

BELGIANS LIVE ON IN HOPE OF LIBERTY

German Governor Describes People as "Politically Undisciplined Children."

INVASION IS DEFENDED

Not to Have Marched Into Country, General Von Bissing Says, Would Have Been Grave Error—"No Other Course Possible."

BRUSSELS, (via London, Feb. 6).—"The Belgians," said General Von Bissing, the new German Governor-General of Belgium, in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press, "are politically undisciplined children. They believe their liberation from German rule may come at any moment and they are strengthened in this belief by the French newspapers, as well as some neutral newspapers which are continually smuggled in."

"When, as frequently happens," continued the Governor-General, "a favorable wind brings the sound of cannon to the city, the Belgians believe the longed-for day has come. On several occasions the date for the return of King Albert has been fixed and no number of disappointments seems to crush the hopes of the people."

Small Obstacles Interposed.

General Von Bissing is 71 years old. He is somewhat above the middle height, spare and wiry, with thin features and demeanor of one who is very just but severe. He strengthened this impression by his answer to the question whether the Belgians had attempted to throw obstacles in his way.

"Only in petty ways," he replied, "by pin-pricks here and there. Undoubtedly they would like to see us, but if they did I should immediately adopt drastic measures."

"What has been the attitude of the Belgian government officials toward the German government?" the German Governor-General was asked. "The municipal officials," General Von Bissing answered, "generally co-operated with us from the beginning. The higher officials took a divided standpoint, while some absolutely refused to have anything to do with us. Officials of the Department of Justice, on the other hand, realizing the importance of a proper functioning of the judicial branch of the government, worked loyally with the military government from the first."

Railway Officials Refuse Aid.

"We have had much trouble with the postal and railway officials. The former are being granted a vote over to co-operate with us, but the latter, feeling that the railways are an important adjunct of warfare—a conception which is not shared by the Belgians—generally have refused to do anything to help us. They feel it would be unpatriotic and disloyal to assist us, even indirectly, in carrying on war against their own land."

"The Belgian civil courts still exist and they try ordinary cases of breaches of the law of the land. All crimes against soldiers of the military government are tried by so-called field courts, which are military courts presided over by German judges."

"It has been asserted," said the interviewer, "that the Belgians were misled and betrayed by their own government and even that they are, without their knowledge, under the complete control of the British and French financial world. Does Your Excellency believe this to be true?"

General Von Bissing's answer to this question was the paragraph quoted in the foregoing to the effect that the "Belgians are politically undisciplined children."

Complete "Germanizing" Yet In Doubt. What inference was to be drawn from his answer, the General did not indicate. He also left unanswered the question whether he believed that if Belgium, or a part of that country, eventually became a part of Germany, it would ever be possible completely to Germanize the country, making it a harmonious portion of the German Empire.

"I don't think that is a question I can answer at the present time," he replied.

General Von Bissing added that conditions in Belgium, on the whole, "were as good as could be expected in the circumstances."

"We are bettering them as rapidly as possible. In some directions we have not yet accomplished what we hoped, but in others we have succeeded better than we expected."

General Von Bissing at first made only emphatic gestures when asked whether, in view of all that had happened, it was not a political and military error to have invaded Belgium.

March Into Belgium Defended.

"Not to have marched into Belgium would have been a grave mistake," he replied. "If we had not done so France and England would, events long before this war made it apparent that some sort of an alliance existed between Belgium and France and Great Britain. The last two named would perhaps have found some pretext to make it appear that they were coming to the aid of Belgium, but they were not violating Belgium's neutrality, but they would have come. Germany then would have found herself in a position of great danger. A strong state simply could not suffer itself to be brought into a position so highly disadvantageous. There was no other course possible for Germany."

Speaking of American relief in Belgium in reply to a query whether such help really were needed, General Von Bissing said:

"It was and still is necessary in the highest degree."

Belgian Food Not Used by Army.

"There have been suggestions," said the representative of the Associated Press, "that the German army has been using some foodstuffs sent to Belgium by Americans. What has Your Excellency to say to that?"

"Such assertions must be denied absolutely. We are not even using any Belgian products at the present time, but are drawing the entire food supply of our soldiers from Germany. It was only during the first days of the occupation that we lived off the country in any degree. As for the American supplies, it is highly important that they keep coming regularly. We are working harmoniously with the American commission and the report that the German government ever placed obstacles in the way of the American relief workers is false."

NOTED WOMEN GIVE AID

Mrs. Hearst and Others Join Council of Suffrage Unions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The work of the Congressional Union for woman suffrage in behalf of the Bristow-McConnell amendment for woman suffrage has

received impetus by the addition of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, of California; Mrs. Edward N. Breitung, of New York, and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, of this city, to the advisory council of the organization. Mrs. Breitung and Mrs. Walsh have a wide executive experience in philanthropic and social work, while Mrs. Hearst is known throughout the country for her active interest in educational and philanthropic work. She is the founder of libraries and educational institutions, among them the mining college of the University of California. She was one of the founders of the National Mothers' Congress and one of the first women in America to establish kindergartens.

Among other Western women who are members of the advisory council are Mrs. Lillian Hurrell Coffin and Mrs. Inez Hagyne Gilmore, of California, and



RETIRED BUSINESS MAN OF THE DALLES HEADS THE OREGONIAN 52 YEARS.

—By Ledgerwood, The Dalles. **George Ruch.** THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—George Ruch, one of the oldest and most highly respected business men of The Dalles, now retired, has for more than 52 years been a constant subscriber to The Oregonian, and declared that he will never be without it. He hasn't missed a single copy. Mr. Ruch first subscribed for The Oregonian in 1863, the year he arrived in The Dalles. He crossed the plains with a party which started from Bethel, Pa., under the leadership of the well-known Dr. William Keil, and arrived in Oregon in 1863. After several years at Kalama, Willapa and Aurora, he came to The Dalles in 1862, and has resided here ever since. One of the oldest Oddfellows in the state, Mr. Ruch has for 45 years been one of the most influential members in Columbia Lodge, No. 5, of The Dalles.

PLOT IS NIPPED AT CEBU

Constabulary Prevents Burning of City by Insurrectos.

MANILA, Feb. 6.—Private dispatches received here from Cebu report that the constabulary last night prevented the execution of what was rumored to be a plan to burn the city and start an insurrection. One small fire broke out, but there was no order.

Rumors were current in Manila that an insurrectionary movement by the Filipino population was imminent here, but apparently there was no basis for them.

Drain Light Plant Operating.

DRAIN, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Drain's new \$6000 municipal lighting plant was opened tonight and for the first time in its history of 59 years Drain has electric lights.

She Stopped Her Son From Drinking

A St. Louis Woman Stopped Her Son From Drinking With a Simple Home Recipe That She Gave Secretly.

She Tells What She Gave.

A well-known resident of St. Louis, whose son had used liquor to excess for years, broke him of the habit by using a simple home recipe which she gave secretly. In reply to the question as to what she used she made the following statement: "I used a simple prescription which I mixed at home and it is as follows: To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of muriate of ammonia, a small box of Varley's Compound and 10 grains of pepper. I gave a teaspoonful three times a day in his coffee. Any druggist can mix it for you, or supply these ingredients at very little cost. This recipe can be given secretly in coffee, tea or milk, or in the food, as it has no taste, color or smell and is perfectly harmless. I believe any mother or wife can do as I have and rid their dear ones of this awful habit."—Adv.

CURE YOUR COLD IN A FEW HOURS AND FEEL FINE

"Pape's Cold Compound" opens clogged nose and head and ends gripe.

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs. It promptly opens clogged nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed-up. Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head! Nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as Pape's Cold Compound, which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.—Adv.

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Those who appreciate unusual values will do well to visit this store tomorrow and Tuesday. They will make a profitable investment of time and a most economical exchange of cash for seasonable goods. Every section of the store presents a wonderful list of real bargains in inducements which we offer are beyond all competition, and will certainly prove irresistible to any woman who is interested in positive money-saving.

A Sensational Sale of Women's High-Grade Muslinwear

Combination Suits, Princess Slips, Gowns and Skirts, made of high-grade materials in all this season's styles. 86c Reg. \$1.25 values at...

Surpasses previous efforts as to beauty, style, workmanship and low prices. Don't wait too long to share in this special feature of our great February Sale of Muslin Underwear. Read the following items and come prepared to secure extraordinary values. You have choice from:
Combination Suits—Made of excellent quality nainsook and crepe in the popular envelope, knickerbocker, plain and circular styles. They come in either corset cover and skirt or corset cover and drawers, neatly trimmed with lace insertions and embroideries. They are shown in all sizes.

Princess Slips—Made of sheer nainsook and crepe, neatly trimmed with fine laces, embroideries and insertions. The skirts are trimmed to match with deep flounce or plain hem with scalloped embroidery edge.

Gowns—Made of fine quality nainsook and crepe in the popular slip-over, high or V-neck styles, with either long or short sleeves. They are all neatly trimmed with fancy yokes, tucks, laces, insertions and fine embroideries. Shown in extra good length and fullness.
Skirts are made of high-grade materials, neatly trimmed with deep flounces of embroideries, laces and insertions, or neatly finished with plain hem or scalloped embroidery edge. A fine assortment to choose from.
Garments made to sell regularly at \$1.25, this sale at... 86c

Every Favored New Style to Choose From in This Great Showing Women's Spring Suits \$12.50 to \$30

Suits of Marked Individuality, practical, dressy and without doubt the finest examples of clever designing and honorable workmanship ever sold at the above prices right at the beginning of the season, when you can receive full value from the wearing. Particularly attractive are the new models in American Wool Poplins, American Serges, Coverts and Gabardines, etc., which are shown in the popular new shades such as Gettysburg Gray, Rocky Mountain Blue, Newport Tan, Palm Beach Navy, and the ever-fashionable Black and White Stripes. Included are the most favored new Spring style Coats in Norfolk and High-Belted models, and Skirts in circular effects, charming styles, so different from those of the past season. We urge you to come now and see the showing while it is at its best. You'll find we are offering unmatched values at prices from \$12.50 to \$30.00.

Extraordinary Are the Values Offered in These Women's Silk and Lace Waists \$3.89

A great many styles to select from in values up to \$7.50, all to go on sale at the low price of... \$3.89
None Sent C. O. D. on Approval and None Exchanged—A special closing out of broken lines of Women's Waists in Crepe de Chine, Messaline and Georgette Silks; also in fine Laces. A great variety of styles to select from especially appropriate for dress and evening wear; most all sizes and values to \$7.50, on sale at... \$3.89

A Sacrifice Price on a Fine Lot of Beautiful High-Grade Silks 98c

Both plain shades and novelties in most every fashionable weave. Desirable colors and charming patterns. Silks that will stand the test of comparison without flinching; \$1.50 to \$2.50 qualities at, the yard... 98c
See Our Morrison Street Window Display—In arranging for a quick and satisfactory disposal of this great overstock of high-grade Silks, we find that while under ordinary circumstances there would be enough to easily withstand a week's selling, yet owing to the extraordinary circumstances, the great variety and unusual price reductions are factors that will probably sell every yard in half the ordinary time. We predict that in three days the last piece will have passed to other hands, so don't delay coming. Included are:
40-inch Black Messaline Silks of deep, rich luster and in a soft pliable weave.
40-inch Brocaded Poplins in most any desirable color and in neat small designs.
36-inch Black Satin Duchesse—a Silk of unusual richness and durability.
40-inch Brocaded Crepe de Chines, shown in a great variety of colors; also Plain Colored Poplins.
40-inch Printed Crepes in a wonderful variety of colorings and patterns.
36-inch Black Paillette de Soie, Black Swiss Taffetas, Printed Satins and Twilled Lining Satins.
36-inch Cheney Bros.' Plain Colored Dress Satins, Swiss Messaline Silks in all colors. Also Hairline Striped Messalines and a great variety of Novelty Dress and Waist Silks in designs and colorings suitable for both street and evening wear.
Silks that were bought to sell regularly at \$1.50 to \$2.50 a yard, are priced for this sale at only... 98c

Unusually Attractive Values in Beautiful New Embroideries

Our special display tables in the Center Aisle are crowded to overflowing with thousands of yards of beautiful, crisp, new Embroideries. They exemplify the finest of workmanship and materials and include the latest and best patterns. Our new Spring stock placed on sale for the first time and offered at attractively low prices.

Imported Voiles, Organdies 35c to \$1.59

An unlimited assortment of fine imported Embroideries in voiles and organdies, shown in light pastel shades and in plain white. They come in a full variety of new patterns and in all widths from three-inch edges up to 45-inch flouncings. Very special values from 35c to \$1.59 a yard.
27-inch Baby Flouncings, with ruffled, hemstitched and scalloped edges, 25c, 37c, 48c to 95c
27-inch Dress Flouncings in conventional and floral designs, at, yard. 25c, 37c, 48c to 95c
45-inch Voile Flouncings in a full range of dainty new patterns, yd. 37c, 48c, 98c to \$1.59
45-inch Batiste Flouncings in unusual attractive patterns; at all prices from 50c to \$1.25
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A Sale of School Shoes for Boys and Girls

Girls' \$3.00 nine-inch Button Shoes, sizes 9 to 2, at, the pair... \$1.69
Girls' \$2.50 nine-inch Button Shoes, sizes 11½ to 1, at, the pair... 98c
Boys' \$3.00 Imported English Boots, sizes 1 to 5, at, the pair... \$2.48
Boys' \$2.50 Imported English Boots, sizes 9 to 13½, at, the pair... \$1.98
Misses' and Young Ladies' "Baby Doll" Flat-heel and Cloth-top Shoes, in patents and calf leathers, all sizes; regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 lines, on sale at... \$2.39