

RELIEF BELGIUM FROM BASS

Commission Warehouses Full as Provision Against Interruption of Supplies.

SYSTEM IS ESTABLISHED

Cargo's Course From Its Place of Production to Homes of Needy People Interesting—Duplicate Work Avoided.

LONDON, May 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The warehouses of the American Commission for Relief of Belgium at Rotterdam and various provincial centers are at last sufficiently well stocked so that the Commission can stand the shock of interruptions in the receipt of supplies without fearing that the Belgians will starve over night.

One of the hardest problems with which the Commission had to deal was the fact that belligerent nations refused to permit the purchase within their boundaries of foodstuffs for the Belgian sufferers. It was consequently necessary to obtain all the foodstuffs from outside the primary centers and the most economical transport undertaken, it was necessary to have in stock at all times three months' food supply. The Commission, therefore, managed to borrow \$10,000,000, secured on the goods in transit, and the members pledged their personal credit to bring up the stock of goods in transit as high as possible as \$20,000,000.

Early Confusion Obviated.

At first the Commission endeavored to distribute the actual gift food consigned to them to the actually destitute persons. Within a week they found an enormous amount of difficulty and confusion arising out of this arrangement because it would be necessary to divide a cargo of gift flour, for instance, over 3000 communes in Belgium, and at the same time to ship parallel with it a large quantity of foodstuffs, consigning them for the purpose of sale for those who could pay. This meant a duplication of the entire transport organization, and, in fact, was quite impossible because no gift cargo was sufficient in size to distribute over 3000 communes; and the next thing the Commission found was that it was borrowing from the gift cargo and sending loading food from the sales department to the benevolent department.

The direct business minds of the managers untied this knot by a simple device by which they sold all of the gift food from the benevolent department to the provisioning department. The benevolent department, by not having foodstuffs, thus had cash in hand. This they proceeded to distribute by weekly subdivisions to the communes and the communal authorities with their money purchased their required imports from the sales department. The result was an enormous simplification in the work and an actual gain in efficiency, as the communes were then able to buy precisely what they required for each individual and local institution.

Cargo's Course Interesting.

It is of some interest to follow the actual course of a cargo of foodstuffs through the Commission. Take the case of Argentine wheat. One of the largest firms of grain buyers in the Argentine undertook to make purchases on behalf of the Commission without profit to themselves. This wheat would be purchased in one of the central Argentine provinces, transported to Buenos Aires, and two transports, one of which was loaded with wheat, it, less than the usual rates by virtue of arrangements by the Commission with the railway companies at Buenos Aires.

Commission Pays for Milling.

The flour mills in these five cities are operated on behalf of the Commission, whereby the Commission agrees to pay for the labor and actual cost of operation. The wheat is milled into 100 per cent flour and 20 per cent bran and the bran is sold to the municipal dairies to feed the cattle and thereby maintain the cycle of milk supply for the baby cantinas. The flour is again loaded into lighters and is distributed into provincial warehouses of the Commission. From these warehouses it is again distributed into "arrondissement" warehouses. The communal authorities come to the arrondissement warehouses for their supplies. The communes pay for each to the arrondissement warehouses the stipulated price of flour, and having removed it to the communal warehouses there begins one of the most interesting phenomena in the detailed measures taken to secure absolute economy and justice in the method of distribution.

Baker Placed Under Bonds.

In the case of flour, in the first instance, the joint organizations required the communes to secure from all of the bakers a complete list of their customers. These lists were compared with the communal record and a definite number of persons are assigned to each baker for him to supply with bread. The baker is put in bond to supply 25 grammes of good bread made from no other material than that of the Commission (in order to prevent adulteration) daily to each adult customer, and at a price fixed by the Commission. For this purpose he received daily from the communal warehouses 250 grammes of flour per adult. The communes sell the flour to the baker at the same price which they pay for it. The baker is compelled to sell the bread to his customers for the same price that he pays for the flour, but, inasmuch as bread made from 250 grammes of flour increases to 225 grammes of bread, by virtue of the water incorporated in baking, the baker thus obtains a small margin of profit with which to pay his workmen. Any non-compliance by the baker of the minute rule set down means the punishment of having his list of customers assigned to some competitor.

On the benevolent side, those who cannot afford to buy their bread from the baker or their groceries from the grocer, apply to the communal authorities, and, on investigation, receive tickets on the communal store.

Coming of Spring. Judge. You think you hear the robin's note, And skyward look to find her, But you are fooled; the sounds that float Come from an organ grinder.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S FIRST SEA LORD, AND FIRST LORD WHOSE RETIREMENT HE FORCED.



—Photos by Bain News Service. Top—Sir John Fisher. Below—Winston Churchill.

2 TROOPSHIPS SUNK

Successful British Raid on Turks Reported.

ONE OF VESSELS LOADED

Paris Announces Officially That Divisions Commanded by German General in Person Have Been Decisively Repulsed.

PARIS, May 23.—An official note issued tonight regarding the operations in the Dardanelles, says that a British submarine has sunk two torpedo-boats and two transports, one of which was loaded with troops.

"In the Dardanelles the two Turkish divisions commanded by General Liman von Sanders in person delivered a furious attack against the British troops near Kales Tepe. They were completely repulsed and suffered heavy losses."

"At the same time our allies have won another success on the sea, where one of their submarines has sunk two torpedo-boats and two transports, one of which was loaded with troops."

POEM PRAISES AMERICA

MADAME LESUER PUTS FRENCH THANKS IN VERSE.

Reading of Composition Will Be Feature of Artists' Ceremony of Gratitude to Ambassador.

PARIS, May 23.—A poem by Madame Daniel Lesuer will be a feature of the ceremony in the Amphitheater of the Sorbonne May 29, when the Benevolent Society of Artists will present to W. G. Sharp, the American Ambassador to France, an album of original drawings by leading artists and addresses by well-known authors as an expression of the gratitude of France for the help given by Americans in many ways during the war.

LAND AND SEA FORCES THAT ITALY CAN PUT INTO ACTION IF NECESSARY.

Table with columns: ARMY, Minimum, Maximum. Rows include Present army, Mobile militia, Territorial militia, Total, and Navy details.

MISERY SPREAD BY PREARIES OF WAR

Babes Die or Are Set Adrift as Fathers Fight—Men Maimed Horribly.

FOES CHOKE EACH OTHER

Soldiers Battle Till Weapons Are Worn Out, Then Use Hands. Mother Gets Boy's Own Description of Use of Bayonet.

BY RUBY FLINT HUGHES. Formerly of Portland and Salem.

PARIS, May 6.—(Special Correspondence).—In this letter I shall describe some of the "realities" I have met with as an early overgrowth of the war. In depicting conditions in general and in these instant cases I give the facts as I find them, free from the slightest exaggeration.

Paul Carron, aged 29, a member of the Tenth Regiment de Genie, was wounded on the night of February 5 at the battle of the Meuse. The genre of the French army is composed of men of scientific education of high honor and whose confidence of their chiefs is absolute, as they know the design of the battle, for it is they who prepare the battle-field. In the case of the present war it is the genre which prepares the trenches, the sleeping quarters for soldiers, the underground position for field guns and the underground position for the General and his staff.

Necessities Not Obtainable.

But there is another side to this case. Paul Carron was mobilized on August 2 and since that time he has not seen his mother. The army of the young French girl who at the outbreak of the war was to be a mother in three months. The army of all the existing conditions produced a premature birth, a child of 8 months was born. This little family is of the humble class and here in Europe, where money is difficultly earned, their small savings were not of large amount. They were consumed in hospital and doctor bills and the mother who had never worked "out" before, went to work the first of January as a cook in a family of eight persons, where she received 23 a month. She had to make "a little baby was so nice, so pretty, I wish that I might have kept him—but he died. Probably it is best, for he was so delicate he had to be nursed in a hospital. It took a kilo of cotton a week, and a kilo of cotton costs four and one-half francs, and I couldn't earn that money. Toward people being killed in the war will end." I asked her if a nurse could not have been found, and she said: "Oh, I wouldn't like to see another woman nurse my baby."

Five Brothers Wounded.

The morning's mail brought me a letter from the Countess de C., which ended: "My nephew was wounded in the face by an exploding obus. He is not known for sure as to whether his eyes are put out or not. I am sad."

There is a family in the district of Allier. One son was killed in the battle of the Marne, one wounded at Rheims, two wounded at Verdun, and one killed. The fifth has his legs put with a shuffling movement, the sixth, the youngest, is being drilled, or the seventh, when he is needed. This family is of the working class. What is their future?

The following letter was sent to me by the Marquis de V., written by his young son at the front. I have translated it:

THE FRONT, 1 Jan., 1915, New Year's Day. Parents, Dear Beloved: On this traditional day I draw near to you in my thoughts, my heart, my love. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. It is my wish that God may keep you a long, long time. I wish you all the happiness of your son, Michel, that he will grant to our dear France during the year which commences with the New Year. I wish you all and so dearly by her soldiers.

I have come out here, and well, grace upon me, my dear father, whom I implore constantly, of a most terrible combat which lasted eight days.

It is impossible for me to retrace all the phases, all the catastrophes in the limits of one letter. I have written to you the terrible impressions and to give you the details.

Regiment Wins Honor. I know all to the glory of our arms, and that my regiment was mentioned in the "Franco-American" Commission for the Development of Political Relations, will deliver the principal oration.

F-4 DIFFICULTIES SOLVED

Four Days More May See Submarine, Yet Submerged, at Surface.

HONOLULU, May 23.—Workers engaged in salvage operation on the submarine F-4 submerged outside the harbor since March 25, are confident today that the difficulties encountered in attempts to raise it have been solved, according to an announcement made today. This opinion was expressed as a result of yesterday's work, when the hulk was raised 64 feet. It now lies at a depth of 192 feet.

The submarine has been hoisted inshore a distance of 600 feet the last four days. If this rate is kept up, it will be possible to have it in drydock at the end of four days.

Thank you for the package of chocolate and cigarettes and the sweetness that it contained. The one was as agreeable as the other, for I was without both for a long time.

The Busses bombarded most all the villages where we quarter for repose. The inhabitants have all left, as well understood, so we make our beds in places destroyed and deserted, which is most disagreeable.

Send me from time to time, if you please, chocolate, nougat, fruit and tobacco. This would be my immense pleasure. I am called. It is for the distribution of champagne. France spoils us. They send every quarter sent by the post, and by persons in particular, Christmas day each had a little glass of wine Cap

Come, my favorite beverage. It is in this village, five miles from the front, and she gives us her love and kindness—a simple exchange as it were.

Woman Finds Dead Husband. Some weeks after the battle of the Marne, Mme. X, a little French woman who makes corsets, was notified by the postman that her husband had been killed September 7 in the valley of the Oarque. This is two hours by train from Paris. For three days she and her old father searched the battle field reading the names on the thousands of little black crosses, that mark the graves, hunting for the name beloved. After three weary days of search, just at nightfall, when her father was persuading her that it was useless, she, with woman's persistence and intuition, pleaded just to search a little longer, found by aid of a lantern, amidst the names of five others, the name of her husband. The next morning the six bodies were exhumed, they in the haste of the battle had been buried pell mell all six in the same hole in the ground with only 20 inches of earth covering them. The bodies were in such a condition, for they were lying in water, that it was only by the ring on his finger that she recognized her husband. The body was arranged in a coffin, mass was said, and it was placed in a corner of a destroyed building, a party destroyed cemetery, to await the time when the government will permit reclaimed bodies to be removed to their proper burying ground.

D. M. C., Seventh Colonial, First Battalion, Fourth Company, wrote his wife that at the front the conditions were terrible, that the trials were so long, that the bayonets had been used till they were broken, and that the enemies literally strangled each other to death; that they walked over human bodies; that there were pieces of arms and legs, and that the straw was where, and that his boots were covered with human blood. He said that they were no longer men, that they had become beasts.

Visitors Fill Pulpits. Northern Baptists Preach in California Churches. Several Oregon Men and Women Deliver Sermons and Addresses in Los Angeles.

BY MRS. C. P. M. JAMISON. LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 23.—(Special).—Northern Baptist convention men occupied Los Angeles pulpits today. Carter Helm Jones, of Washington, preached the convention sermon in Temple Auditorium; Dr. W. R. Hinson, of Oregon, delivered a sermon at First Baptist Church, Pasadena. Other ministers from Oregon occupying pulpits are: H. E. Fooker, of McMinnville, and H. W. Boyce, of Eugene. The convention morning prayer service was conducted by W. B. Ryley, Minneapolis. The convention delivered a sermon at First Baptist Church, Pasadena. Other ministers from Oregon occupying pulpits are: H. E. Fooker, of McMinnville, and H. W. Boyce, of Eugene.

Two Peaks Active. Alaskan Volcanoes in Eruption Since Tuesday. Dense Smoke is Rising. One of Mountains Known as Active Since Earliest Records of Russian and Spanish Explorers, but Not Dangerous.

SEWARD, Alaska, May 23.—Hilmana volcano and an unidentified peak on the west coast of Cook Inlet have been in eruption since Tuesday, according to reports brought by the steamship Alameda today. People who passed the volcanoes Thursday said dense clouds of brown smoke were rising from the craters.

The effect was noted here Wednesday night when copper-colored clouds were seen in the north. It was believed at the time that the smoke was from the forest fire, but these were virtually out and the atmosphere is still.

Earthquakes Felt Separately. Four slight earthquakes, accompanied by a roaring noise, have been felt during the last three months, but are believed to have had no connection with the volcanoes, as no shock was felt here when the craters became active.

Hilmana volcano, on the west coast of Cook Inlet, is a peak 12,066 feet high. It has been known as an active volcano from the earliest records of the Russian and Spanish explorers, but its eruptions never have been violent. The district around Hilmana is virtually uninhabited.

Volcanic Activity Frequent. Volcanic activity in the range extending from Cook Inlet along the Alaska peninsula to the Aleutian Islands is reported nearly every year, but there has been no violent outbreak since June 9, 1912, when Mount Katmai burst into spectacular eruption, covering the little Kodiak Island and the adjacent mainland with a deep layer of volcanic ash.

Hilmana volcano is 150 miles west of Seward and is the same distance southwest of Ship Creek, where the Alaska Engineering Commission is beginning work on the new Government railroad to the Matanuska coal field.

Effort Made to Relieve Food Famine in Interior Mexico. Diplomats Ask Carranza and Villa Officials to Permit Shipments of Foodstuffs on Railway.

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The Vera Cruz line is reported today to be in operation to Paquiza.

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Men Go to Front in Omnibuses. Town Shelled by Schedule.

LONDON, May 4.—"This is a methodical war," writes an English soldier who served in several Indian campaigns and also in the South African war, and who is now at the front near Ypres. "In the morning we go to fight by the 6 o'clock omnibus from Vlamerunghe. We know that we shall be in the firing line at a certain hour and out of it at another. It is all out and drilled."

The Germans are even more methodical. There is a town about two miles behind our line that they shell regularly every Sunday from 11 to 3, and every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30, and at no other time. This has gone on for months."

ELsie JANIS Yesterday Scored Another Tremendous Success in Betty in Search of a Thrill at the Peoples Theater Also See Motion Pictures of the Celilo Canal and Local Celebration AND SOUTH AMERICAN TRAVELOGUE

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RIDER HURT AT BAKER

Attendance at Wild West Celebration Large, Despite Weather. BAKER, Ore., May 23.—(Special).—Riding two horses at once proved too much of an undertaking for Ben Corbett, trick rider at the "Brander" Wild West celebration, which is being held at Medical Springs today. He was thrown from his pair of mounts and eliminated as a factor in the competition. His injuries are not serious.

A hall game between Haines and Medical Springs was won by Haines, 6 to 2. Buffalo Vernon and Harley Lund took first in the potato race this afternoon, and Ben Jory nosed to the front in the chariot race. Miss Billie Clifford gave a fancy trick riding exhibition.

Threatening weather failed to deter pleasure-seekers from attending the out-of-doors show, more than 1000 being in attendance from towns within a radius of 20 miles.

50 MERCHANT WAITERS

Centralia Business Men to Act at Banquet for State Grange. CENTRALIA, Wash., May 23.—(Special).—Fifty Centralia business men yesterday volunteered to serve as waiters for the big open-air banquet to be staged in the City Park, June 4, as one of the features of the State Grange convention, to be held here June 1 to 4. It is expected that about 1200 persons will be fed at the banquet. The waiters will be divided into squads of 10 each, with a head waiter for each squad to direct the operation. Each man will wear a white apron.

At a meeting of the local Oddfellows lodge Friday night it was voted to donate the use of the Oddfellows Hall for the six patriotic conventions to be held here June 21 to 25.

DOG'S CATCH JAILBREAKER. Rancher's Aim Bad, but Sheriff's Bloodhounds Cause Surrender. SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 23.—John Bogden, who escaped from the Marin County Jail yesterday, was captured today three miles from this city by Sheriff Keating and a posse assisted by John J. 1915, when Mount Katmai burst into spectacular eruption, covering the little Kodiak Island and the adjacent mainland with a deep layer of volcanic ash.

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