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GERMANY IN SUMMER MOOD.

Not even Pathe News filmed the siege of Rothenburg in the Middle Ages, so let's admit that this is only a re-enactment of it, for the benefit of tourists and, apparently, to amuse those taking part.

Our handsome German correspondent, nearly stole the picture, as the victorious defenders marched towards the townhall to celebrate the overthrow of the enemy. Rothenburg claims to be the best-preserved example of a medieval town anywhere in the world. Its leading burghesses would have given their forebears a good run for their money in the celebration stakes, the grand challenge cup.

One of Berlin's summertime attractions, starting at twilight, is called the Night of a Hundred Thousand Candles. We shall see why in a minute.

In a variety of ways the show aims at gaiety and optimism, none the less now that Berlin is almost living on a tightrope itself. On a signal, all the hundred-thousand present lit their candles and the Olympic stadium seemed to dance in the flickering light.

The big show symbolised the city's unquenchable spirit. Berlin's been in the spotlight so long, candlelight was a nice change.