

BELGIUM ADDS TO STEEL FORTS FACING BERLIN

Defenses Will Rim Borders
From Mediterranean to
North Sea.

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PARIS, April 21.—Belgium has decided definitely to extend along the German frontier to the sea the "wall of steel" that France has built on her part of the border from Switzerland to Belgium, it was learned today.

It was understood that the Belgian staff submitted the plans to the French general staff, which made suggestions for further strengthening.

As plans are now, military engineers believe that between Germany on one side and France and Belgium on the other, there will be an invisible wall which no army can pass.

French authoritative circles said that the Belgian wall probably would be completed within a year, when the two countries would lie behind fortifications of steel and concrete really extending from the North sea to the Mediterranean sea—for France's system of forts on the southeast extends from Switzerland to the sea along the Italian frontier. Only the Swiss frontier will be left unfortified.

Belgium in Triangle

Belgium really will be hemmed between two fortified walls, with the North sea forming the third side of the triangular wedge which Belgium cuts into the north of Europe.

France already has laid down the foundations of a fortified defense line on the French side of the Belgian frontier. After the Belgian forts are completed, an invader to reach France through Belgium will have to break through two separate lines.

The French "wall of steel" is known as the Maginot wall, built under the late Andre Maginot, war minister. This wall now ends at Belgium. Belgium is to take it up and extend it along the German and Dutch frontiers.

In the Belgian "wall" will be guns capable of shooting entirely over the narrow strip of Holland that extends southward between Belgium and Germany.

Troops Are Mobile

The fortifications will hook up with the advance line of France's two "walls" at Metz and Longwy. The Belgian second line will extend from the Meuse river to the scheldt. Two army corps will occupy the frontier area.

Through the Belgian provinces of Luxembourg, west of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, there will be several hundred "super pill boxes." Fortified casernes, to house troops, are under construction at Bastogne and Bielsalm, and are to be completed in August. These troops will be highly mobile, and on bicycles, motorcycles and in automobiles and trucks can cover the whole frontier.

Armored airplanes, caterpillar-tread automobiles carrying guns, mobile mortar batteries and mobile five-inch guns will occupy the area.

Backing up the forts there will be the Belgian lowlands. At any time Belgian engineers will be prepared to flood them too deep for horses or cars to cross.

4 PENNSY TRAINS TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED

System Plans Installation of 700
Cars This Summer

Four Pennsylvania railroad limited trains serving Indianapolis, will be air-conditioned, according to an announcement by H. W. Jones, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania.

The four trains will be a part of the largest fleet of air-conditioned passenger trains in the world. Approximately 700 coaches, dining cars, sleepers and lounge cars are to have air-conditioning this summer. The trains operating out of Indianapolis with this equipment are the American and the Spirit of St. Louis, operating in each direction between St. Louis and New York.

LEGION MAPS PROGRAM AT VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Federal Post to Present Musical
Bill on Wednesday.

Federal post, No. 62, American Legion and its auxiliary will present a musical program at 7:30 Wednesday night at the Veterans' hospital.

Those who will take part in the program are Dr. Lawrence Fly, Leona Wilson, Bill Bailey, Beth Wilson, Jean Cunningham, Roberta Wilson, Paul Cooper, Mrs. H. H. Peabody, Jean Karl, Denise Bennett, Beatrice Jenkins, Harry Ewing, Joseph McKay, Robert Darbo, Gurney Swain, Mrs. Josephine Doolittle.

**COLONEL WARFEL TO
ADDRESS CONFERENCE**

Reserve Officers who Are Masons
Will Meet at Bloomington,

A breakfast and conference will be held for reserve officers who are members of the Masonic order on Sunday, May 13, at the New Graham hotel, Bloomington. Colonel C. O. Warfel commanding the Three hundred thirty-fourth infantry will deliver an address. The principal speaker will be Colonel T. L. Sherburne, cavalry, chief of staff of the Indiana military area.

**CHURCH SCHOOL CHIEFS
TO STUDY TEXT BOOKS**

Directors of Vacation Groups to
Meet Today.

Preliminary survey of books and materials available for educational work with children will be made today by directors of vacation church schools in Indianapolis at the Central Christian church.

A school institute, attended by all leaders and teachers in vacation church schools, will be held May 9.

A covered dish supper will be served.

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THE Rt. Rev. John Stephen Bazin, D. D., third bishop of Vincennes, was born in Lyons, France, 1796. He came to America in 1830 and was received into the diocese of Mobile where he labored seventeen years. He was a zealous and devoted priest and particularly interested in the instruction of youth and organizing of Sunday schools. Because of his unusual qualification, he was made vicar-general of Mobile.

On the resignation of Bishop Hailiandiere, the sixth provincial council of Baltimore suggested Father Bazin as his successor. The official appointment was made by Pope Pius IX Sept. 3, 1847. He was consecrated at Vincennes in the Cathedral of Our Lady, 24, by Bishops Portier of Mobile, Purcell of Cincinnati and Hailiandiere.

He was only 52 at that time and much was expected of the new prelate. His first act was to call the Rev. Maurice St. Palais from Madrid and appoint him vicar-general and superior of the seminary at Vincennes.

The raw, cold winter of Indiana was much harsher than that of sunny Alabama. He contracted a cold and died after an illness of only a few days on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1848, having occupied the episcopal post only six months. On his deathbed he appointed Father St. Palais administrator during the vacancy of the see. He was buried by the side of Bishop Brute.

Father St. Palais was made bishop to succeed the lamented Bishop Bazin on Jan. 14, 1849, by Pope Pius IX. The fourth bishop of the diocese of Vincennes was born Nov. 15, 1811, in La Salvetat, France, of a noble and ancient family with ancestry dating back to the time of the crusades. The turbulent condition of France made him resolve to enter the service of God and his church at the seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris, where he was ordained at the age of 25. Having heard the saintly Bishop Brute, while the latter was in France, in one of his appeals for missionaries, he resolved to accompany him to India, arriving at Vincennes in 1836.

HE WAS assigned to a station near Logoootee and visited the settlements of Dubois and Spencer counties. It is said that he made use of a Lutheran interpreter who translated his French and English sermons into German whenever he visited German settlements. Later he went to northern Indiana among the Indians, preaching and baptizing them. In 1839, he was given Chicago as a charge. Here he met with much opposition, even persecution, but his fine disposition finally won him the respect of the inhabitants and with private means he built St. Mary's church (now at Wabash) and school.

Terre Haute, Vigo county, Montezuma, Clinton and Merom: The Rev. John Ryan, also in charge of Huntington.

At Logansport and Peru: The Rev. Patrick McDermott.

At Elwood: The Rev. Julian Beuot and the Rev. Edward Faier; they also attended several stations in Allen, LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, Whitley, De Kalb and Wells counties.

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The trying experience of these years were to serve him most ably afterwards.

Such was the priest that became bishop on the death of Bishop Bazin. He was consecrated in the cathedral at Vincennes by Bishop Spalding of Louisville, and Father Hippolyte Dupontavious.

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