

My Recent Tour Through Europe

Written Specially for The Chronicle by Miss Mary McAlister.

On To Switzerland, Italy and Germany

From Paris our party travelled through Belgium into Germany, stopping at Cologne. This city's chief attraction is the cathedral, the twin towers of which one can see long before you reach Cologne. It took nearly five hundred years to build this church and it is generally conceded to be the most perfect specimen of Gothic architecture in the world. Everything in the church is said to be in the scale of six. The towers are as high as the church is long.

Early in the morning we boarded the steamer "Blucher" and started on the famous Rhine trip. Two bridges span the Rhine at Cologne, one of these being a bridge of boats. Several other beautiful bridges join the banks of the Rhine as you journey up the river, very imposing with their entrances, similar to those of a castle.

The Seven Mountains, the Drachenfels, are very pretty with their woods and valleys and cities nestled below. In fact all the mountains on either side of the Rhine are most impressive, every foot of land being terraced and used for grape-growing. The Rhine land is well named Vineland. This river reminds one of a main highway, there are so many boats travelling up and down, and so many interesting places at which to call. Bonn, made famous by Beethoven, Cobenz, where a French flag was flying, and also directly across the river, the German Gibraltar, Ehrenbreitstein, where a French flag floated too. The stars and stripes flew above another castle farther up the river. The French army still occupies these places.

Everyone was interested in Bingen and the Mouse Tower, which stands on a little island out in the river, opposite the town. This is recalled to everyone's mind Longfellow's poem, "The Children's Hour" where it refers to the Bishop of Bingen in his mouse tower on the Rhine.

There is no locality on earth, perhaps, so full of legend as the Rhine land. Many castles stand on the mountains, some ruins, some museums, some still inhabited. The romances and tales woven about these old places would fill a book. I'm sure, let me give one illustration, the legend of the Castle Rolandsech.

The brave Knight Roland and the daughter of the Lord of Drachenfels, were lovers. He was summoned to the Crusade and rumors came back of his death. Heart-broken Hildegunde, his sweetheart, took refuge in the Convent of Nonnenwerth. Roland returned to find her lost to him forever. As the convent stood on an island in the Rhine, Roland built a castle on the mountain where he could watch the convent and there lived in solitude, catching an occasional glimpse of his loved one. One day he missed her and the tolling of a bell and a mournful procession told him that Hildegunde was no more. For a short time Roland dragged on his unhappy existence but his heart was broken and one day he was found dead with his face turned toward the convent chapel.

So many of these legends run! Some are not so sad as this one, but all have an interesting little history. Everyone has heard Heine's song "The Lorelei" on the Rhine we find this mass of rock where the mermaids were supposed to lure the fishermen to their death.

After a glorious day in this story land, we arrived at Mainz about nine o'clock in the evening. Here we had the unique experience of visiting the much talked of beer gardens. It was Saturday night and it seemed as if families went en masse to the beer-garden to enjoy the evening. This one was very attractively lighted, and flowers bloomed everywhere. An orchestra also added cheer and people sat at the little tables drinking beer from tall shiny glass steins. It was a very gay and interesting sight. A couple of hours' journey from Mainz is Heidelberg, one of the most interesting towns in Germany. The castle ruins are considered the finest in that land. The castle is situated high up on a wooded hill and the rambling building is built of many styles of architecture, by many ages of royalty. Most interesting to us was the wing built for Elizabeth, daughter of James I of

England, who married the elector at that time. Also the interesting English garden surrounding that wing showed the impression made there by that lady. In the vaults or cellar of the castle is the huge wine cask which held forty-nine thousand gallons of wine and which was filled three times. This was filled by peasants, who at that time gave one-tenth of their wine crop in taxes. This cask was so large that about a dozen couples could dance easily on the floor above it.

The noted university of Heidelberg adds greatly to the local interest of this picturesque city. The students are seen everywhere wearing their caps of many colors and many of them have horrible scars across their faces, scars won in the duels which are fought in order that the inn where they play fraternity. The inn where the play "The Student Prince" is supposed to have originated is very interesting, also the garden where Kathie and Prince Carl met and loved each other.

From Heidelberg we proceeded to Switzerland. We could not help compare the prosperity of Germany with the pitiful landscapes of Belgium and France, although the latter are recovering wonderfully from the war.

Beautiful Switzerland

Lucerne, situated by the blue green waters of Lake Lucerne and surrounded by mountains, snow-capped, is indescribable.

The Lion of Lucerne, a monument to the Swiss guard which defended the French Royal Family at Versailles, is the most unusual sculpturing I have ever seen. The Lion is carved out of a solid rock, evidently part of a hill. Lying wounded unto death, the lion protects the Bourbon lily with its paw. Beneath the rock is a pool of water and the lights are so arranged that the lion is reflected perfectly in the pool.

At Geneva we visited the League of Nations building and listened to a very interesting address on the purpose of the League of Nations. An all day journey through the vale of Chamounix to Mont Blanc is a never-to-be-forgotten feast of scenic beauty. The vale of Chamounix sheltered by the high, rugged snow-capped peaks, with green fields and forests extending far up the mountain sides, is a picture in white, so high up one cannot help wondering how they were ever built up there. Small paddocks with goats pasturing seem to cling to the mountain sides.

At Chamounix we took the train up to the hostel and there viewed Mont Blanc and the glacier, Le Mont de Glace. I have climbed the Fasnian Glacier in New Zealand and was thrilled to again stand on one of these marvellous works of nature, in an entirely different part of the world.

Two weeks later there was a terrible accident on this mountain railroad when the engine and one coach of tourists plunged over the cliff and dropped three hundred feet. We felt very thankful indeed that our party had been carried safely down.

Geneva is on Lake Lemano or incomparable loveliness, with the background of mountains. The River Rhone flows through the lake. Many pretty little towns cluster

along the shores. Montreux, Veney, Lausanne, Territet are all very popular resorts. From Territet we walked to the Castle of Chillon, which Bonnavard's patriotism and Byron's poem immortalized. Most of us are familiar with Byron's poem "The Prisoner of Chillon" but for the benefit of those who do not know I will tell it briefly.

The Castle of Chillon stands on a little island and is connected with the mainland by a drawbridge. Geneva at this time was a canton under the control of the Duke of Savoy. Bonnavard, a scholar and was imprisoned in the dungeon of the castle. Chained to a pillar for eight years the prisoner walked around in this small space, wearing a groove in the solid rock floor. In 1536 the Genevese and Bernese combined to strike for freedom and Bonnavard was set at liberty.

In Sunny Italy

The journey from Switzerland to Italy is interesting, passing through the Simplon tunnel and skirting the Italian Lakes. Milan was the first Italian city we visited and we were very favorably impressed because of its cleanliness and neatness, the fine buildings and attractive parks. The chief attraction here, however, is the cathedral. This ranks third in size in Europe and holds 40,000 people. The cathedral itself is an exquisite creation in white marble, and can best be described as an edifice of marble lace. This Cathedral impressed me more than any of the others. It stands out distinctly in my mind as the finest architectural masterpiece that I made of marble. Leonardo da Vinci's fresco of the "Last Supper" is seen in the church of Maria della Grazie. Many other interesting churches add to the charm of Milan.

We were fortunate enough to have a week-end at Cadenabbia, a favorite resort for English tourists on Lake Como. There it was cool, excellent accommodation and the scenery very beautiful.

Now we come to Venice and one can scarcely realize how Venice is at all! This wonderful city, built upon piles, covers three islands and over a hundred islets, paraded by canals and linked by many bridges. The main street is the Grand Canal and the street cars and motors and boats and romantic gondolas. From the station we went to our hotels in gondolas, a most thrilling experience. The part of the Grand Canal near the station is not very attractive and at first I couldn't just fancy myself staying in any of the buildings we passed. When we turned into a smaller canal it seemed worse, but suddenly we swung into the Grand Canal again and drew up in front of a very fine hotel and I changed my opinion. In fact the Royal Danieli is one of the nicest hotels we found on the continent.

St. Mark's Square is the great Venetian centre of business and, in the evening, of amusement. The church occupies one side of the square and is entirely different from any other churches we visited. There are many pictures in mosaic inside and in the entrances, surpassing any other building in the world. The mosaics, inside and out are said to cover over an acre. A Loggia surrounds the other three sides of the square forming a pleasing shopping promenade.

In the centre of the square thousands of pigeons flock to be fed. People purchase a few lire of corn and these birds perch on their shoulders and arms and help themselves from the packet.

The Doge's Palace is of very ancient date, in fact from 1422. One of its great attractions is Timoretto's great picture, "Paradise" which fills the entire end of the

"Hall of the Grand Council". This picture is painted in three parts, blending unnoticeably. The Doge's Palace is connected with the State Prison by the Bridge of Sighs. The Rialto Bridge spans the canal and the story of its origin is very interesting. At one time a poor man was elected Doge of Venice, because of his sterling qualities. The rich lived on one side of the canal, the poor on the other, with no means of communication except by gondolas. This Doge found his means taxed heavily to cross daily by gondolas and finally won the consent of the Procurators to allow a bridge to be built, if the people would build it. The Doge then held meetings of the people and the Rialto Bridge became a beautiful reality. Shops were built on the bridge and the rent from these paid for it.

It is very comforting to walk in Venice, no motor horns screeching at you, and no danger of being knocked down at every crossing. The musical calls of the gondoliers and the snatches of Grand Opera that float in your window, add to the attraction of Venice.

In the evening one engages a gondola and floats down the Grand Canal. Gaily lighted boats stand out a distance and Italian singers give a concert to the occupants of the many gondolas that gather around. Nothing could be more pleasing than to hear grand opera in this environment.

The Eternal City

A twelve hours' journey from Venice to Rome proved very tiring indeed. But Rome and its seven hills repays one for the long trip. It would take too long to tell even what we saw of Rome in a week. Let me just mention a few interesting places.

The Roman Forum is probably the most celebrated and classical spot in Ancient Rome. This was the place where the Senate assembled to discuss the destinies of the world. Many pillars, foundations, marbles and sculptures show what beautiful works ancient Rome contained.

The ruins of the Colosseum take our minds back to the days when unfortunate men and wild beasts fought there, for life, and for the amusement of the Romans, who sat safely in the Amphitheatre. This amphitheatre seated eighty thousand spectators. In the first rows sat the Emperor, Senators and Vestal Virgins, and so on according to rank.

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The Vatican Museum or Palace has one of the finest collections in the world in selections. The Sistine Chapel has deservedly become world renowned. The fresco on the ceiling by Michael Angelo representing "Creation" is said to be that artist's greatest work. For months after its completion the artist was not able to hold his head straight. It was thirty years after its commencement before he completed the final picture on the Altar wall.

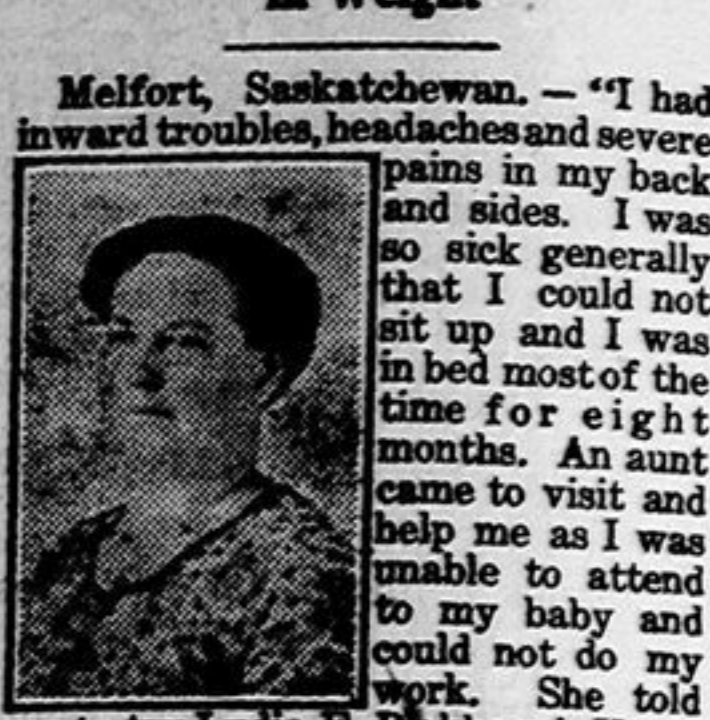
St. Paul's beyond the walls, Quo Vadis Church, the Catacombs, Church of the Capuchins, Capatine Hill, all these are very interesting but would take too long to describe. Rome is a very clean city. Many fountains play and, thanks to Mussolini, peace and order reign everywhere.

Florence is one of the most historical cities in Europe and one of the most celebrated for art and learning. The river Arno flows through it and is spanned by several bridges.

The Pitti Palace and the Uffizi Gallery are two chief attractions here. The Pitti Palace is used as the residence of the King and Queen of Italy when they visit Florence and it is not always open to the public. The Uffizi Galleries contain some of the best works of Raphael, Angelo, Titian, Correggio and others. One of the bridges that crosses the Arno, the Ponte Vecchio, dates back to the year 966. Silver smith's shops are built on this

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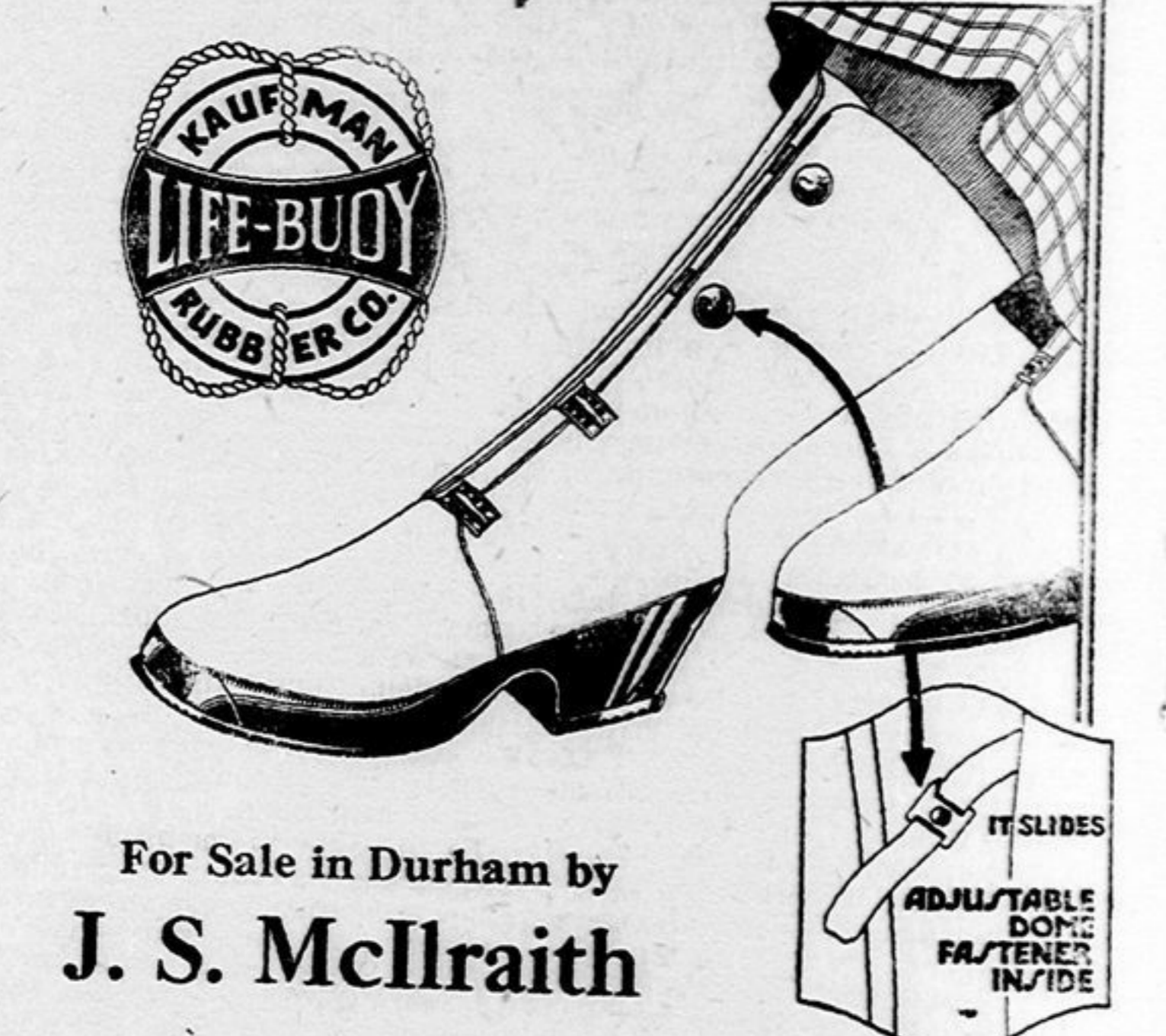
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