

WAR COUNCIL HEAD DEFENDS Y. M. C. A.

Dr. John Mott Says Much of Criticism Is Unjust.

WASTE TO BE ELIMINATED

Charges of Profiteering and Lack of Attention in Furnishing Supplies Results in Denial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the war work council of the Y. M. C. A., discussed in detail here tonight adverse criticisms directed against the organization by soldiers here and in France. He vigorously defended the work of the organization as a whole, but did not deny that in isolated cases there was just ground for complaint.

Dr. Mott said 200 men and women workers had been recalled from France because of unfitness, and announced that there would be a general "tightening up" to correct conditions which have resulted in criticisms.

He said that George W. Perkins, Mortimer H. Schiff and P. S. Brockman have gone abroad to see that the purpose of eliminating, so far as possible, any further cause for complaint.

Profiteering is Denied. "It is in the history of every great effort that mistakes are made and no one, no matter how exalted her person or how unimpeachable his integrity, can escape. Other important organizations have passed through a similar experience. So with the Y. M. C. A. There is no phase of its work that has been left untouched by critics. Much of the adverse comment is due to misconception or to partial knowledge."

Dr. Mott then took up the criticisms most frequently heard. He explained that the Y. M. C. A. had not concerned itself with the wounded and ill, because it had been agreed that this work should be done by the Red Cross.

He denied the most frequently heard complaint, namely, that the association has been profiting by operation of its canteens overseas. He explained it had been agreed with General Pershing that if any profits derived from the canteens it should be used exclusively for the benefit of the men of the Army.

Waste to be Eliminated. "Not only has the organization made a profit, he declared, but it has saved thousands of dollars. Arrangements now have been made, however, which will enable it to obtain supplies from sources that will reduce overhead charges and keep prices down."

Dr. Mott asserted that it was not true that the Y. M. C. A. furnishes free to the men overseas nothing but writing paper, although he said it was the policy of the organization to give free service and not primarily for supplies. He added, however, that \$75,000 worth of supplies were distributed gratis in September of this year, in addition to \$150,000 "excess of cost over selling price on supplies sold."

Denial was made by Dr. Mott that a "holier than thou" attitude was typical of the Y. M. C. A. workers. He said, also, that if overseas secretaries were brusque in their dealings with soldiers it undoubtedly was due to the fact that many of them were on duty for 18 hours at a stretch, sometimes without meals.

Army Men Are Favored. Dr. Mott did not deny the charge that the Y. M. C. A. has taken scores of men from gainful occupations, and after promising overseas to return them back without occupation. He said, however, that the Government of the United States and other civilian organizations had done the same thing. He explained that this was due largely to the fact that the War Department had indicated the strong preference that wherever possible Y. M. C. A. workers should be taken from the Army overseas.

The department recently has announced, he said, that it will release officers and enlisted men who are especially qualified to assist in the educational programme and other activities of the Y. M. C. A. This will result in a large saving of transportation, but will embarrass those men who were ready for overseas service.

Lives Sacrificed for Many. "It is unfortunate, and the sympathy of the Y. M. C. A. goes out to these men," said Dr. Mott, "but they are just as much casualties of war as if they had been discharged from the enlisted army. Their plight is one for which the Y. M. C. A. is in no way responsible and one which it cannot remedy."

In answer to the charge that Y. M. C. A. workers persistently dodged danger, Dr. Mott said that nine workers have been killed by shell fire while on duty and 25 seriously gassed or wounded. Thirty-one others have died in service chiefly as a result of exposure and overwork. Ten have been cited for bravery or decorated.

Dr. Mott explained that the war work council would submit a new budget to the War Department in connection with the expenditures for the year 1919, which was its pro-rata share of the fund subscribed in the recent united war work campaign.

RETURNED CAPTAIN CHOICE Roy W. Rittner to Head Umatilla Red Cross Chapter.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.) Captain Roy W. Rittner, American Red Cross, who returns tomorrow from France, where he has been divisional representative of the organization for the past nine months, is the choice of the Pendleton unit of the Umatilla County chapter of the Red Cross as its president during the coming year. Mr. Rittner was secretary of the chapter on his acceptance of the overseas mission.

The directors are pledged to support the movement by which the Red Cross chapter this year shall maintain a county public health nurse to look after all cases of tuberculosis.

The new members of the board of directors from the Pendleton unit are Mrs. L. H. Sturgis, Mrs. Charles Greulich, Mrs. George A. Hartman, Mrs. A. H. Cox, Mrs. Frank E. King, Mrs. C. H. March, Mrs. James Laine, Mrs. Ida Fowler, Mrs. J. R. Raley and Mrs. K. W. Goodale.

HUNS FORESEE COLLAPSE Berlin Paper Says There is Danger of General Crash.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Evident reflections of the view of the Ebert-Scheidemann group. Vorwaerts takes a serious view of the incident of yesterday, when the congress of soldiers and workmen was invaded by a party of soldiers. It accuses the extreme left of aiming to disrupt the congress.

clears the invasion of the congress could be explained by the indignation of the soldiers and the counter-revolutionary activities by the officers of certain troops.

The demonstration by the soldiers was so in accord with the utterances of Ledebour, Barth and other radicals at Tuesday's session as to suggest more than a coincidence.

EBERT GOVERNMENT RESIGNS Break-Up Follows Riotous Events in Berlin Tuesday.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The German government headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned as a result of events of Tuesday, according to a dispatch received at Zurich from Stuttgart, says the Journal's correspondent there.

Friedrich Ebert, who was named as Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of Prince Maximilian of Baden, November 3, and became Imperial Chancellor on November 8, took command of the situation in Berlin following the revolutionary uprising there. On November 12 it was announced that he had become Premier and had chosen his Cabinet, naming Hugo Haase, Philipp Scheidemann, Wilhelm Dittman, Herr Landsberg and Richard Barth as secretaries in charge of the departments created by the revolutionary government.

UKRAINE WELCOMES AID FRENCH TROOPS WARNED NOT TO BE REACTION AGENTS.

Question of Boundary to Await Settlement of International Democracy.

ODESSA, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Lutsenko, the commander of the Republican troops occupying Odessa and the greater part of Ukraine, outside of Kiev, said to the correspondent today:

"Regarding the announced arrival of French troops, we will consider them friends only if they come with the purpose of assisting us in the maintenance of order during the establishment of a democratic government. We have overthrown aristocratic government and the hetman throughout Ukraine, except in Kiev, which we expect our troops to enter without bloodshed tomorrow. "If foreign troops are used as agents of reaction, they will find against them the mass of the people and a disciplined army powerful enough to seize the country, as it has done in the past fortnight, with the aid of the peasants and the populations of the small towns. The questions of the boundary of Ukraine and separation from Great Russia can wait until the question of international democracy is settled."

The French, who occupy the waterfront zone have had no relations with the present Ukrainian authorities, except for a communication transmitted today through the Danish Consul to the republican commissioner that he will be held responsible for any damage done to the property of French citizens.

VICTIM'S BODY IS EXHUMED Antopy Discloses Girl Succumbed to Blows on Back of Head.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Dec. 19.—Findings in the autopsy performed today on the body of Frieda Welchman showing that her death was caused by crushing of her skull have not cleared up the circumstantial developments, police admit, in the case of Milo Piper, local insurance agent, charged with her murder.

The body was disinterred today at a local cemetery, on order of the prosecuting attorney's office. Three physicians who examined the body today declared death resulted from blows struck on the back of the head.

German Bridge Mine Explodes. PARIS, Dec. 19.—(Havas)—A German mine which had been planted in a bridge at Guise has exploded, killing 15 persons and injuring 25, according to a Guise dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch says the explosion occurred more than a month after the armistice began.

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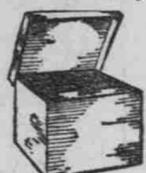
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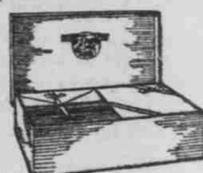
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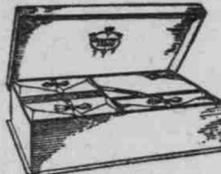
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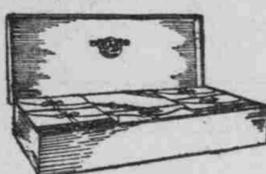
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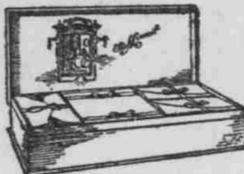
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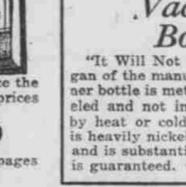
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