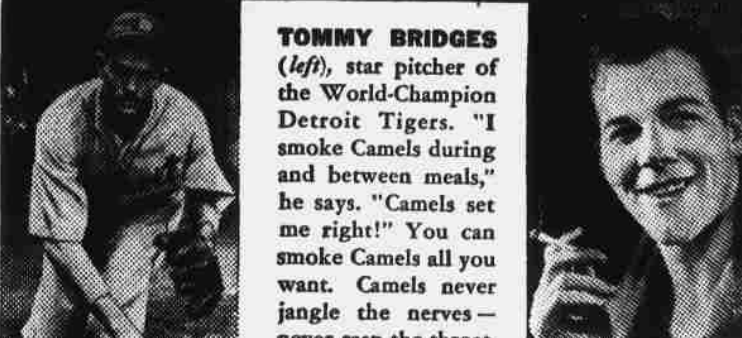
Specialist Called
A doctor was called in to see a very

testy aristocrat.
"Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully.
"That, sir," growled the patient, "is for you to find out."
"I see," said the doctor, thoughtfully.
"Well, if you'll excuse me for an hour or so I'll go along and fetch a friend of mine—a veterinarian. He is the only chap I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

His Only Opportunity
"Yes," said the meek-looking man to his neighbor. "I take my meals at a restaurant every chance I get."
"I suppose you prefer restaurant cooking to your wife's cooking?" replied the other.

The meek man shook his head sadly. "No, I can't say it's that," he replied, "but I can give orders in a restaurant."—Stray Stories Magazine.

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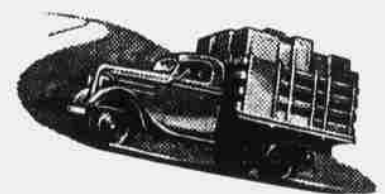
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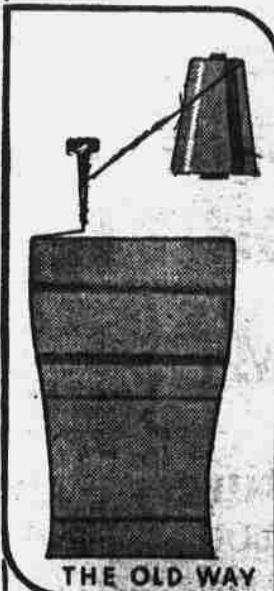


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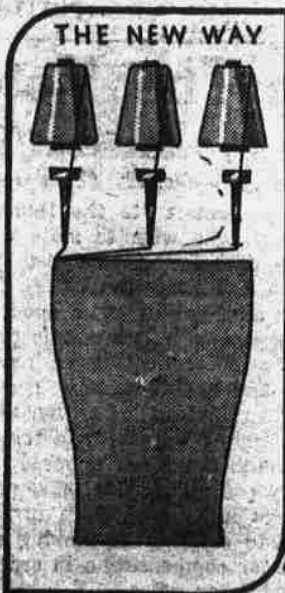
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