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Rhine as Barrier Between France and Germany Would Mean Sham Republic, Says Lloyd George.

Explains Foch's Power British pressure subsequently induced bureau.

(Continued From Page One.) the public opinion of the people he has saved from destruction such as no other individual can aspire to— as long as his services are fresh in ap honorable failure and will ever do pleadingly. "W the memory of his fellow-country-men. That, I admit, is not very long. Gratitude is like manna—it must be gathered and enjoyed quickly, for its freshness quickly disappears. But in the early months of 1919, Marshal Foch was still sitting at the banquet table of popular favor, enjoying the full flavor of grateful recognition. His word on all questions affecting the security and destiny of France,

was heard with deference which no Says: other man in France could succeed in securing. He had also a quality which is not usually an attribute of generalship-for he was a lucid, force ful and picturesque speaker. He was therefore, listened to for what he was, for what he said, and f.r the way he said it.

Demands Strong Frontier.

What did he say?

He said a good deal on the subject of the Rhine frontier, and I cannot quote it all. I will take a few ger mane sentences out of his numerous utterances on the subject.

On the 19th of April, 1919, there appeared in the London Times an interview with Marshal Foch. From that interview I take these salient passages.

"'And now, having reached the Rhine, we must stay there.""

"'And now, having reached the Rhine, we must stay there,' went on the marshal very emphatically. 'Impress that upon your fellow countrymen. It's our only safety; their only safety. We must have a barrier. We must double lock the door. Democraties like ours which are never aggressive must have strong natural frontiers. Remember that these 70,000,000 of Germans will always be a menace to us. Do not trust appearances of the moment. Their natural characteristics have not changed in four years. Fifty years hence

they will be what they are today.' From the tableat the other end of the room Marshal Foch brought a great map, six or eight feet feet square, on which the natural features of this part of western Europe were marked. The Rhine was a thick line of blue. To the west of the river the marshal had drawn in pencil a concave arc representing the new frontier that France will receive under the peace treaty. It was clearly an arbitrary political boundary con-

March 12, 1919, containing the fol-"In the general interest of peace and to assure effective working of Germany is fixed at the Rhine. Consequently Germany renounces

which he handed to the allies on

all sovereignty over, as well as any "No one ever comes to The Hague customs union with, territories of the former German empire on the Helen mathered up their tooth brushes, left bank of the Rhine." There is a sardonic humor in the stand. words "In the general interest of

"They don't, eh?" grunted Warren, tram. peace and to assure effective working forcing in the obdurate trunk lock. of the constituent clause of the league "Then we'll be the shining exception." of nations." But it demonstrates that "The porter says the train goes at that date M. Clemenceau and his right by the gate-I asked him yesterday. We'll have plenty of time," ministers had become converts to the doctrine of the Rhine as the natural making sure they had left nothing boundary of Germany. American and in the deep drawers of the Dutch

"Now I'm not going to be rushed at him to abandon this position and, as I said in my previous article, the pact the last minute." thrusting the keys was part of the argument addressed into his pocket. "Got some letters to write, pay the bill and get these to him. But the party of the Rhine

"Dear, we wouldn't be rushed." an honorable failure, and will ever do pleadingly. "We could just ride out had only the hour hand-exasperating in-just so we can say we've seen

feat by the Annual Register 1919-1920 It." "Buy a 'peace palace' postcard. -certainly not a partisan authority-Take a good squint at that," he proves that even an unexciteable "Then you can say you've scoffed. chronicler labored then under the de-'seen it.' lusion-if it be a delusion-which possessed me when I wrote the offending article. Explaining the re-"If you're so all-fired anxious- grounds. markable defeat, the Annual Register what's the matter with you toddling

out there alone?" "Clemenceau's supporters contend-"I hate to go alone, but I suppose ed that the terms of the treaty of Versailles were satisfactory from the French point of view. His op-Hague-and didn't go near the peace ponents declared that he had given palace." way too much to American and "Well you be back here by 4:30.

don't forget-'

British standpoints, and that the Take a cab-don't fool with the trams. peace was unsatisfactory, particu-We don't want to miss that train. larly in respect of guarantees for Darnation, this pen's dry!" settling reparations due to France and in down at the desk-table with some the matter of the French eastern letters. "Any ink in yours?" frontier. It will be remembered "Everything's packed," giving him that a large body of French opinion her fountain pen. "You carry down had desired that France should seall scratched. Here's the umbrella, book: cure the line of the Rhine as her

eastern frontier. Endless Articles.

I can if necessary quote endless ar-You've no time to stew around." ticles in French journals and writ "Don't forget you needn't tip anyings and speeches of French politiclans. Men of such divergent tem-10 per cent to the bill here." peraments and accomplishments as A hasty kiss on the back of his M. Franklin Bouillon and M. Tardieu gave countenance to this claim that

Germany should be amputated at the Rhine. Later on, at a reception of Marshal Foch when he was elected a member of the French academy, M. Poincare, turning at one moment in his discourse to the marshal, said in reference to the veteran general's well known attitude on the peace treaty:

"Ah, monsieur le marechal, if only your advice had been listened to." Has he also gone back on opinion so histrionically expressed? Let us hope for the best.

I know it will be said that although the boundaries of Germany were to end at the Rhine, the province on the left bank was not to be annexed, but to be reconstituted into an "independent republic." What manner of independence, and

what kind of republic? German officers were to be expelled. It was to be detached by special provision from the economic life of Germany, upon which it is almbost entirely dependent for its existence. It was not to to associa

Married Life of Helen and Warren

A Turbulent Trip to the Peace Palace | the spotless white hall to the slow-Delays Their Departure running lift. Warren had said "Take a cab," without seeing the peace palace," her economy favored a tram.

dentrifice and soap from the wash- that she could easily get back by 4:30,

tion of small, exclusive shops. Then on past stately public buildings, museums, and art galleries, typical of all European capitols. A statue of "William the Silent"

Then residential streets, tree-shaded and quiet. How much further? Her wrist man driving ignored her agitated

watch had stopped! A church with a steeple clock. But

like many old Holland time-pieces, it and come right back. We needn't go when one wanted the exact time. A park. Straight rows of trees and missing the train.

Was it the wrong car? The porter had said nothing about a park. No, there was the Peace Palace! The huge structure, familiar from

"I begged you to go yesterday, but the cut in her guide book, stood far you wouldn't. You never will--" back from the road in the spacious The conductor stopped the car and

pointed volubly. Two mounted soldiers guarded the I'll have to. I can't go back home entrance gate, their brass-buttoned

ening in the sun. The porter had said she would have But deciding to take the first tram

track, Helen studied the Palace. Trying to feel properly impressed. ences held there. With a thrill of guilder note. Waving it wildly, she

"In 1903 Andrew Carnegie,

Germany the gateway; pressed the accelerator. Switzerland the tower clock; Norway "I will be glad to take you

countries the paintings and interior his tweeds not those of a chauffeur. fool sight-seeing this time," he She had held up a private car and sneered. "Your little spree to the There were three more fine-typed tried to bribe its owner! But her anxiety surmounted her sive. pages, which Helen read as she embarrassment.

"It can't be a quarter of 5?" staring at the clock by the speedometer. "I'm afraid it is, but you will be porter had said it took 20 minutes at the hotel in 10 minutes. I hope that will not be too late."

It would be! They could never the suitcase, he left her to follow. Then, to her horror, she realized reach the station and check their there was but one track! The return trunks in 15 minutes. Warren would be wild! She vis- trunks through the baggage room.

just as the last whistle blew. street. "It's the 5:10 express to Paris," she The train was drawing out as he faltered. "I wanted to see the peace swung on the last car, shouting to the edge of English, with maddening un. palace-the porter said I'd have guard.

plenty of time-but I couldn't get Only the head porter of the fore a tram or taxi back." next street," he skirled a corner with put on.

Elated over his achievement, he pocketed the notes Warren thrust at \$39.50 dizzy speed. "Just a two-minute walk from where you were." him, waving his gold vizored cap as So that was what the poor palsied

How could she get back? Not a perthe porter was sure I'd have time." Their reservations to Paris paid for, "You may make it yet,' 'he enshe was frantic at the thought of

From a house across the saw the taxl with their trunks on emerged a nurse, supporting a de-Helen tried to make them understand porter!

"Oh, thank you-thank you so The nurse could not speak English much," she was ready to jump out. and her patient, a paralytic, could only stutter, "Tram-tram!" pointing

his palsied hand up the road. "It's going the wrong way," anguished Helen. "I want to get back

He nodded, striving to force out raised his hat. ome articulate words. The nurse, disapproving his exertions, frowned Another car down the road! bundled her into the taxl. touring car, empty but for the chauf-

she thought of the historic confer- Helen snatched from her purse a 10 it? Will we make it?"

my dressing case-the porter'll get it patriotism she read from the guide dashed out to the center of the street. train's on time." The driver, forced to stop or run the over her, stared in amazement.

His English was without accent and

Flying across the road, she ap-

"Hotel des Indes."' thrusting the they refund-" 000 for the erection of a permanent bill at him, as she climbed in without waiting for his consent. "Quick-

"Many nations contributed. Great quick!" pantomiming speed. Ignoring the ten guilder note, he

signal.

son or vehicle in sight!

"The money you paid for the sleeper and all-will you lose it? Won't "Huh, that's the least of it. Henthere before night."

ing the importance of that confer- ogy at Harvard college.

"It wasn't my fault," frantically. "There's only a one-way track-the tram comes back on another street. No one spoke English and I couldnt-Warren had leaped out as they slowed up to the station. Snatching

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The head porter, who had come on the seat with the driver, rushed then

foned him now, their trunks on a Bellowing orders to the station porproached one of the mounted soldiers, taxi, glowering up and down the ters he got them on the platform,

most hotel could have held that train "The tram goes back through the long enough for their trunks to be

man had been trying to tell her! they steamed off. "Oh, I shouldn't have come! But "Well, we made it!" Warren wiped

his forehead and hat-band. "That 75c porter's a crackerjack! Had every- Records body on the jump-and put us on Sale couraged. "The train may be late." As they neared the hotel, Helen through!" "I was worried sick." Then, as her

top, just as she had visioned. And tension relaxed, "Dear, what did you crepit old man. Tearing after them, there was Warren-and the head give him? It looked like a lot." "It was," curty. "A fat tip. Your

infernal sight seeing got us into this mess. Now you kick 'cause I shell "Can I be of any further service? out for holding up the Paris Ex-

Can I take you to the station?" press." "Thank you, but there's Mr. Cur-"Oh, the umbrella!" dismayed Chinese Matting Chests \$2.95 tis now-with the trunks on a taxi " Helen. "We left it in the taxi! Your Mahogany Smokers' Stands-Even in her flurry, she was con- good umbrella-the one I gave you Humidors and Smoking Sets.

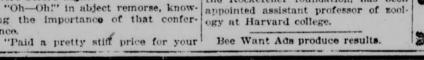
scious of his disappointment as he Christmas." "Now, see here, we made this train. Warren's curt profanity cut short didn't we? You ought to be darned Lamps on sale, special, all sizes, thankful. Don't set up a howl about her excited explanations. "Did you pay that driver?" as he an umbrella. And from now on,"

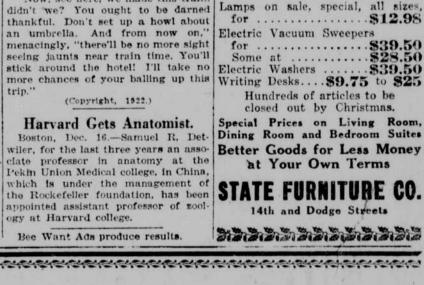
"It was a private car! I wanted seeing jaunts near train time. You'll eur. Her desperation giving her courage, you to thank him." Then clutching his Her desperation giving her courage, arm as they sped cff, "Will we make more chances of your balling up this User entropy of the spectral from her purse 2 10

trip.' "Not a chance," grimly, "if the

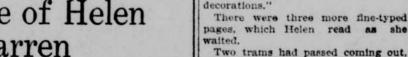
clate professor in anatomy at the derson leaves Paris at noon tomor- Pekin Union Medical college, in China, row! If we miss this, we can't get which is under the management of the Rockefeller foundation, has been

"Oh-Oh!" in abject remorse, know-









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but none going back. Just 4 by the Palace clock! The

one way. Only 10 minutes to spareand no car in sight.

With the head porter's assurance the doorman put her on the right

ear did not pass that way! Through a prosperous business sec

"Where do I get a tram back?" excitedly waving in that direction. His shrug disclaiming his knowl

concern he flicked a fly from his horse's neck. one of many that pepper The Hague. "Oh, there's a taxi," Helen rushed

back to the road. But it was a private car. The wo

hedges trimmed with Dutch precision.

her quandary.

back, from a shaded bench by the

I'll put it with your coat. And, dear, American steel magnet, gave \$1,500,-

"Now if you're going-beat it! court of arbitration.

body," persisted Helen. "They add Britain presented the stained glass windows:

neck, acknowledged only by an im- the steps of granite; Belgium the dou- hotel!" patient grunt, and she hurried down ble bronze doors; France and other

and say we spent two days at The uniforms and sleek bay horses glistto the city.' time to walk through the grounds, at Helen, and drew him on. feur.

orming to no natural feature of the land.

No Natural Obstacle. "'Look at that," said Marshal Foch. 'There's no natural obstacle along that frontier. Is it there that we can hold the Germans if they attack us again? No. Here, here, here.' And he tapped the blue Rhine with his pencil. 'Here we must be ready to face our enemies. This is the barrier which will take some crossing. If the Germans try to force a passage over the Rhine-Ho! ho! but here'touching the black penciled line running northwest from Lorraine past Saar valley to the Belgian frontier-'here there is nothing.

"'No, if you are wise you insist on having your locks and wall, and we must have our armies on the Rhine. Some people object that it will take many troops to hold the Rhine. Not so many as it would take to hold the political frontler. For the Rhine can be crossed only at certain places, whereas the new political frontier of France can be broken, anywhere and would have to be held in force along its entire length.' "

He expaned his doctrine in great er detail in an official memorandum which not France alone, but the which he submitted to M. Clemen. ceau as commander-in-chief of the allied armies: "To stop enterprises toword the west of this nation-ever-lastingly warlike and covetous of the good things belonging to other I said there was a powerful party in peoples only recently formed, and that country which claimed that the pushed on to conquest by force re- Rhine should be treated as a natural gardless of all rights and by ways barrier of Germany and that the lost contrary to all law, seeking peace treaty should be based upon always mastery of the world, nature has only made one barrier-the Rhine. This barrier must be forced on Ger-

manic peoples."

Repeats Demand.

ence in May, 1919, still brandishing the same theme. It may be said that only a great soldier. Nevertheless. his political influence was so great most powerful statesman in France within a month after his triumphant return at the polls with a huge surporting majority in the French parliaby his antagonism, was responsible for M. Clemenceau's defeat at the presidential election of 1920. But or Marshal Foch's .ntervention M. Clemenceau would have been today president of the French repulic. Why was he beaten at the height of his fame by a candidate of infinitely less prestige and power?

The wrath of Marshal Foch and premiership in an effort to place the British army under the supreme command of a French general. To his formidable following was excited all the more against M. Clemenceau preserve French friendship I have because the latter had, under pressure from the allies, gone back on the repeatedly given way to French demands and thus often have antagon agreed French policy about the Rhine. M. Tardieu, as is well known, was ized opinion in this country. But I ne of the most prominent ministers cannot go to the extent of approving one of the most prominent ministers in M. Clemenceau's administration, and closely associated with his chief in the framing of the peace treaty. He has written a book, and in that book he gives at length a document most genuine admiration.



But I am told these proposals did not mean annexation. Then what else did they mean? You do not swallow the oyster. You only first give it and independent existence by detaching it from its hard surroundings You then surround it on all sides and absorb it into your own system to equip you with added strength to prey on other oysters! What independence! And what a republic!

It would have been, and was in tended to be, a sham republic. Had the plan been adopted it would have been a blunder and a crime, for

world, would have paid the penalty later on. In the face of these quotations and

that assumption? Let it be observed that I never stated that this claim had the supmany. Henceforward the Rhine will port of French democracy. The fact be the western frontier of the Ger- that the treaty, which did not realize that objective, secured ratification by an overwhelming majority in the

French parliament, and subsequently He repeated this demand in a sub- by an emphatic verdict in the counsequent memorandum. Many of us try, demonstrates clearly that the recall his dramatic irruption into French people as a whole shrank the placid arena of the peace confer- with their invincible good sense from following even the lead they admired on to this path of future disaster. Marshal Foch is not, and does not But the mere fact that there are po pretend to be, a statesman. He is tent influences in France that still press this demand and take advantage of every disappointment to urge that even in 1920 he overthrew the it forward, calls for unremitting vigilance amongst all peoples who have the welfare of humanity at heart. In conclusion I should like to add that to denounce me as an enemy of ment. It was Marshal Foch who. France because I disagree with the international policy of its present rulers is a petulant absurdity. During the whole of my public career I have been a consistent advocate of co-operation between the French and

British democracies. I took that line when fawning on German imperialism was fashionabl in this country. During the war I twice risked my ad \$2.50. Boudoir Caps at .. 59¢ and \$1.75

cial, at\$1.59

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