

German Called Real Industrialism Slave

ESSEN, Oct. 26 (Special Correspondence).—Before the war, Germany, under the leadership of other countries with the help of the German government which lowered freight rates to facilitate exportation. The business scheme stopped this by turning the state railways over to a private company. But the industrialists are finding new ways to beat the industry of other nations by means of low wages and low taxation. As long as the German workman agrees to bear the main burden of taxation and is willing to put up with the present low standard of living this may succeed, states an Eastern newspaper.

The average skilled workman in Germany receives about 24 marks (less than \$5) a week. Miners receive about 40 marks (less than \$10) every 10 days; the best paid may attain to 50 marks. A man who is compelled to stay away from work on account of illness receives 2 marks 50 pfennings a day. These wages are not far from the pre-war level although the cost of living has more than doubled since then. The unemployed receive not more than about 7 marks a week, or less than \$2. There are now about 1,000,000 unemployed, of whom, however, only about half receive this meager dole.

Families Live on \$6 a Week. To illustrate how workmen and their families live on \$6 a week, the writer went to Berch, a small miners' village near Essen. The men there bring to the best paid in the district, and each has a little mid-afternoon cottage with a patch of garden, where he can grow potatoes and vegetables.

In one case the man was a miner and had a wife and two children—a son and a daughter. This family considered itself somewhat better off than many of their neighbors. The father had just brought home \$7, pay for 10 days work. His wife was compelled to manage with that amount for the next 10 days. Nine marks immediately went off for tea for six, water and property tax, leaving 14 marks. The woman gave a list of the food she would buy for the next ten days: Two pounds substitute coffee, 25 pounds margarine, 2 pounds bacon, 12 loaves of bread, 3 pounds inferior jam, 3 pounds cereals, 2 pounds refined meat. Potatoes and vegetables were obtained from the garden. This left 5.74 marks, from which 24 pfennings go for soap, leaving the family with 5.50 marks for 10 days for emergency clothes, extra and clothing. The man took only a couple of slices of bread and margarine to the mine, where he worked eight hours under the earth chopping coal out of the rocks. He neither drank alcohol nor smoked, his wife added proudly.

Next door lived a man who attended to one of the engines in the mine and received about 40 marks (less than \$10) every 10 days. He had a wife and seven children. Twenty marks went for rent, gas, water, and other fees, leaving the family with 20 marks for food, clothing and everything else for 10 days. This is the list of what she bought: Three pounds margarine, two pounds bacon, nine loaves of bread, one-half pound meat (which was kept for Sunday's consumption), one liter of milk a day for the baby, one-half liter of milk a day for the six other children.

"And how about shirts for the children?" the writer asked. Here the woman, who until then had

bravely but shyly answered every question, began to cry. "Each has only one shirt," she said, wiping her eyes, "when that is torn to pieces I do not know what I shall do." This case is not exceptional; it is typical of millions to be found among the working classes of present-day Germany.

Dinner a Luxury. In another case the wife was not at home, only the grandmother and three of the five children were present. It was difficult to understand what she said as she spoke in a strong dialect, but so much could be learned that on a special festive occasion a few days ago she had received half a pound of butter which she must have regarded as a great event according to the way she talked about it. Ordinarily, she said she dipped her black bread into the substitute coffee (without milk, of course). In default of butter, margarine or jam. The children looked pale and unhealthy and much older than their years.

Another family visited was that of a skilled workman at the Krupp works. He had a wife and eight children and earned 25 marks (about \$6) a week. The wife occasionally had washing to do for other people, and thus at times could contribute a few marks to their income. This family, living in Essen proper, was compelled to purchase potatoes and vegetables, which those owning cottages could obtain from their gardens. Their householding list for one week runs as follows: 1 liter of milk each day for the younger children, 15 loaves of bread, 40 lb. potatoes, 4 lb. margarine, 12 lb. bacon, 1 lb. fat, 1 lb. meat, 1 vegetable. The rent was 4.50 marks a week leaving the family with a surplus of 2.25 marks (about 50 cents). This woman in tears exclaimed: "If it were not for the children I would not mind, but I cannot give them anything nice to eat as a change, no sweets, nothing. Sometimes I stir some sugar on their bread, but that is all I can do."

Ashamed of Poverty. All the women the writer questioned were almost too shy to reply and appeared ashamed of their poverty, but whenever he touched upon the subject of the children's well-being they invariably lost their self-control and began to cry.

The distress of workmen's families in Germany is increased by the loss, by inflation, of the little capital they may have saved. They are living from hand to mouth and are wearing the last clothes they possess. The future is dark, threatening them with new misery. Tens of thousands are being dismissed every day. Hundreds of thousands are waiting to take their places at lower wages. Working hours in factories are being shortened; shifts in mines are being left out. Further reduction of wages is contemplated.

"And what will you do against all this?" the writer asked a miner. "What can we do?" he replied, shrugging his shoulders. "We can not strike, we have no money." He was right. The funds of the labor organizations have been depleted by inflation, the men are disheartened, the industrialists are bending. Before the war the German workmen were underpaid; now they have become white slaves.

TRAIN IS CHARTERED. KLANATH FALLS, Ore.—In a determined effort to arrive here in time for her mother's funeral Mrs. Claude Daggett, a surviving daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Melhase, Klamath pioneer, has chartered a special train to bring her and her husband from Wood, Cal., to Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Daggett were visiting in New Orleans when they received word of the death of Mrs. Melhase, who succumbed to burns sustained in a gasoline explosion. They started for home within an hour, but with funeral services arranged for they were forced to charter a special train which will meet the northbound Shasta Limited at Wood.

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11 Died at This Crossing



Eleven of 15 persons on board a bus operating between Klamath Falls and Hamilton, Va. were killed when the machine was run over by a fast train on a grade crossing between the two cities. The other four were seriously injured. A state law compels all drivers of motor vehicles to stop on approaching a crossing not guarded by a watchman. Witnesses say the bus chauffeur did not.

CITY OFFICERS EJECTED

WOODHURST, Ore.—At the meeting of the new council Albie Hagie was appointed marshal, Blain McLeod elected city attorney, Dr. C. K. Wolf chosen health officer, but no action was taken on the officers of city engineer and street commissioner. The street committee will hire what help is necessary and the engineering will probably be by piece work. Salaries were left as they were, with the exception of that of the city attorney, which was reduced from \$50 to \$25 a month, and that of the city treasurer, which was increased from \$25 to \$30 a month.

The council adjourned to consider the N. Miller \$20,000 damage case against the city for emptying sewage into a creek that flows through his place a mile from town.

\$5000 BOND FORFEITED

THE DALLAS, Ore.—J. H. Sanford, formerly a local shoe store proprietor, is a fugitive from justice. His \$5000 bond has been declared forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest, as a result of failure to appear for trial on an arson charge. Sanford was indicted following a fire which damaged his shoe store in September, which was declared to have been set to defraud the insurance companies.

A letter received from Sanford by his attorneys declared he had decided to "meet out the highest penalty to himself." This implied suicide threat was discounted in view of the fact that he is known to have left Portland with his suitcase packed.

Rains Boon to Wheat.

PENOBSCOT, —Rainy weather for a fortnight in Umbilla county has been a boon to wheat, according to Thomas Hampton, pioneer wheat farmer of the county. Many fields were spotted as to stand before the rains and farmers were considering seriously whether they should reseed. The rains resulted in much wheat coming up that had been considered as dead.

Metal Boats Popular

DUREN, Germany (AP).—Dur-aluminum, an alloy of aluminum, is entering largely into the construction of motor boats in Germany.

The weight of a dur-aluminum boat is but two-thirds of a steel boat, and but half that of a wooden boat of the same size. Furthermore, dur-aluminum boats are rust and weather proof and consequently permit of a considerable saving on upkeep costs, the builders claim.

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Elgin	9:30	1:30	4:30	1.00
Minam	10:00	2:00	5:00	1.75
Wallawa	10:40	2:40	5:40	2.25
Lostine	11:00	3:00	6:00	2.50
Enterprise	11:30	3:30	6:30	2.00
Joseph	11:50	3:50	6:50	2.25

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LEAVE	No. 2	No. 4	No. 6	Fare
Joseph	7:30	10:30	2:30	
Enterprise	7:50	10:50	2:50	\$.25
Lostine	8:15	11:15	3:15	.45
Wallawa	8:35	11:35	3:35	1.00
Minam	9:15	12:15	4:15	1.60
Elgin	10:00	1:00	5:00	2.25
Imbler	10:20	1:20	5:20	2.75
La Grande	10:50	1:50	5:50	3.25

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WOMAN'S DEATH STILL MYSTERY

COLUMBUS, O. (By the Associated Press).—Efforts to solve the mysterious death of Mrs. C. V. Sheatsley, wife of the pastor of Christ's Lutheran church, Bexley fashionable Columbus suburb whose charred body was found last Monday in the furnace of the Sheatsley home, were practically suspended here Thursday while burial of the minister's wife was being made at her home in Paris, Ohio.

While local efforts to solve the mystery of Mrs. Sheatsley's death relaxed here, they were being pushed by County Prosecutor John H. King and City Detective Harry Carson at the scene of the funeral and in Canton, 12 miles away where relatives of the dead woman live. There, the officials sought from Mrs. Lydia Spangler, intimate details concerning Mrs. Sheatsley's early life and her domestic relations after her marriage to the Rev. Sheatsley in a hope of throwing some light on a theory that Mrs. Sheatsley may have committed suicide.

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Theodore Roosevelt once said:

"In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade."

The Bible Says:

"Righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

If "hard-boiled" businessmen, statesmen and economists have found out that a community can prosper only when it churches function properly, then, certainly, the La Grande Ministerial Association is to be commended for conducting United Services for the stimulation of interest in the churches of La Grande, and, furthermore, EVERY CITIZEN IN THE CITY HAS BOTH A MORAL AND AN ECONOMIC REASON for taking part therein.

During the past week the meetings have been decidedly interesting, instructive and well patronized. Men and women are behind the pastors. But the outstanding event thus far occurs
