

AMERICANS SLAPPED IN FACE WITH SWORD

Prisoners From German Camp Reach Switzerland.

RUSSIANS ARE STARVING

Additional Stories of Cruelty Are Related by Released Aviators.

BERNE, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant James Duke, of Washington; Lieutenant Cassius Style, of Willabro, N. Y., and Lieutenant Robert Raymond, of Newton Center, Mass., have arrived in Switzerland from a German prison camp on their way to France.

The Americans informed the Red Cross that the Russians at Rastatt, Germany, were dying at the rate of about six or eight daily from starvation. The Americans were given rifles by the German guards to protect their food stores from the Russians, who threatened to raid the American compound, they said.

The American cemetery at Rastatt now has nine graves. The German guards left the gates of the camp open for the Americans to escape, but an American Sergeant posted American guards around the compound and compelled the prisoners to await the arrival of the Red Cross and American sanitary trains from Switzerland.

Herbert Jones, of the 110th Infantry, declared to the American Red Cross that a German Sergeant-Major at Langensalza camp struck American prisoners on the face with the flat of his sword without reason after lining them up for rollcall. Jones himself was kicked by a guard until the lower part of his body was temporarily paralyzed.

Langensalza is the German prison camp where a considerable number of French prisoners were killed or wounded by guards several days after the signing of the armistice.

JEWISH HOMELAND ASKED

AMERICAN CONGRESS IS FOR PALESTINE COMMONWEALTH.

Steps Taken at Philadelphia Session to Hold World Convention of Jews.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The American Jewish congress tonight declared for a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain, acting on behalf of such a league of nations as may be formed. The resolution was adopted amid great enthusiasm. The 400 delegates, representing more than 3,000,000 members of their race in the United States rose and sang the Hatikvah, the Jewish anthem expressing the hope that Palestine shall soon be the homeland of the Jews. This was followed by the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Another resolution adopted asks that the congress shall elect a delegation of not more than seven members, who shall leave as soon as possible for Europe, where "in co-operation with the representatives of the Jews of other lands, it shall use its best endeavors to realize the objects for which this congress was established. It was decided that the congress shall, as soon as peace is declared, instruct its European delegation to take necessary and effective steps in co-operation with the representatives of Jewish bodies in other countries for the convening of a world Jewish congress.

CITY HOSPITAL TO CLOSE

Auditorium Will Soon Be Used Again for Public Meetings.

The City Auditorium soon will be open to public meetings and other gatherings. This was assured yesterday when it was announced by Mayor Baker that the 20-influenza patients being cared for at the emergency institution will be transferred today or tomorrow to the Nisbett Hospital, 616 Lovejoy street.

Following the moving of the "flu" cases, which have been occupying the municipal building more than two months, the building will be thoroughly fumigated and cleaned. There will be no danger of contagion from influenza, according to City Health Officer Parrish. Nearly 1000 flu patients in various parts of the city are under quarantine following five days of activity by the City Health Department employees, assisted by policemen. Yesterday 127 new cases and eight deaths were reported.

MINE OWNERS FACE LOSS

Government Urged to Grant Relief to Western Chrome Producers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Representative Stannett today attended a conference at the Interior Department for the purpose of presenting the pleas of numerous producers of chrome, tungsten and manganese, in the West, to face the loss of enormous sums spent by them in developing mines for the production of these ores for war purposes. Oregon chrome producers alone stand to lose some \$200,000. A committee was appointed to cooperate with the Bureau of Mines in an effort to frame legislation that will afford just relief to the miners without imposing too much of a burden on the Government. The difficulty will be to frame legislation that will not be considered a precedent dangerous to the interests of the Government.

CAR BURNS; 13 MISSING

Tourist Coach on Canadian Pacific Destroyed by Fire.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 16.—Advices received here today tell of the destruction by fire of a tourist coach on a Canadian Pacific train which left here at 9:10 A. M. for Toronto. It is reported that 13 passengers aboard the coach are missing. The fire, it was indicated, started in a berth occupied by a family party and quickly spread to the rest of the coach. Other cars on the train escaped damage. The fire was discovered early today when the train stopped for orders at Bonehour station, 120 miles west of Fort Williams, Ont. Trainmen walking along the track saw flames bursting from the front end of the tourist car. They rushed into the car and rescued as many passengers as they could reach. Eight rescued passengers were slightly injured.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Enid Bennett, in "Fuss and Feathers" at Columbia

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Majestic—Rex Beach's "Laughing Bill Hyde." Star—Wallace Reid, "Carmen." Sunset—Douglas Fairbanks, "The Good Bad Man." Liberty—"The Romance of Fuzza." Columbia—Enid Bennett, "Fuss and Feathers." Peoples—Vivian Martin, "Jane Goes a-Wooing." Globe—Pauline Frederick, "Zaza." Circle—Harry Morey, "A Game With Fate."

Miss Pickford's income from about \$2000 weekly to \$520,000 per annum, with a bonus of \$200,000 and \$40,000 payment made to compensate the star for reading over scenarios.

"Sunnyside" is the name of the next Charlie Chaplin comedy.

Juanita Hansen, Mary MacLaren and Edith Roberts are a trio of Universal players who battled with the "flu" germs during the shutdown of the studios.

Now it's Bert Lytell, Metro star, who plans to become a gentleman farmer.

Tom Meighan, popular leading man in so many Paramount pictures, and Gladden James, better known in World offerings, are to be with Norma Talmaidge in "The Heart of Wexona."

Chester Barnett, who was Little Billie with Clara Kimball Young in "Tribby," and principal in "The Submarine Eye," is leading man with Zena Keefe.

Rumor has it that James K. Hackett is to be starred in a National prohibition picture called "Liquor." Ormi Hawley and Irving Cummings are other members of the company.

Olga Petrova is the latest film luminary to be chosen by Gertrude Hoffmann as the subject of vandyville imitation.

Cowmen, is this true? They say that Tom Mix can tell just where a cowboy comes from by the cut of his trousers.

Virginia Pearson, Kentucky beauty with Fox for so long, has organized a company of her own for picture making. She has been part of the time in Eastern France, part in Belgium. Ypres, Lens, Kemmel, Messines, Vimy, Verdun, Amiens, Roulers and many other war spots have been seen in line of duty. "Pretty lucky."

Mr. Dymont's son Donald, with the 162d Infantry, also came through safely. At least, he had not suffered up to 12 days before the signing of the armistice.

Merchants to Aid Picture. "Anything Uncle Sam wants he can have."

That was the answer given to J. J. Bernardo, of the division of films of the committee on public information, upon his request for co-operation in publicity for the second U. S. Government film, "America's Answer," to be shown at the Sunset Theater for the week beginning Saturday, December 21.

The merchants of the city were the first ones appealed to, and Meier & Frank, Lipman-Wolfe, Olds, Wortman & King generously responded to the call with offers of window displays and special advertising, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company its cars.

"America's Answer" was shown for three days at the Auditorium just before the influenza shut the theaters down, and since then, after a meeting of the committee in New York, it was decided to show official pictures only in regular picture houses, where the admission price is within the reach of everyone and where the exhibitor is satisfied to make this showing without a thought of any profit to himself.

Screen Gossip. No matter how wicked Theda Bara may be on the screen, don't forget that she is a Sunday school teacher. At least so the Fox publicity folk asserted a year or so ago.

With Universal billing Mildred Harris, bride of Charlie Chaplin, as Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, and the world's prize comedian registering his high average of publicity, the public is not likely to forget the name.

If the judgment of a lower court is sustained Mary Pickford will pay Mrs. Cora A. Wilkening, theatrical and motion picture agent and manager, \$108,974.12. Mrs. Wilkening claims to have been responsible for the expansion of

PEOPLES

NEW SHOW TODAY



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Association, today signed to play the 1919 season with Victoria.

Astoria Women Feed Soldiers. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding they had but an hour's notice, the women of the Astoria Red Cross chapter today fed 500 soldiers who were passing through on a train from Fort Stevens to various points.

Fruit Juices Tax Doomed. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 17.—It is now practically certain that when the revenue bill passes the Senate the proposed tax on fruit juices will be eliminated, and that the House will accept the Senate amendment. This will either relieve fruit juices of all internal revenue taxes or leave them with the present rate of 1 cent per gallon. The House

increased the tax from 1 cent per gallon to 20 per cent of the sale price.

The largest clock in the world adorns the tower of an insurance company's building in Liverpool. It has four dials of 25 feet each in diameter, and minute hands 14 feet in length.

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MRS. M. E. HOYLE HAS GAINED THIRTY POUNDS

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"If I could speak with everybody personally who has stomach trouble and rheumatism," said Mrs. M. E. Hoyle, of 1223 Pennsylvania avenue, Kansas City, Mo., "I would advise them to take Tanlac, for I have tried it myself and have never found anything to equal it. I have suffered with rheumatism during the past ten years until I thought I would go distracted. The pain would extend from my hips down to my ankles, the muscles and leaders felt like they were drawn, my knees were so stiff I could hardly bend over and many a night the pain was so severe that I could hardly keep from crying. My appetite was very poor and my stomach was so out of order that what little I did eat made me miserable. I suffered terribly from indigestion and would blot up so badly from the gas on my stomach that I could scarcely breathe, and there was also a dull, aching pain in the pit of my stomach. My complexion was very bad—sallow and yellow looking—and I just felt badly all the time.

"But Tanlac has been a wonderful blessing to me and no one could see the change that has taken place in me during the past few weeks and doubt it being a great mistake. All my rheumatic pain and stiffness is gone now, and you may know I feel like a new person. My appetite is splendid, I am never bothered with indigestion or gas any more, no matter what I eat, and my color is fine. Not only have I been relieved of rheumatism and stomach trouble, but I have also gained thirty pounds in weight, besides. Now these are my reasons for thinking so well of Tanlac and I gladly tell what I have found out by experience about it." Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug Co.—Adv.

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