

WOMAN TELLS OF MISERY IN EUROPE

Soldiers Sick of Strife, Says Native of Holland in Portland on Visit.

SWISS REFUGE IS TAXED

French Mothers Lose Entire Families—Russian Prisoners Well Off in Germany—Traveling Dangerous and Risky.

Although a native of one of the neutral countries and one whose trade has declined not to have suffered greatly because of the war, Mrs. F. C. Quisen, a Hollander, and wife of the manager of the Holland-Netherlands Harbor Company at Shanghai, China, is sick of the war and vouches for the statement that the soldiers of all the belligerents share her attitude.

Mrs. Quisen is in Portland for a few days, the guest of Mrs. C. A. Edwards, 301 East Fifteenth street North, whom Mrs. Quisen first met when Mr. Edwards was manager of the American Trading Company at Shanghai.

Mrs. Quisen was in Holland shortly after the war broke out, but has been living for some time in Switzerland, "because it is about the safest place in Europe to live." And even that country has its price for the safety of residence. It means, as the following statistics will demonstrate, Mrs. Quisen paid, without being questioned in the matter, more than 300 francs to the Swiss government for the following reasons: Many instances of the horrors that the war has wrought are told by Mrs. Quisen. She stated that one French woman had lost three sons in the war and had petitioned General Jeffrey to remove the fourth and last from the danger zone. The petition was granted and the son placed in a powder plant, where he was blown up a few weeks later. Mrs. Quisen told of another woman who had lost eight sons in the war.

According to Mrs. Quisen, the Russian prisoners are glad of the chance to work in Germany. She declared that the manner in which they lived in their native country made the work in Germany actually agreeable, and she predicted that at the conclusion of the war many Russians would have new homes, with new possibilities, providing the immigration laws of the two countries are agreeable.

The ship that carried Mrs. Quisen across the Atlantic had its passenger list augmented at Falmouth by 220 children and a large colony of Belgian refugees. When the ship was in the war zone Mrs. Quisen said that it passed through the mine-infested regions and that the captain of the vessel never left the bridge until the mines had been left behind.

BERLIN POOR SUFFERING

WOMAN SAYS GERMAN AUTHORITIES FEAR UPRISING. Shops Plundered by Crowds Who Are After Their Daily Allowance of Butter, Which is Small.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company says: "Life in the poorer quarters of the German capital is described as pitiful by the German-born wife of an English laborer residing in Berlin who after 16 months' internment, has arrived at Flushing, Holland, on her way to England, according to the correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegram. "The German authorities," the Telegram correspondent quotes the woman as saying, "are in great fear of a revolt, owing to the discontent of the people. Several riots occurred, in which shops were plundered. Mounted police charged the crowds, which were composed mainly of women. Misery among the working classes is considerable and is increasing daily."

CHEESE BULLETS LIKELY

ALLIES BUYING UP SUPPLY OF SMEARCASE. Christmas Supply of Dairy Product in Central and Eastern Parts of the United States is Short.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—More mention of cheese bullets may sound like a vaudeville joke, but when people find the price of the delicacy doubled, with the Christmas supply cut in half, the idea will be taken more seriously.

Produce men, who laughed at first, are now inclined to believe the report from Chicago that smearcase is being used in the manufacture of munitions, for Western wholesalers are unable to meet the usual Christmas demand for cottage cheese.

Recalling the successful tests made in the manufacture of hilliard balls from a composition in which casein was a constituent, a mixture of the same sour milk product with cellulose, for the sake of economy in shell manufacture, is said to be practical.

J. K. Arnold, manager of the Cottage Creamery Company, says agents of the allies have bought up carloads of smearcase from Western dairies.

"You may laugh," Mr. Arnold declared today. "I laughed at first, but I have just returned from a trip through various Eastern cities, and the shortage is felt everywhere."

FLEEING PEOPLE PERISH

Half Million Serbians Take to Snow-capped Mountains. Japanese May Be Aiding.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—"A half-million refugees fled from Serbia," says the Times' Saloniki correspondent, "preferring the horrible alternative of a winter flight into snow-covered mountains to submission to the Germans. Little has been learned of their fate, but it is only too likely that many thousands perished of cold or starvation or were devoured by wolves."

"When the converging Teutonic and

Bulgarian armies swept over Old Serbia, most of the Serbian males met their fighting fate, being themselves to the roads, while the women and children remained in their homes. Some 750,000 refugees thus assembled on the plain of Kosovo on the way to Albania and Montenegro. Of these, a quarter of a million were persuaded to accept the authority of the Austro-Germans; the others fled.

PLEDGES ARE RETURNED

ROSENTHAL PAWN TICKETS ARE BEING CHECKED UP.

Trustee Says Valuables All Are Coming Back and Owners Will Not Suffer Any Financial Loss.

John Fletcher, trustee for the creditors of Irving W. Rosenthal, manager of the Elby Company at 320 Lumber Exchange building, whose accounts are short in cash and diamonds belonging to customers which he re-hypothecated with other loan brokers for cash, said yesterday that Rosenthal's shortage would probably not exceed \$15,000.

Mr. Fletcher said that all holders of pawn tickets should call on him and check up their holdings. So far, he said, he has been able to trace all pledges re-hypothecated by Rosenthal when the proper owners have presented their pawn tickets.

"None of the holders of tickets need make any special effort, in view of what has happened to Rosenthal, to redeem their property," said Mr. Fletcher, "but a thorough checking up is desired. Owners of tickets will get their jewels returned at the redemption price, and any loss will fall on the broker who did the re-hypothecating for Rosenthal."

He declared that some holders of pawn tickets had attempted to take advantage of the situation by placing the amount due from them at less than the original amounts they had borrowed.

"The scheme won't work," said Mr. Fletcher, "and no one will gain by trying it. We will still have the original records showing just what was paid out."

RABBIT DRIVES NET 150

MORE ATTEMPTS TO BE MADE TO GET 2000 FOR MUTS. Hunt to Be Held at Tumalo Tomorrow and Settlers to Round Up Others Wednesday.

BEND, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—While only 150 of the 2000 rabbits needed by the Muta of Portland, for the Christmas baskets were collected in the drives at Powell Butte today, several more attempts will be made this week to obtain the promised supplies for the poor.

Hunters from all parts of Crook County will gather at Tumalo Tuesday for a rabbit shoot and several drives will be started from the districts about Powell Butte and Terrabonne Wednesday.

Rabbits that are being collected by settlers and hunters will be held in the cold storage plant of the Deschutes Ice & Storage Company until a large shipment has been obtained for Portland.

Delegations from towns in the districts will be assigned to captains and short drives will be held to prevent the danger of a stampede of the rabbits and to cover as large a territory within the limit as possible. At the Tumalo shoot hunters who are willing to agree to obey orders absolutely will be allowed to participate and proper precautions will be taken against accidents.

NEW CONSTITUTION IS UP

JACKSON CLUB TONIGHT TO HEAR CHARTER REPLACING ONE LOST. Rules Not Likely to Limit Number of Terms for President Since Colonel Miller is Candidate.

A little matter of constitutions will be a center of interest at tonight's meeting of the Jackson Club, a Democratic political organization. The club's original constitution has been lost. It might have stayed lost for all anybody in the club cared a whoop had not Colonel Robert A. Miller become a candidate, or been put up as a candidate by his friends, for re-election as president at a meeting of the club a couple of weeks ago.

Thereupon someone arose and solemnly affirmed that under the constitution of the Jackson Club a president could hold office only one term. A hunt ensued for the constitution. It could not be found, and a committee composed of F. S. Myers, George H. Watson, Oglesby Young, Newton McCoy and R. L. Nottingham was named to draw up a new constitution.

It will present its constitution tonight, and it can be mentioned in advance that the constitution will not have a word in it as to how many terms a president of the club may serve.

Another feature of the new constitution is to be a section prohibiting Federal office-holders or avowed candidates for office from holding office in the club.

Backers of Colonel Miller point to the fact that he has brought up its membership from 200 to nearly 2000 in a year. Among those mentioned as possible opposing candidates are A. F. Fiegel, Elton Watkins and George H. Watson.

MI HOGAR.

Give a box of Mi Hogar as a Christmas gift to some of your friends, and your employes and the smokes in your own family circle, and see the joyous smile and sincere good-will that are sure to follow. Any size box, from 12 to 120; all shapes and prices. Sig Sichel & Co., 22 3d st.—Adv.

SPAN ACCIDENT TRACED

SUPPORTING CHORD DECLARED TO HAVE BECOME CRYSTALLIZED. Samples of Steel to Be Sent to Experts in Other Cities for Careful Test as to Granulation.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Crystallization of an I-beam in one of the lower steel chords supporting the 138-foot span of the Division-street bridge, which collapsed here yesterday, precipitating two streetcars into the Spokane River and resulting in the drowning of five persons and the injuring of 12 was determined today to have been the cause of the disaster.

A formal report to that effect was made to the city authorities by four experts, S. H. Hedgers and Bertram D. Dean, both of Seattle; P. W. Crocker, of Portland, and F. M. Corley, of Spokane. Their report said that there

was no excessive load on the bridge when it fell and that the steel in the supporting chord appeared to be in good condition.

The bridge was erected 22 years ago. The department of public works has decided to send pieces of the steel to Seattle and San Francisco for exhaustive tests as to tensile strength and granulation.

All of the injured, save J. W. McAvin and Walter Cleveland, whose condition is said to be serious, were reported tonight to be doing well.

Coroner Grieve has decided not to hold an inquest until a special report on the disaster is made by an expert engineer to be named tomorrow at a conference between the coroner's jury and the prosecuting attorney's office.

Gas and water connections to the northern part of the city have practically been restored.

Satsop Cheese Factory Success. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Satsop co-operative cheese factory, operated by farmers living in the vicinity of Satsop, after six months of trial, is regarded as a great success. It has sold \$20,000 worth of cheese in

the past half-year, and for this now is receiving the same price which are paid for Tillamook cheese. The price paid farmers for butter fat advanced this month from 25 to 40 cents a pound.

ROBINS VISIT HOOD RIVER. Alaskan Birds Welcome to Valley Fruitgrowers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River Valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the close of fall, are duller in color.

Orchardists welcome the winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards to harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and the seeds of troublesome weeds.

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FINE GRADE HIGHER

Peculiar Conditions Exist in Coffee Market.

EFFECT OF WAR IS SEEN

Central Americans Advance sharply, but Santos Grades Are Lower Than Year Ago—Cost to Consumers Unchanged.

Conditions in the coffee market on the Pacific Coast this year are different from any time in probably the last 50 years. Notwithstanding the fact that Germany and Austria are closed countries, there must be considerable coffee reaching Denmark through Sweden. This, coupled with the fact that quality in the drink of coffee is obtaining more and more favor among the general public, has produced the peculiar condition in Central America and Costa Rica of high-grade beans of the Pacific Coast to arrive. This means that the price has been fixed in the country of production and the coffee has been sold at this fixed price. This is perhaps more than before as much coffee as has ever been sold from these countries in the history of the Pacific Coast. These coffee were usually sold to the "20 arrive" basis to the European countries, but in ordinary years they have been sold on the Pacific Coast. The price on all of these grades are from 1 to 2 1/2 cents per pound higher than Santos. In contrast to this, Santos is about 1 cent lower than last year.

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