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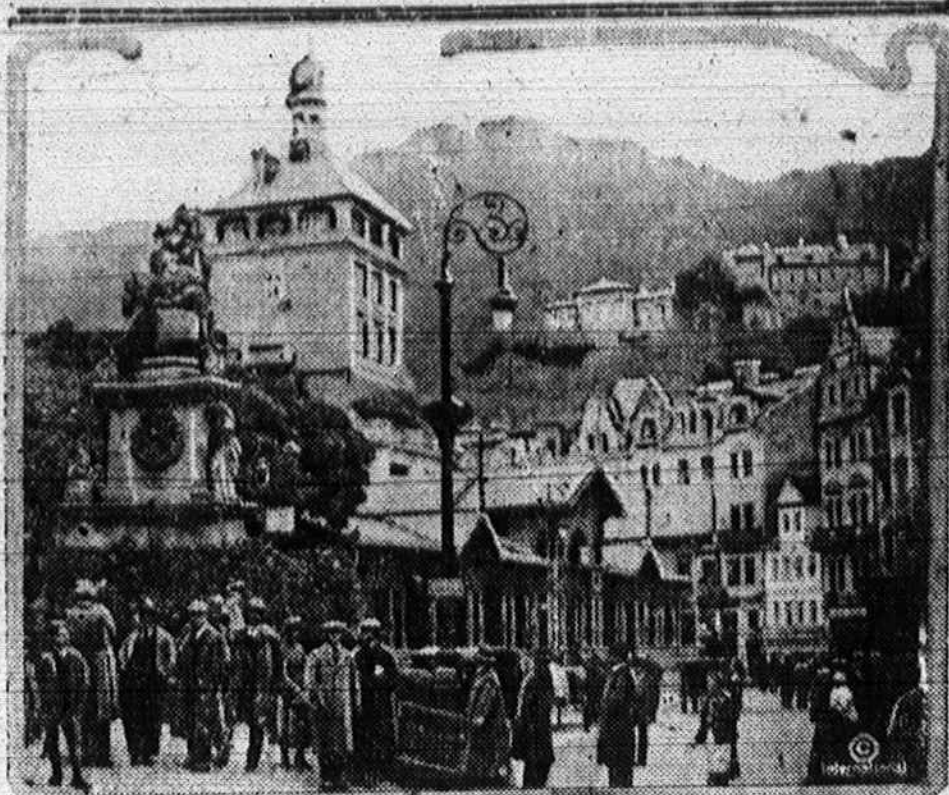
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## Carlsbad Now Karlovy Vary



Scene in Karlovy Vary.

WHEN EUROPE'S best advertised health resort awoke one morning to find its postoffice changed from Carlsbad, Austria, to Karlovy Vary, Czecho-Slovakia, the mental shock to the German inhabitants must have been somewhat like the occasional explosions of its hidden wells, from which its famous mineral waters come, says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society.

Though it is located in Bohemia, the Englishman had introduced afternoon tea, and the American had made tennis popular, but the 17,000 permanent residents, who remained in Carlsbad after the annual influx of some 70,000 visitors, were essentially German, and Karlovy Vary remains so, according to the press reports.

Hence it is easy to understand how this island of Germans, under Czech rule, approached a political boiling point. Dispatches told of open display of Emperor Franz Joseph's portrait, and of the refusal of the native sons, who live by means of the saline waters and salt derivatives, to call Carlsbad by any other name.

Discovered by Charles IV. Traditions had it, and the inhabitants preferred to believe, that Emperor Charles IV, discovered the healing power of the waters that gush through the vents of the mammoth—hid that nature clapped down over a seething cauldron far beneath the surface.

Atop this vast subterranean lake of molten mineral and hissing steam a river, the Tepel, flows lazily down a narrow valley whose slopes are softened by beautiful trees and traversed by winding trails and paths. Among these, some physicians intimate, the health hunters gained the rosy cheeks and buoyant spirits for which the springs receive overmuch credit.

It is just before the Tepel enters the Eger that the underground streams pierce the crust at numerous points, and furnish the waters used for bathing and drinking by those who could afford to go there; and either bottled or boiled down by the millions of gallons, for its salt and soda content, and shipped to all quarters of the globe.

During the season at pre-war Carlsbad the guest at any of the numerous hotels would be awakened at 6 o'clock, or even earlier, and would arise to join the procession toward the springs. At a popular one, such as the Sprudel, from which flow 440 gallons of water a minute, at a temperature of 163 degrees, Fahr., he might have to wait 15 or 20 minutes until a whitecapped maid served him. For his protection, large glass covers were erected over many of the springs, and from an airplane Carlsbad might resemble a field of conservatories.

But to linger too long among the springs of Carlsbad is to miss its history. Here there is a grim sort of symbolism. For it was here, just 100 years ago last August, that Metternich plotted to clamp down the lid upon free speech, free press, and untrammelled teaching in the German states.

Origin of the "Carlsbad Decrees." There were signs that liberal agitation among Germans was reaching the boiling point. Autocracy was threatened. Prince Metternich of Austria arranged to have sympathetic representation from Austria, Prussia, and seven other states of the German confederation at Carlsbad, and then called them together in a hurry, under pretext of need for summary action.

Out of the conference came the famous "Carlsbad Decrees," and there can be little doubt but that the tinder for the world explosion in 1914 was lighted at Carlsbad. There was formulated the policy, later carried to a relentless conclusion by the German empire, of press censorship, of state regulation of teaching in universities and all other schools, and a commission was created to inquire into utterances opposed to the monarchical principle which every German state was pledged to maintain.

Only a year or two before Metternich conceived this method of political repression, Carlsbad was nearly blown up by the forces beneath the crusted surface. Now, to quote a traveler: "The most dangerous portions are firmly battened down, under solid masonry, held together with iron and steel,

while the rest of this Metternichian policy of repression is modified by the modern idea of providing safety valves, through which rise the springs."

Capitalizing the mineral waters was the principal industry, but not the only one, of Carlsbad. In the vicinity were porcelain works, and the shopper of the days when the wealth and fashion of three continents gathered there might purchase Bohemian glass and beautiful trinkets of many kinds, representing the Czech handicraft.

### MOURN OVER LOST CHANCES

Few Who Do Not Claim to Have Had Great Opportunities, and Lost Them.

In an article in People's Magazine Hugh S. Fullerton tells of millions of dollars' worth of ideas running to waste.

"I'd rather have the idea I failed to follow up than the ones I made my money out of."

That was said to me by a man who ranks among the wealthiest in the country and who is credited, among his associates, with almost supernatural wisdom in evolving ideas and seeing their possibilities.

"Every man had one or more big chances to get to the top," he continued. "If you don't believe that, just get into any crowd of men, tell some yarn of an opportunity that you had, and overlooked, and then listen to them. Chances are every one of them will have a better story of lost opportunity than you told, and nine out of ten of them will tell a wonderful story of how some other man 'stole' their great ideas and got rich or famous from them. Examine into these stories and you will find, in the majority of cases, that the man who claims to have originated the idea did not do it at all, that he did not see the possibilities of it, or that, even if he did, he was not smart enough or lacked the initiative to follow it up.

There are more chances for men to get rich now than there ever were before in the history of the world, and more big chances being overlooked. Whether it is because men lack faith in themselves or because they prefer a humming bird in the hand to an eagle in the air, I don't know. They seem to think a man must be a super-genius or a great inventor."

I reminded him that he had a reputation as an originator, as an inventor and genius, in addition to being a successful organizer.

"Bunk," he asserted. "I do not claim to have originated anything. My success has been due to seeing the possibilities of an idea and working out the details so as to apply the idea to practical business. Probably a thousand men thought of the same things I did before I was born, and did not develop them. Some of my most successful ideas probably were talked over and dreamed over by hundreds who failed to work them out practically."

### Insect Idiot.

Scientists tell us that when a grasshopper catapults his corporate self into space by the propulsive power of his hinged hopping poles he has no idea where he is going to light. It may be in the lake or the brush fire or the kerosene can or the pansy bed; it is all the same to him. Examine his countenance. He looks the perfect fool: At the top of the head two bulging eyes as expressive as the eye of a dead carp; and below this is a nose like a wooden plowshare. This is all. There is no forehead, no brain and no room for one. The grasshopper, we find, is an insect idiot. The best he ever did was to keep out from under the foot of his betters.—Minneapolis Journal.

### Big Devil Fish.

Four members of the Miami aquarium association recently went on a fishing trip in the Bahamas and caught a 3,000-pound devil fish.

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