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Alsace And Lorraine Are Starved By The Germans

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Army, July 26—(By Mail)—Alsace and Lorraine are being milked dry by the Germans while they still have the opportunity to do so, according to authoritative information that has just reached France by way of Switzerland.

So clean is the final sweep now being made by the Germans both of everything eatable and usable, that the condition of the civil population, Lorraine, still rank as German provinces, is little if any better than that of the inhabitants of invaded Belgium.

All metals that could be used in the manufacture of war materials was long ago taken by the Germans including the church and school bells, organ pipes, door knobs, stills and cooking utensils. Among the latest things requisitioned were the famous bells of the Strasbourg cathedral which were hung in 1805 to replace the historic bells destroyed during the revolution.

Food restrictions and food requisitions are now being imposed. Not only are the Germans requisitioning all live stock but the inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine are under military orders, with military penalties attached, not to kill a single food animal.

Requisition is also being made of smoked meats; dried fruits, potatoes, vegetables, wheat and flour.

The restrictions have reached a point where the farmers are no longer allowed either to milk their own cows or collect the eggs laid by their own hens. All this is done by the German soldiers in order that every particle of food may be controlled and may go to the German authorities. As the farmers no longer have the use of their own milk, butter is no longer to be found. Oil and coffee are also no longer obtainable.

These conditions coupled with the liquidation by the Germans of all properties owned entirely or in part by French capital and French people have reduced the position of the civil population to one of half starved and abject misery.

"SEND IT PLEASE" COSTS MERCHANTS \$75,000,000 ANNUALLY

Miss Ida M. Tarbell Charges American Housewife With Carelessness—Commercial Economy Board Discovers Delivery of Housewife's Goods Is An Expensive Luxury—Word At War Cannot Tolerate Sloth, Waste and Indulgence.

(By George Martin, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, August 13.—Wherein Miss Ida M. Tarbell lays the charge of intellectual shiftlessness at the door of the American housewife and points out that it costs her merchants \$75,000,000 a year to lug home her packages for her.

"The greatest immediate war benefit of curing this laziness in milady," said Miss Tarbell today, "will be to release 100,000 able bodied delivery clerks as fighting men at the front."

Pausing just long enough to take a bit of the sting out of her charge by saying she believed all the American housewife needs to cure her is the government's suggestion, Miss Tarbell went on:

"The Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense has discovered that the delivery of the housewife's goods is one of the most expensive luxuries we indulge in.

"A world at war cannot tolerate sloth, waste and indulgence.

"On a food bill of twelve and three quarter million dollars in 1916, Washington housewives paid \$900,000 for having the stuff sent home. Ice, bread, milk and ice cream cost the most.

"What is true of Washington is true of every American city, town and village. The board estimates that the gross delivery expense of retail grocers in the country is \$75,000,000 a year. What for? For the hire of men to put up packages, run wagons and trucks, put your things at your door, not once, but often many times a day.

Housewives visit the stores in cars, carriages or on foot, but they never think of carrying home anything.

"The merchant is partly responsible. His willingness to serve her careless and irregular habit of buying is one way he builds up good will. The women have come to feel that if they carry bundles they will be classed as undesirable customers.

In our great cities the cost to the department store of delivering packages is from 8 to 25 cents apiece. It is not uncommon for the cost of de-

livering an article to exceed the cost of the article.

"There are a few towns in the country where the delivery has been stamped out. Ann Arbor, Michigan, has had a sensible system such as we all need, for eight years. Formerly they used 70 wagons. Now they use only 18. There is but one delivery a day. Every woman knows what she wants and all that she wants and gets it on the one delivery. All women could do this.

"There are a few other towns where cooperative delivery has been installed and effected a tremendous saving.

"I am sure each city, each woman will do her share to get this system throughout the country. They will free 100,000 men for useful service when they do.

"A package in the hand will then be as truly a badge of honor as a Red Cross button on the waist.

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land last June. He states that this amount is the largest sent in for this work by any Grand Chapter in the world, which is saying a good deal for Oregon. Besides this donation, they also donated \$500 at their meeting in June for Red Cross work, \$1000 for the Eastern Star Home, and bought \$5000 worth of Liberty Bonds.

WILSON WAR PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 13—(United Press)—President Wilson's name will go down in history among the scores or more great war statesmen in the annals of the world.

Here are some of the facts of his life your children and grandchildren will learn from their school books.

Born Dec. 28, 1856, at Stanton, Va. Ancestry, Scotch-Irish on both sides.

Educated by his father, a noted scholar, and at Davidson college, S.C., Princeton college, University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins University.

Practiced law at Atlanta, Ga., 1881-83. Served on teaching staffs of Brynmawr college, Pa.; Wesleyan University and Princeton University.

President of Princeton college, 1902-10. Elected President of the United

States, 1912. Author of "Life of George Washington," "History of the American People," "Constitutional Government in the United States" and other historical and political works.

Foley Hotel Arrivals Saturday

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