

Poor Little Luxemburg

THE tiny, independent state of Luxemburg has been almost lost sight of while Europe is fighting its great war. Vast war armies swept over this infant monarchy at the beginning of the war, passed beyond, and left it all undamaged far behind the battle lines. Luxemburg was in no position to oppose the passage of an empire's forces, and, therefore, quietly submitted to the passage of the German army. Hence it is still the possessor of a well-developed industry, of smiling fields and meadows, and of a people happy in the security of their young men. When the Kaiser's army corps started by way of this grand duchy into France, Luxemburg had a standing army of 200 and about 150 policemen with which to oppose the German endeavor. Such an army as the grand duchess had was above reproach, well-drilled, well set-up, well fed, and handsomely uniformed and caparisoned, but it might as well have set out to stay the tidal waves of the sea as to have mobilized in defense of its neutrality.

Luxemburg is little known to the average European traveler. Though it lies between two great capitals—Paris and Berlin—it is comparatively neglected by tourists, most of whom are unaware that it offers a multitude of interesting details to the visitor, writes L. A. Pollock in the Philadelphia Record. A place of glorious

and a chamber of deputies numbering 48, elected by the people. The grand duchess is aided by the conseil de gouvernement of four members named by the monarch.

The country is divided into 13 cantons, the people apparently being free from superstition in that respect. There is no trial by jury in the land. Each canton has its "justice de paix." A "tribunal d'arrondissement" sits at Luxemburg and another at Diekirch and in the capital there is a high court of justice.

Germans have done much to develop the country in the face of national hatred. They run the railroads and many other enterprises, and Luxemburg still remains in the Zollverein or German customs union.

Luxemburg, the capital, a city of 23,000 souls, lies on the Alzette and Petrusse rivers, which join on the east side of the citadel. The upper town is high "in Sonne and Luft" (in sun and breeze), standing on a great rock. The low town is sheltered beneath it. The city is remarkable, among other things, for its profuse display of roses. The German poet Goethe spent a brief period in the capital, the Luxemburgers commemorating it by placing an explanatory plate on the house where he resided. The poet was delighted with the city, asserting, "Luxemburg resembles nothing but itself."

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"Didn't I pay for my tickets?" questioned the would-be auditor. "Aren't they in order?"

"They're perfectly in order," was the reply, "but the truth is you're drunk."

"Drunk? Drunk?" mused the other, solemnly placing the passports in his pocket. "Of course I'm drunk. If I weren't drunk would I come to a piano recital?"

Bad Language.
Thomas A. Edison on his sixtieth birthday said to a reporter: "The result of this war will be a German republic that in fifty years will forge ahead of all of us."

The reporter, impressed by Mr. Edison's war knowledge, asked: "What language do the Belgians use—Walloon, French, German?"

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A Western Canada Farmer Writes as to Conditions.

A. G. Hansen is a farmer living near Clavet, Sask., and as an old resident of Minnesota, takes strong exception to some of the articles appearing in American papers disparaging the true conditions in Western Canada. The "Cottonwood Current" of Cottonwood, Minn., an important weekly paper in the southwestern part of the state, recently published a letter from Mr. Hansen, which is interesting reading. In his letter Mr. Hansen makes a splendid case for Western Canada against those who seek to deter farmers in the States from settling in Canada. He says:

"The district in which we live is a fair comparison to any other district in the country, made up mostly of settlers from the States. The majority here consists of Americans from Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas, with a few Canadians and an odd Englishman. We have been here eleven years, ever since this part of the country was settled, and the majority have done well. If they have not, it is certainly not the fault of the country."

"There has not been a crop failure in this district since settled. This year was the poorest, caused by lack of rain, although a fair estimate of wheat is about twelve bushels per acre, average, and oats about ten. Some farmers got as much as twenty-five bushels of wheat per acre, and we all got good prices."

"The laws of Canada are nearly the same as those of Minnesota, and we enjoy the same privileges."

"So far as the European war is concerned, we suffer to a certain extent as all the world does. Canada is giving a helping hand to her Mother Country, and we American-Canadians firmly believe it is Canada's duty to do so. I have not heard one American-Canadian who has expressed a different opinion. Canada is not compelled to send her soldiers. The service rendered is all voluntary service."

"The accusation that old settlers are considered undesirable citizens and are forced out of business, even in danger of being 'mobbed' at their own fireside, is all false, a mere fabrication in the mind of badly informed correspondents. There are a few who have been discovered carrying letters, others papers and plans to prove them spies, and whose object is to conspire against the government. These have justly been arrested. Such a class of people cannot be considered good citizens, whether living in Canada or in the United States."

"Some people are failures wherever they are, and as an excuse for failure in their country it may seem easy to put the blame on the Canadian people and the Canadian government. Fact is, thousands of people from the United States are emigrating to Canada at the present time, which shows they are not afraid of the Canadian government."

"The government is giving away, free of charge, provision through the winter to farmers in certain districts affected by the drought, and is also sending seed grain to those in need of help. This is very different from driving settlers away from their own homes."

"I have always observed that the people who love their Mother Country most are those who make the best citizens of their adopted country. The glorious 'Stars and Stripes' will always stand for what is good and noble to us, though we live in a neighbor country where we also enjoy 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

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VIEW OF LUXEMBURG

mountains and lowlands, of sparkling rivers and magnificent forests, venerable towns, ancient castles, perched dizzily on altitudinous crags, Roman remains and Druid relics, it holds within its narrow confines much to enthral and move the visitor.

It is replete with folklore. It had Siegfried for its ruler and by many native students is believed to have been the birthplace of the Nibelungen legends. A novel state it is and ruled by the prettiest and youngest sovereign in Europe!

Has a Mixed Population.
The inhabitants of Luxemburg speak French, German and a patois. But they are not French or German—they are Luxemburgers. French is the language of the court. The patois, a strange mixture of many tongues, is spoken by most of the poorer folk. It is a queer conglomeration of languages and, to add to the difficulties of conversation, there are four varieties of the dialect. In traversing the very excellent roads in the duchy one is apt to be saluted with a German "guten tag" or a French "bon jour."

Agriculture is one of the principal occupations of the people, and the diminutive state actually produces one-fortieth of the world's supply of iron. Many Germans have entered the country to work in the mines or on the railroads, and, despite the traditional dislike of Prussians they are quickly made Luxemburgers. The same is true in a measure of many Italians who have made their way into Marie Adelaide's domain.

Besides its farms and mines Luxemburg is made rich by its glove, pottery, cloth, paper, beer and tobacco industries. It has also produced in a good season as many as 1,250,000 gallons of wine. Cattle also are raised in large number.

Education is highly developed, the schools even drawing many foreigners.

The people reverence titles even as they love their grand duchess. Way back in the old days they sided with aristocratic Spain against the more liberal Netherlands and favored Louis XVI when he combated the revolution, bringing misery down upon their heads for their pains.

How It Is Governed.
The grand duchy has a parliament consisting of an upper house of 15 members chosen by the grand duchess

sent, is a beautiful structure of the Spanish Renaissance period, although its splendor has been marred by the addition of the chamber of deputies, built in 1857, and not in conformity with the original architecture.

The palace itself was built in 1572 by Count Ernest of Mansfield. Under one of its doors may be seen the monograms of Siegfried, who founded the city, and the Countess Ernesinde, who gave it its municipal freedom.

Louis XIV spent some time in the palace and Napoleon tarried there in 1804.

Other points of interest in the city are the remains of the former forbidding fortresses, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the National library, the Casino, containing a good restaurant and reading-room, the new post office and the municipal palace.

Town That Hugo Loved.

To the students of Victor Hugo the town of Vlianden near the eastern border is sacred from the fact that the Frenchman deeply loved the town. He paid five visits to it, going there in his travels and his exile. The house where he lived in 1870 and 1871 is appropriately marked.

Centuries before the Romans made a protracted stay there, building a fort on a high rock, which was called Ruomburg. Later Attila, with his hordes, drove them out, and the victors also gave the name to one of the heights there—Hunnenley, Rock of the Huns.

No description of Luxemburg could be called complete without at least a brief allusion to Echternach, scene of the Dancing Procession, a religious ceremony that dates back several centuries, its actual inception being in doubt. The practice, which takes place every Whit-Tuesday, is believed to have sprung from an incident in the eighth century.

A strange epidemic afflicted the cattle of the people whereby the animals suffered sharp paroxysms that gave them the appearance of dancing. The people rushed off to the tomb of Saint Willibrord to pray for the recovery of the cattle. In their haste to reach the tomb they almost danced, as did the cows. Their herds got well. This started the ceremony. As many as 20,000 persons participate in the dance and an equal number are spectators.

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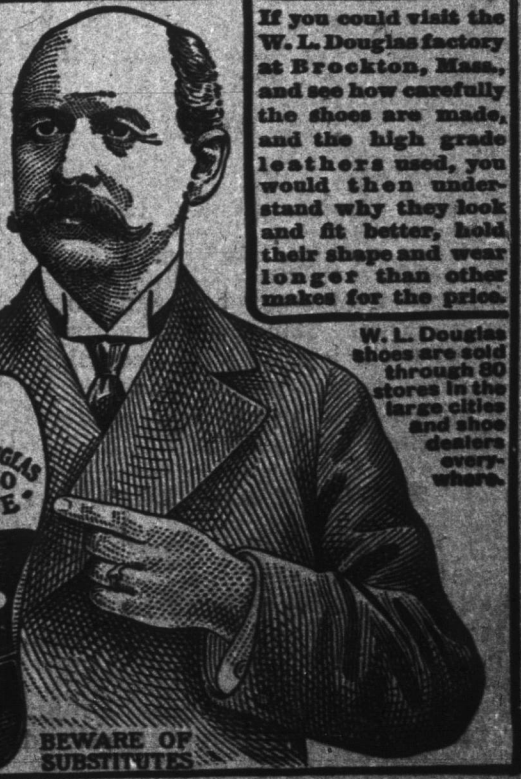
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