

CITIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE THROGGED

War Refugee Problem Proving Serious One.

WAR VICTIMS PENNILESS

Homeless Wanderers, With Employment Scarce, Make Best of Deploable Situation.

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BUDAPEST, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Local problems of destitution are not the only ones of central Europe. In the governments of central Europe, there are hundreds of thousands of refugees who have been scattered over the continent and who usually congregate in the cities. Perhaps the greatest number of these homeless wanderers are Russians whom the explosion in their country has blown to the four winds.

There are tens of thousands of them in Poland, Serbia, Roumania and Germany. The condition of most of these people who have been jarred loose from their homes is pitiable. They have to live as best they can, and their attempts to secure employment are in most cases fruitless because of the lack of money.

In Germany many of them have been gathered into camps, and although the government is not bound to furnish them with anything at all, it attempts to help them in an indirect way. They are allowed about three marks, or at present rates approximately 5 cents a day for subsistence. In order to make this money of any value at all the occupants of the camps have to pool their allowances and purchase a ration of thin soup, accompanied by a few vegetables. In some of these camps are women with infant children, and it is impossible for them to secure any milk or proper food.

Refugees' Plight Pitiable.—The position of the refugees in the cities where they are trying to eke out an existence by their own efforts is deplorable. I happen to know of several instances in Berlin. One, the wife of an intelligent and formerly well-to-do Russian, had absolutely no garment to put on except a dress which she had made out of the bed ticking in her room. Another woman of the better class had no underclothing, stockings or shoes—nothing but an old dress, and was compelled, of course, to keep to her room. Such cases exist wherever refugees are gathered together. The head of one of the camps for Russian refugees in Poland, in describing her work, writes as follows:

"About 1500 refugees are standing in the yard, among them many officers, large land owners, teachers, lawyers and former high officials, diplomats and generals. A crowd as large as that is also standing outside the public kitchen for children. The staff of our public kitchen is quite exceptional. Here are many persons who a short time ago were in very high position. Among those who serve the dinners are four persons, two of whom bear the title of princess and countess, the last one an admiral and the wife of a general."

Feith Plined to American.—Tickets for the dinners are sold by a general who commanded a whole division during the war. In spite of the considerable sums that have been collected our means are now exhausted. Our hope rests on the help given by foreign institutions that have so often come to our rescue. Above all we trust that America will help us again and will save many thousands of children's lives."

Here in Budapest there is a great refugee problem, which concerns Hungarians chiefly. In the railroad yards of Budapest and other towns there are at least 7000 families who have been torn from their old homes, who are living in freight cars on the tracks in the railroad yards. There are about 4500 of these box-car homes and their occupants represent a fair section of the population of the city, where, for some of them are tolerably well off and others are miserable.

These people for the most part have been driven into Budapest because they were residents of territory which was formerly Hungarian, but which has been given over to Serbia, Roumania or Czechoslovakia, and they do not wish to take the oath of allegiance to these countries. They have therefore been packed up such belongings as they could carry with them and have come to Budapest.

Best Made of Situation.—There being no housing accommodations here, they have had to remain in the freight cars in which they and their belongings arrived. Long lines of these cars fill the main railway yards here. I walked along these tracks and took a peep into the side doors of these improvised habitations, and was amazed to see how well people were able to make the best of their difficulties. One family had two cars, which enabled them to make a living room and bedroom of one and a kitchen and dining room of the other. They had set up their own household furniture and had even put up pictures on the walls.

In another car, amidst the household furnishings, there was a grand piano which had not been unpacked. One family had a crate of chickens with which it expected to solve some of the problems of life. In another there was a curly white pig running around, as content as if he had never been yanked from his wallow on the plains.

One man had even tapped the electric light wires and had an incandescent bulb in his car which gave him light. In one of the cars which housed a well-to-do family (which was staying there simply because it was impossible to find quarters in the city) costly furs and wraps hung on a coat tree at the side of the door.

The Hungarian government has warned the people in the territories which have become non-Hungarian to stay where they are and not to flock to Budapest and other Hungarian cities, but they persistently disregard the warning and keep flocking in.

Obituary.

EUGENE Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. B. F. Hamm, prominent in social and church work here for a number of years, having resided with her daughter, Mrs. William Moll Case, wife of the pastor of the Central Presbyterian church since 1917, died yesterday. She lacked one day of being 62 years of age. Besides Mrs. Case she leaves three sons, as follows: M. S. Hamm, superintendent of the Roseburg schools; I. M. Hamm, of Logansport, Ind., who has just come here to reside and G. M. Hamm, sales manager for Weyland Flour company at Kansas City, Mo.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—

The funeral of Peter Ruetzler, for 23 years a resident of Albany and well-known throughout this section of the state as a house-moving contractor for many years who died at his home here Tuesday night, was held this afternoon at the Lutheran church here of which he was a member. The services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Beyerlin, pastor of the church. Interment was at Riverside cemetery.

Funeral services for Peter Roth, 15-year-old son of Valentine Roth, 5721 Eighty-seventh street southeast, who was killed at Coblenz by the accidental discharge of his own automatic pistol, will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's church in Lentz. Interment will be in the military plot in the Mount Scott cemetery.

Roth was serving in the provisional guard at Coblenz when killed. A German policeman had offered to clean his weapon for him when it was accidentally discharged fatally wounding him. This occurred on October 17 of this year and he died November 3.

Roth was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, but had lived in Portland for 11 years. He attended the Lentz school.

Funeral services for Private Harry Ackley, killed in action while with his regiment in France, September 30, 1918, will be held tomorrow at Tillamook, according to Ralph Ackley, brother of the ex-soldier, who resides in Portland. A member of the Oregon national guard, Private Ackley served first on the Mexican border and later, going overseas with the 152d Infantry, was transferred to company I of the 15th Infantry, serving with the latter regiment when killed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—W. J. White, eight years a member of the Salem police department, died suddenly at his home here late last night.

Mr. White was a native of Polk county where he engaged in farming for many years. Later he served as farmer at the state penitentiary. Mr. White is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. The sons are George, Ralph and Ellis White, and the daughter, Mrs. John Drayer, all of Salem. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, M. F. White of Oak Grove, W. W. White of Enterprise, Mrs. F. E. Starbuck of Portland and Mrs. W. C. Kantner of Salem.

HIGHWAY TO BE OPENED
TRAFFIC TO BE ADMITTED TO 14 MILES OF PAVING.

Road From Salmon Creek Bridge to Pioneer May Be Used After January 3.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Pacific highway between Salmon Creek bridge and Pioneer, Wash., will be thrown open to traffic January 3, according to B. L. Dorman, county engineer. This highway was paved this year from the Salmon creek bridge to within half a mile of Pioneer, making 14 miles of pavement from the Columbia river interstate bridge.

The state engineers will begin at once to survey the road from Pioneer to Woodland, Wash., a distance of nine miles. It is expected that this stretch will be paved during 1921. It has been graded and gravelled and has had two years in which to settle, so it will be ready for pavement as soon as work opens in the spring.

The report that the North Bank highway between Vancouver and Camas, Wash., will open January 3 is erroneous, according to Mr. Dorman. The road will be opened January 4, according to the engineer in charge. This is also 14 miles long, but a piece opposite the Bidde country home, a mile and a half, will not be paved until 1921. It was filled in this year and has been allowed to settle. The old road, which is in good shape, will be used until this is paved.

The pavement laid this year on the Pacific highway and the North Bank road was 20 feet wide, of concrete, 7½ inches thick in the center and six inches on the edge.

Fees Allowed in Pittcock Will Case.

Circuit Judge Taxwell yesterday ordered payment of \$75,000 from the Henry L. Pittcock estate as partial compensation for the attorneys who appeared in the will contest proceedings and for the services of O. L. Price, executor, up to the present date. The distribution, made upon motion of Mr. Price, allows \$12,500 each to Charles H. Carey, James B. Kerr, John F. Logan and D. P. Price, all of whom served as counsel for the estate in defending the contest brought by Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, and \$25,000 to O. L. Price for serving as executor.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS SINKS

LAST SACRAMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO CHURCHMAN.

Bishop Corrigan in Bulletin Calls for Prayers and Reading of Litany in All Churches.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—An official bulletin given out tonight by Bishop O. E. Corrigan revealed that the last sacraments of the church had been administered to Cardinal Gibbons, who is seriously ill at the home of Robert T. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.

The bulletin of Bishop Corrigan reads: "The condition of his eminence today has been less favorable than at any time during his illness. He has received the last sacraments and the reverend pastors are requested to urge their people to offer prayer for his eminence's speedy recovery or happy death. All pastors will please have the litany of the blessed Virgin Mary recited after each mass until further orders for that intention. All the priests of the diocese will add in every mass, when the rubrics permit, the prayers from the mass 'Pro infirmis,' reciting the same in the similar number 'Pro Famulo Nostro Infirmitas.' These prayers are to be recited until further orders. The religious communities are also asked to recite the prayers that Almighty God will restore his eminence speedily, if so be his holy will, to strength and good health."

Mr. B. Corrigan, bishop of Meera, vicar-general. Dr. Charles O'Donovan, the cardinal's physician, announced that the cardinal had two fainting spells this morning.

WILLS BENEFIT PUBLIC
School and Hospital Are Beneficiaries Under Eugene Bequests.

EUGENE Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Public institutions are beneficiaries in two wills admitted to probate here yesterday. William Froebel, of Reedport, who died at Mercy hospital in this city December 20, willed all his property to the hospital and to Sister Mercy, and Mrs. Lucy Griswold, who died in this city December 24, willed \$1000 to the College of Missions at Indianapolis, Ind.

The value of Mr. Froebel's estate is estimated at \$1500 and consists of a house and lot and cash in a bank at Reedport and stock in a building and loan association at Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Griswold, who was the mother of Mrs. M. H. Douglas, was the librarian of the University of Oregon, left an estate valued at \$17,000.

YEGGS BLAST BANK VAULT
Currency, Valuable Papers and Bonds Are Loot of Robbery.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The vault of the North Plains Commercial bank at North Plains, six miles north of Hillsboro, was blown last night. About \$400 in currency and valuable papers and bonds of unknown value, belonging to customers, were looted from safe deposit boxes. The extent of the loss will be known until the latter have been checked and examination was postponed until arrival of finger-print experts. The bank's cash was in the burglar-proof box, which was not damaged by the explosion.

The raid was made by automobile and a halt was made on the Hillsboro road, where the booty was sorted. Papers discarded were being recovered by the officers this morning. More nitro-glycerine than was necessary was used, and the vault was wrecked. Mrs. A. L. Troutman of

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DRIVE DETAILS AWAITED

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS TO AID CHINESE PLANNED.

Information to Be Made Public Upon Receipt of Word From Washington.

A. L. Mills and Edward B. Piper, who were appointed by President Wilson to conduct the campaign in Oregon for raising funds for the relief of famine sufferers in China, have not yet launched the drive. Details of the conduct of the campaign have been forwarded by Thomas W. Lamont of New York, and as soon as received in Portland will be announced for the information of the public.

Although the campaign has not yet been launched, subscriptions are already being received. Charles F. Berg has sent in a check of \$50 and with it a letter expressing the sentiment that it is necessary to save the Chinese babies and to relieve the misery in China as in any other place. "Believing that a strong Chinese baby is just as hungry as a famished child of eastern Europe, and believing that there should be no discrimination between God's children, I am making my subscription recently sent the European relief committee by sending my check. I wish you Godspeed in your relief work."

Summs received include \$11 through the Oregon Journal, \$1 from E. C. Long and \$10 from Morris Johnson of White Salmon, Wash., and \$11.50 from various contributors to The Oregonian.

The situation in various provinces of China is desperate, with many millions facing starvation and looking to America for relief, according to authentic information received. It is said the conditions are pitiful beyond words—the worst famine recorded in recent years.

LABEREE WILL UPHELD
First Wife and Children Lose Battle for Estate.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Judge R. H. Bunsell in his decision today in the Labaree will case, in which the children of Oscar G. Labaree attempted to break the will bequeathing an estate valued at approximately \$100,000 to his second wife, Anita Labaree, upheld the validity of the will in detail.

Don R. Labaree and Mrs. Tom Kelley, the children, attacked the will upon the ground that their father was coerced into the marriage while he was mentally deficient as the result of a disease.

Pauper's Oath Is Taken.

Frederick Parks, a salesman of sundry addresses, yesterday took a pauper's oath in connection with his filing papers in bankruptcy. His debts, he says, consist largely of hotel bills and judgments rendered against him in the state district court, and amount to \$15,000. On his assets, totaling \$260.40, he seeks exemption. After taking the pauper's oath he was permitted to file the papers without paying the customary fee of \$30. A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy, will pass upon his claims for exemption for personal property. Parks is acting as his own attorney.

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