

Geneva, Cradle of Red Cross, Unanimously Chosen as Seat of the League of Nations

Future Welfare of World to Be Guided at Little City on Foot of Largest European Mountain.

By MARIE WIDMER.
Right in the heart of bleeding Europe there remained through all the terrible years of war, frightfulness one sacred spot, which, as the months and years slipped by since that tragic August day in 1914, has become known as a haven of refuge for the homeless and a sister of mercy for all war sufferers, of all nationalities and all creeds—Switzerland.



A general view of Geneva, Switzerland, with "Rousseau's Islands" and the Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, towering in the distance.

Switzerland is the one happy land in Europe where different races and different creeds live harmoniously together. Allemanic, French, Italian and Romansch are the languages spoken in the little mountain republic, who has spent millions to safeguard her absolute neutrality, which has proven an unbreakable tie between her people during the long perturbed years of the war.

Neutral Geneva Chosen.
And this most conscientious of neutrals, who, when making known its desire to become a member of the league of nations laid particular stress on the fact that it wished even then to remain perpetually neutral, has now been chosen to become the future homeland of the peace-conference, with the radiantly beautiful lake city of Geneva as its permanent abode.

While France and Belgium, as actual martyrs of the great war, were pressing their special claims for this honor on behalf of the latter, President Wilson is quoted as having told the delegates in his counter-argument and what proved to be the decisive speech in favor of Geneva: "You will not dare to choose a city as the capital of the league of nations which incarnates the enmity between races—a city which has been wronged, doubtless, but which makes a reconciliation between the peoples of Europe more distant by the very wrongs it has suffered."

Geneva in the Early Days.
Geneva was occupied by a settlement long ago, but there is no exact record when the colony began. Caesar found here a town of the Allobroges that he called Geneva and he actually cut the bridge over the Rhone which connected it with the right bank of the river, in order to prevent the passage of the Helvetes.

When Gaul was organized under Roman administration, Geneva was included in the province of Gallia Narbonensis. The city adopted Christianity in the fourth century and quickly became the religious capital of a great diocese. Occupied in the fifth century by the Burgundians, Geneva formed part of the first kingdom of Burgundy, and fell along with it, in 534, into the hands of the Franks.

In 888 the second Burgundian kingdom, east of the Jura, was founded on the ruins of the Carolingian empire and Geneva became one of its chief towns. The last king, Rudolf III, left his crown to the Emperor Conrad the Salic in the year 1032 and Geneva thus became an imperial city and the local government, at that time administered by a bishop, was permitted to develop with considerable freedom. The prelate was at the same time temporal ruler of the city and spiritual head of a diocese partly occupied by nobles as powerful as himself, and in the end even more powerful. One of these, the Count of Savoy, succeeded, after having destroyed the power of the counts of Geneva, his rivals, in possessing himself of the episcopal castle and of the dignity of the vicomtat, or temporal function of the church (in 1290).

The beginning of the 16th century was marked by the breaking out of the final struggle between the people of Geneva and the Duke of Savoy, when the citizens were divided into two parties, the Mamelukes, or followers of the house of Savoy, and the Huguenots (from Eidgenossen-

containing Geneva's museum of history. The college St. Antoine, founded by Calvin in 1559 and restored in 1888, is a further testimonial to the great Reformer same as the university whose history dates back to Calvin's academy, also founded in 1559. The university has acquired world fame and the numerous public and private educational institutions, contributing to the industrial, intellectual and artistic phases of life, are largely frequented.

Salmon Worth More Than Gold in Alaska; Natives Live on Fish

New York, July 19.—If Alaska had to choose between salmon and gold, there is little question that it would unhesitatingly give up the gold, for life itself is dependent, in many parts of Alaska and for long periods of time, upon the salmon. Along the stretches of the lower Yukon fish is the staple and almost the only diet for both man and dog. The rivers of Alaska are the food reservoirs of the country, and of all the food taken from them the salmon is the most delicate and the most plentiful. The banks of the Yukon for hundreds of miles up its length are lined, in the summer time, with Indian villages, which, from a distance, are dull red bluffs from the split salmon hung out in the sun to dry.

Food For Entire Year.
The fresh fish supply the food for the Indians and their dogs during the summer and the dried fish throughout the winter. The dog-salmon, weighing from five to seven pounds, is caught most plentifully. In drying it shrinks to one and a half pounds. These dried fish are eaten as we eat bread. One fish a day, in the evening, is considered a fair allowance for a dog when working in winter. He requires no other food.

Salmon, though spawned in fresh water and though they return to fresh water to spawn and to die, often after a journey up the Yukon and its tributaries of 1,000 and 2,000 miles, never eat in fresh water. No case is on record of a fisherman ever having found anything in the stomach of a salmon caught in the Yukon or any other Alaskan river.

A Natural History Wonder.
The action of the salmon at spawning time is one of the greatest wonders of natural history and one which has never been explained.

After hatching in the headwaters of the rivers of Alaska, they make the journey down to salt water while still fingerlings of two and three inches in length. After 30 months in the ocean, during which time nothing at all is known of their life, they are able to return to the waters where they were spawned. What marvellous instinct it is that enables them to unerringly select that tributary of the Yukon, either on the right or the left bank, down which they came, and, in turn, the little stream which flows into the tributary is a puzzle to science.

Missionaries of the Episcopal church perhaps know the value of the salmon to Alaska better than any one else, for they live and work and endure hardships among the Indians at the fishing stations. And the missionaries assert that while gold constitutes much of Alaska's wealth, the salmon is more valuable to the native, because it keeps him alive.

conferates). After having seen Berthelmer in 1519 and Levrier in 1524—the latter party finally won the day. Treaties of fellow-citizenship, made with the various Swiss cantons, assured to Geneva a security which only became definite and final after the adoption of the doctrine of the reformation, as preached by Farel, in 1535. The episcopal authority was then abolished; Geneva became a republic, governed by syndics and councils elected by the people.

Geneva's Literary Associations.
Jean Jacques Rousseau, son of a watchmaker, born in Geneva in the year 1712, is one of Geneva's best known literary celebrities. He disapproved of the unjust distinction then made between the aristocracy and the poorer classes and as champion of the latter he exposed his convictions in the "Contrat Social" which, together with his "Emile," were committed to the flames by the public executioner.

Gradually Geneva and its lake became the Mecca of leaders in science and literature. Voltaire, Mme. de Staël, Georges Sand, Dumas, Daudet and Byron, Gibbon, Dickens, Ruskin, Frances Haavelgal, Sismondi, De Saussure, Amiel—a veritable parade of illustrious poets, novelists, essayists, philosophers and scientists whose intimate connections with that fair and intellectual city and its environs are forever interwoven in its history.

Geneva, Cradle of the Red Cross.
The actual founder of the Red Cross society was Jean Henri Dunant, a philanthropic citizen of Geneva. On June 14, 1859, he chanced to be present at the battle of Solferino and was an eye-witness to the vast amount of unnecessary suffering that resulted from the inability of the regular surgical corps for the thousands of wounded who lay upon the field.

Three years later he published a book on his experiences and advocated an international convention to provide for the aiding of the wounded in war. This convention, which took place at Geneva and which was concluded and signed on August 22, 1864, neutralized the surgical corps of hostile armies and volunteer societies caring for the wounded. As a compliment to Switzerland, the Swiss flag in reversed colors, i. e., a red cross on a white field, was to

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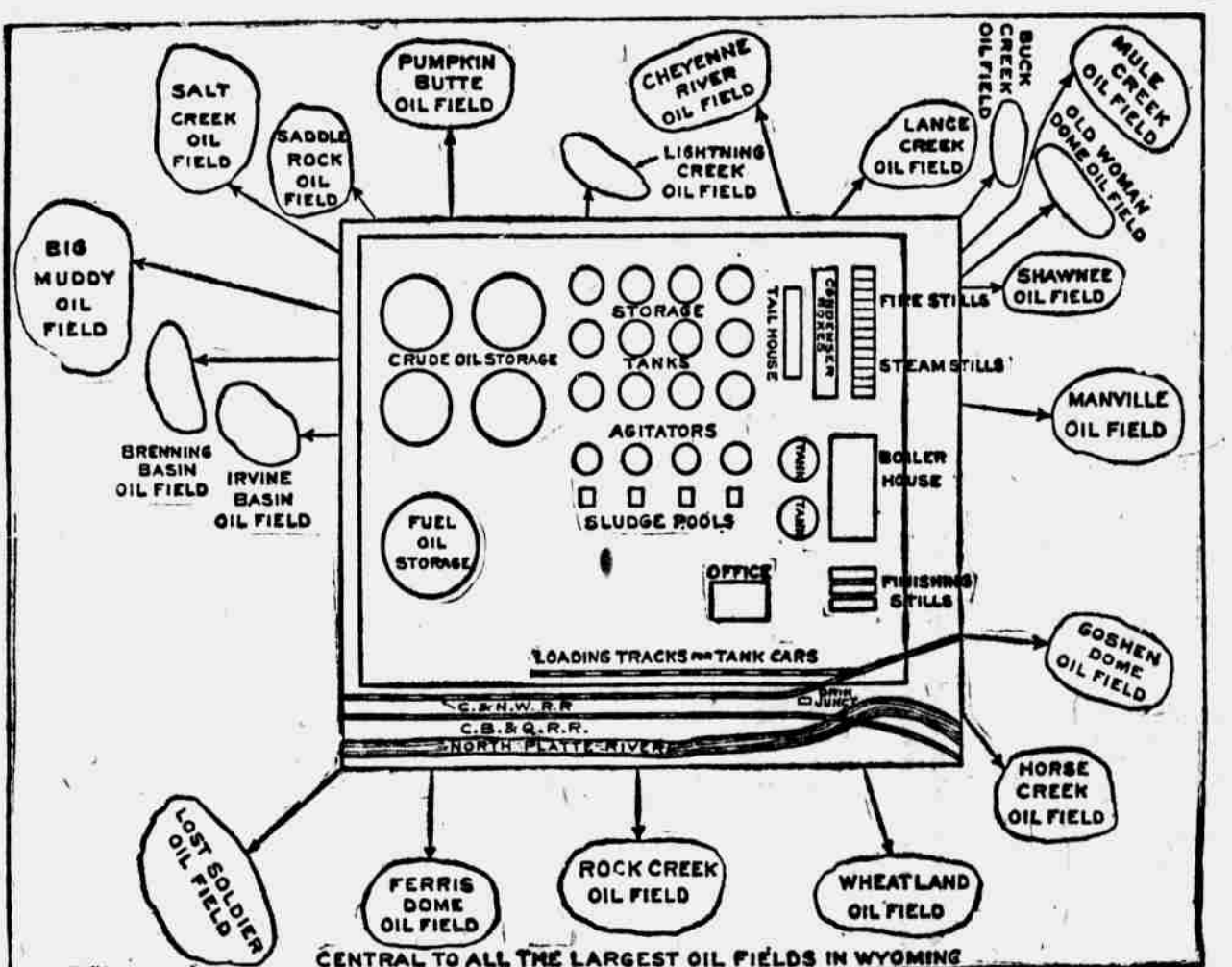
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