

Zoe Beckley's Corner

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**THE
INTERNATIONAL
TIONALE**

The Pink Cherub has been telling me about the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits et des Grands Express Européens. The Pink Cherub hails from Stuttgart. He speaks "new German" with soft "g's" and curious expressions. Instead of "Guten Tag," his greeting would be "Grüne Gott," a sort of "God with you."

He is proud of his country, but kindly toward the others. His feet regret that the Wagon-Lits Company which is jointly owned by England, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, has now a strongly French character, where before the war it was more strongly German.

"Why do you care?"

"Ah, because my people are very efficient."

"I was surprised to hear him use so ambitious a word."

"'Learned English,'" said he, "In England."

He went on to say that in the old days there were many Germans on the Wagon-Lits trains de luxe but that now he is the only German on this train. Nearly all the others are French.

"You get along well together?"

"Always. Why not? I need them who may need me. I can not help being born a German. They can not help being Frenchmen. We never discuss war or politics. We are merely men doing our work."

I wish all the world could take the Pink Cherub's simple, workable view of things."

THE CHERUB TELLS A TALE

We are passing through southern Germany. I remember as does everybody else, how hot and prosperous everything looks.

Factories are busy and comfortable breweries are belching out smoke. Roads are perfect. No matter how old some of the villages are, the houses, huddled together round the church, are well cared for. The people well dressed. There are many modern houses, hilly with red brick and bright gables, and now and then you look out the window at the same moment you will see some ruined castle high on a hill. We see several war cemeteries, carefully fenced, beautifully tended.

At a little place called Gedingen, in the Alps (which the Pink Cherub means on the up-grade) we stop for another strong engine "to push" for now we go through mountains.

The peasants hereabout still wear their native costumes—the men with blue smocks ("shirts") the girls with white aprons and the women with deeply pleated black skirts, very wide, blue blouses and head-

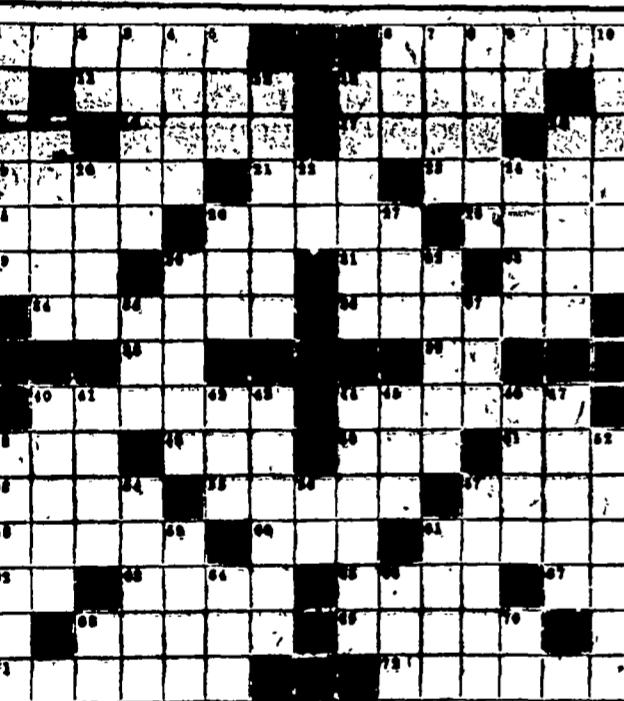
bands.

We wish we might have time to get off the train here and see that largest of all bierhauses and have a—But what are we talking about? Are we not writing for a country where nobody thinks or dreams of anything but water?

Two plump Bavarian babies gaze up at our big train. Their mother is pretty, but wears her hat high on top of her head, giving her a sort of expression. How soon our eyes turn to fashions! We wave to the babies and they wave back.

Most of the women are well dressed but with skirts to the instep, and oh, the substantial shoes and stockings! If not so pretty as ours, more sensible, I guess.

Fur coats and expensive raiment are by no means lacking, and all things, to the casual observer, seem as before the war.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL.		VERTICAL.	
1	A motor ve-	38	Boy's name (ab.)
2	Side shelter	39	The (Fr.)
3	Very many	40	To incite
4	Worship	41	Archaeologist
5	range	42	sovereign
6	Within	43	Part of
7	To	44	Cease to exist
8	Recovered	45	Attempts
9	Closeness	46	Thick
10	scarlet	47	liquid
11	bitter	48	Neck hair
12	German	49	Cruel person
13	soldier	50	Indicates action
14	Mother-of-	51	Escaped
15	Red	52	Confederate
16	Barber	53	Laissez
17	Tugboat	54	Concierge
18	Paste	55	Mark
19	Membrane	56	Equal
20	pouch	57	Reason (obs.)
21	Color	58	Island
22	Eccllesiastical	59	(ab.)
23	council (pl.)	60	Make sail
24	stage	61	A fanatic
25		62	To soak

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

LAUNDRY AORTIC
REPLANT REEF
OYSTERS MARSH
TORN MIRACLE LIPAL
LIPAL JERIF
LIPAL SAWAN
LIPAL BOMBS
ANIMALS SUFFOCATE
COMING FROM THE
AND OYSTERS
COMING FROM THE
LIPAL HAMMAM ACID
LIPAL HAMMAM
GARLIC SPICES
THROUGH

'everybody
every day
eat'

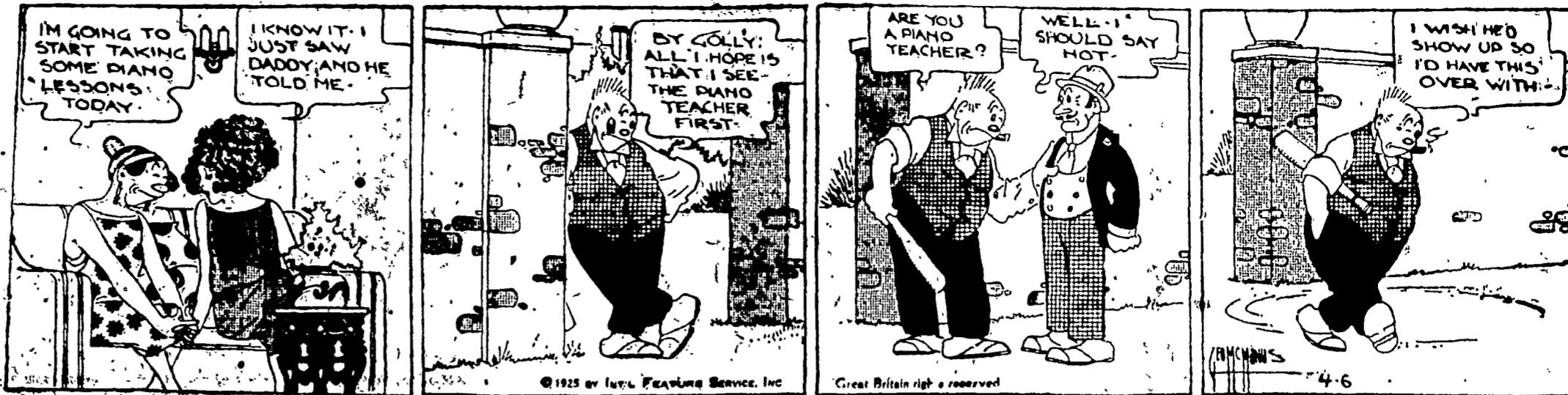
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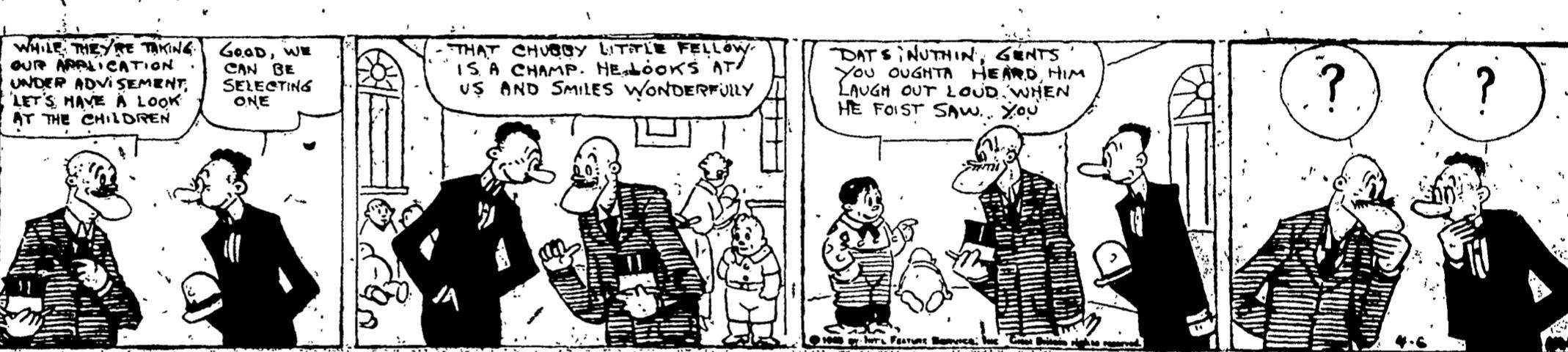
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