

70,000 IN BRUSSELS DEPEND ON AMERICA

Financial Support Must Continue if Belgians Are Saved From Starvation.

SOUP KITCHENS ARE BUSY

Germans Employing 75 of 3500 Printers in Flooding Cities With Notices Is Cited as Illustration of General Flight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Ninety per cent of the population of Brussels is dependent for its food on aid from the United States, according to a special cable dispatch received by the Chicago Daily News today from Brussels.

For more than three weeks the people of Brussels have been eating bread supplied by the American commission.

"The November 12, as the report of the commission shows, more than 75 per cent of the foodstuffs shipped to Belgium has been destined to the capital and its immediate surroundings.

"A mixture of vegetables and a small amount of meat is boiled for hours in cauldrons, each bigger than a barrel. Then the soup is drawn off into large tin vessels, loaded on drays and transported to the various distribution stations," said the correspondent.

"The first of these distributing stations was established by an organization of children, the 'Little Bees,' who make it a special mission to relieve needy children. The children now have 36 stations and feed 250 babies.

70,000 Are Fed Daily. "Parents, elder brothers and sisters come to these stations to seek the precious nourishment. They line up in front of the stoves, which are heated by volunteers pass vessels. Two children of 6 and 7 come for milk and phosphate for younger children. Their shoes showed local raw with cold through great holes.

"Economically speaking, the status of Brussels could not well be worse. Ninety per cent of the bread-winning population, more than 70,000 persons, depend for daily existence on the soup kitchens. And this is despite the fact that there is bread for sale in nearly every bakery; that the pastry shops are piled high with cakes and currant bread. There is no lack of meat and there is an abundance of fruit. Within restaurants good meals may be had.

"Yet, on all sides, among all classes, are found hunger and despair. "For example, normally 3500 men find employment in the printing trade. Today only 75 are at work printing the notices with which the Germans flood the town. Worst of all is the fact that the number of those reduced to public charity through the exhaustion of their own supplies will grow steadily larger."

RHODES SCHOLARS AID RELIEF

Oxford Contingent Go to Stations in Stricken Belgium.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 8, via London.—The Rhodes scholars from Oxford University, who were sent to the continent to assist in the relief work of the commission in Belgium, left Rotterdam today for the various districts to which they have been assigned. Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is to be for a tour of that country for the purpose of explaining to priests in the rural districts that supplies of food are now on the way and to assure them that the American commission will provide for the people as long as it is necessary.

Six thousand tons of wheat, part of the amount lent by the Dutch government to the commission, is now being distributed in all parts of Belgium.

HONOR PORTLAND WOMAN

National Jewish Council Names Mrs. Solomon Hirsch Honorary Head.

Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, of Portland, has been elected an honorary president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Simon Selling, past president of the Portland Council and a delegate to the present triennial at New Orleans, was requested to accept a place on the National Board but declined.

Miss Ada Goldsmith, of San Francisco, well known here, declined to accept office, but much work and many interests on the Coast.

Miss Sadie American, who has just quit the National Board, of which she was secretary for 28 years, has been succeeded by Mrs. Ernest Dreyfus, of Kansas City.

Miss Goldsmith's withdrawal will, it is predicted by local members of the council, bring harmony and cause the return of Denver, Los Angeles and other councils that withdrew three years ago.

PUPILS TO PLANT ROSES

Hawthorne School Has "Beautiful Portland Club" for Work.

The 600 grammar grade children in the Hawthorne School yesterday organized a "Beautiful Portland Club" and each pledged himself to plant at least one rose bush and have it in bloom before July 1.

Many of the children have promised E. J. Hadley, principal of the school, that they will plant 20 or 25 bushes and it is predicted that between 5000 and 3000 bushes will be started soon as a result of yesterday's organization.

The club is an outgrowth of the general plan put forward by the Rose Festival Association to line the curbs of all Portland streets with roses.

MYRON HERRICK RETURNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The steamer Rochambeau, of the French line, on which Myron T. Herrick, ex-Ambassador to France, is a passenger, reached port after dark tonight and anchored at quarantine for the night. She was a day late, having been delayed by a storm.

GREAT STRATEGISTS OF FRENCH ARMY APPEARED.



GENERAL JOFFRE (LEFT) AND GENERAL DE CASTELNAU.

CLUB MOVES FIRST

Chamber Board of Trustees Also May Make Move.

COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT

Consolidation May Be Effected Early in Coming Year if Expectations of Officials Become Reality in Merger Plan Organizations.

With leading members of both the Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce, expressing themselves, in the majority as strongly in favor of the consolidation of the two organizations, the board of governors of the Commercial Club yesterday took the first steps looking toward the development of a method of procedure to bring about such consolidation.

The board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce, which is to meet today, probably will take action on the matter also.

C. C. Cole, who was one of the first to launch the movement this year, J. Fred Larson and John H. Burgard were appointed on a committee by H. D. Ramsdell, president of the Commercial Club, to go over the matter thoroughly and prepare as soon as possible a report on the feasibility of consolidation and the methods that the Commercial Club should pursue to bring it about.

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WILSON PROMISES REST

(Continued From First Page.) had left foreign nations more dependent on the United States for supplies and that the Government should provide ships that the Nation's goods might be carried "to the empty markets."

Aid to Infant Enterprise Proposed. "It is not a question of the government's monopolizing the field," said he; "it should take action to make it certain that transportation at reasonable rates will be promptly provided, even where the carriage is not at first profitable, and then, when the carriage has become sufficiently profitable to attract and engage private capital, and engage it in abundance, the Government ought to withdraw."

The Philippine bill, the President asserted, "would nobly crown the record

of these two years of memorable labor.

Concerning rural credits legislation, sought by so many, he expressed regret that difficulties of the subject seemed "to render it impossible to complete a bill for passage at this session."

Business Programme Completed. The President departed from the prepared text of the message to give notice to the business world that the legislative programme of his Administration, as it affects regulation of business, was practically completed. He said it had resulted in a clear road for business to travel to "unclouded success."

The President's remarks in full with relation to business legislation were as follows: "Our programme of legislation with regard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth, as we intended, as a whole and leaves no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business. It is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to ungrudging, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public interest is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

PANAMA AGREES TO LINE

BOUNDARY TREATY NOW UP TO UNITED STATES SENATE. By Terms of Instrument Washington Government Is to Get Needed Waters in Canal Zone.

PANAMA, Dec. 8.—The boundary convention between the United States and Panama passed its third reading in the National Assembly today and received the President's signature. It has yet to receive ratification by the United States Senate.

This convention, signed on September 2 by the Panamanian Secretary of Foreign Relations, Ernesto T. Lefevre and William J. Price, the American Minister.

By the terms of the boundary convention the United States gains control of the waters of Colon and Ancon, together with other valuable rights. The instrument replaces what has been known as the Bay's agreement, of June 15, 1904, in which the boundaries of the canal zone were tentatively fixed and also amplifies the Panama Canal treaty of November 18, 1903, under which the canal zone was acquired from Panama.

In addition to absolute control over all the waters of Colon and Ancon, the United States acquires two small islands in Ancon harbor, the site of Battery Hancock on the Colof waterfront and control of all the piers at the north entrance of the canal.

MURDER CASE DISMISSED

Mollie B. Scoggins Dying From Attack of Pneumonia.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The case of Mollie B. Scoggins, who was indicted for first-degree murder by the September grand jury charging her with the murder of her husband, A. G. Scoggins, was dismissed today because of the critical illness of the defendant. Mrs. Scoggins is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and her recovery is pronounced impossible by the attending physician.

Henry McDowell, who was charged jointly with Mrs. Scoggins, was convicted in September and sentenced to life imprisonment. Scoggins was mail contractor on the Prineville-Burns stage line, and was murdered at his own breakfast table on July 31.

KAISER MAY VISIT

Appearance at Antwerp Is Expected by Belgians.

LATE RESTRICTIONS CITED

Refusal to Permit Entrance to or Departure From Nation, Coupled With Reported Illness, Regarded as Significant.

SAS VANT GENT, Holland, via The Hague to London, Dec. 8.—The news of the slight indisposition of Emperor William, combined with the extraordinarily strict orders against persons entering or leaving Belgium, all diplomatic couriers being detained except those of the United States, Holland and Spain, has caused a widespread belief among Belgians that Emperor William is about to visit Antwerp and does not desire the fact to become known.

There is no further news from Belgium except that the strict rule of the new Governor-General, Von Bissing, who is much more precise and severe than Field Marshal von der Goltz, has had the effect of making the situation more tense than ever. It is reported that the confiscation of communal funds continues.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(Via Amsterdam and London.)—It was officially announced today that Emperor William is ill. The announcement says that he is suffering from a feverish bronchial catarrh and has been obliged to postpone for some days his return to the front, which had been arranged for today.

Despite his indisposition, it is said he is able to give attention to reports of the war situation from the chief of the general staff.

GENERAL BEYERS IS SHOT

South African Rebel Leader Believed to Be Dead.

JOHANNESBURG, via London, Dec. 8.—Brigadier-General Christian Frederick Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been shot. It is officially announced.

He is believed to be dead. PRETORIA, via London, Dec. 9.—An official statement issued here says it is believed that General Christian Beyers, the rebel leader, was drowned while endeavoring to cross the Vaal River.

General Beyers formerly was Commandant-General of the defense forces in the Union of South Africa, but resigned last September because of his disapproval of British action against the Germans in Africa. He joined with General Christiaan De Wet in a rebellion, but his forces met with several defeats.

Recently General De Wet was captured after a long pursuit by a Union contingent.

Australian Wool Gets London O. K. LONDON, Dec. 8.—It was announced today that the government would permit exportation to the United States of Australian Merino wool bought during the present season or at other times, provided satisfactory guarantees were furnished that the wool would not be forwarded to hostile countries.

CHARGE FROM DUMMS ARE USED RENEWED

German Ambassador Gives Names of Factories Said to Be Producing Them.

AMERICAN IS ACCUSED

Order Said to Have Been Placed for "Riot Guns" and for Shells of Buckshot, Also in Violation of Rules of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador here, has brought to the attention of the State Department new charges of violation by British troops of the rules of international law. With his note the Ambassador filed photographs and original cartridges said to have been used in violation of international law, and photographs or wounds said to have been caused by their bullets. An official statement on the subject issued today by the German embassy says in part:

"New proofs of violation of the rules of international law by British troops have been found by the German government.

"Soft-nosed cartridges have been delivered by a wounded soldier of the Eighty-eighth Connaught Rangers regiment on his return from France. They were given to that regiment before the battle of Mons, mixed with regular infantry ammunition.

"Other Dumdum Makers Named. "Other dumdum bullets were given to the Duke of Wellington's infantry corps on the 21st of October. Other dumdum bullets were made by Iley Bros., No. 24 Cray's Inn Road, London.

"The British government has ordered with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company 20,000 riot guns with 50,000,000 of buckshot cartridges. The buckshot cartridges contain nine bullets. The use of these weapons and this ammunition has hitherto been unknown in civilized warfare.

"The Union Metallic Cartridge Company, Bridgeport, Conn., on October 20 secured, through Frank O. Hongland, a patent for a "mushroom" bullet.

"It has been ascertained from reliable sources that since October 8,000,000 cartridges made according to this patent were sent by the above-mentioned firm to Canada for use in the British army. No outside sign distinguishes these bullets from ordinary ammunition, so that the soldier who uses them does not know that he is using dumdum bullets.

Use in Colonies Same in Principle. "Even if the bullets mentioned were not destined for the European war (which, however, seems unlikely, on account of the large number of cartridges ordered), but for use in British colonies, this would, all the same, represent a barbarous method of warfare.

"The above mentioned facts have been brought to the knowledge of the United States Department of State with photographs and original cartridges, also with photographs of wounds caused by these bullets."

CHARGE DENIED BY COMPANY

No Order Received From Any Source, Declares Statement.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 8.—The following statement was given out by the Winchester Arms Company today: "The charge made by the German Ambassador that the Winchester company has received an order for 20,000 riot guns and 50,000,000 buckshot cartridges is absolutely without foundation. This company has not received any such order from the English government or any agent of it, or from any other of the governments involved in the European war. In fact, no such order for riot guns or buckshot cartridges has been received from any one and none is expected."

GERMANY FIXES AMBITION

Neutral State in South Africa Would Be Recognized by Kaiser.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(By wireless.)—Dr. Solf, the Secretary of Colonies, said the German government does not intend permanently to occupy the South African Union, Germany desires, he says, that the hostilities which were forced upon her by the South African Union shall cease.

Dr. Solf further says that if the Union government abstains from further hostilities against Germany, he is ready to accept the territory which has been invaded is evacuated so that the South Africans may establish a neutral state, Germany would officially recognize this condition and would respect the territorial integrity and political importance of the neutral state.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be dependent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

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Great Sale Crepe de Chine Underwear

\$6.50 Gowns and Combination Suits \$4.95 Each \$1.50 Pink and White Camisoles, Lace Trim'd \$1.13 \$3.75 Lace Trimmed Skirts, Pink and White \$2.95 Pink, Blue or White Skirts Half Price Selling Regularly at \$7.00 to \$13.00 Fourth Floor

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