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FEEDING 50,000 HUNGRY BELGIANS EVERY DAY

American Relief Commission Has Established Largest Soup Kitchen in the World. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 11.—The soup kitchen organized in Brussels by the American Commission for Relief is now undoubtedly the largest in the world. Nearly fifty thousand people entirely destitute wait in the "bread lines" every day and over six thousand gallons of soup and four thousand kilograms of bread are daily distributed to them. "Unlike the bread lines I have seen in America," says the report from one of the representatives in Brussels, "these are all people of one nationality and all with a common and undeserved misfortune. They are of all classes but we know none of them save by number because no matter what their station or the extent of their misfortune they still have the common sense and many of them, if they were compelled to write their names on coupons when they get the soup would rather starve than take it. None of them think that they will always have to be in the bread lines and every one of them feels that when it is all over they will want to forget that they have been destitute. "The soup for these pitiful flotsam and jetsam of war is all prepared in the large storehouses of the International Express Company Van Gand. More than one hundred people are engaged in this work. Among them are former chefs of some of the leading hotels of Brussels, who give directions as to the kind and quality of the soup, its ingredients and their proportions. Under them are those who clean the vegetables—potatoes, carrots, beans, etc.—and prepare the meat. This entire staff is composed of volunteers except the chefs who receive at the most half a crown a day. "From three o'clock in the morning, when the cooking of the first 5000 gallons of soup is started, the scene in the circus-like storehouse of the Express Company is one of tremendous activity with the moving figures of the hundred white-clad chefs, the fires ablaze under scores of immense cauldrons—all dimly seen through the shifting clouds of pungent steam rising from the boiling soup. "When the soup is cooked it is sent, under the seals of the Commission and under the protection of the American flag, in large lorries to the twenty-one canteens, scattered all over Brussels. These canteens were formerly schools, dance halls, Turkish baths, etc. During the morning, whenever one goes, women and children may be seen coming and going with pitchers of steaming soup and their ration of bread under their arms."

NEWS OF WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

SAYS TURKS ARE TRICKY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 10.—A correspondent of the Tasvir-i-Eskiar sends a number of interesting episodes from the bombardment of the Turkish coast north of the city of Alexandrette. The most interesting or these is how the threatened bombardment of the city itself was averted. After shelling the railroad line near Pajas, a British cruiser appeared before Alexandrette, where, meanwhile, the two locomotives of a train which had been partly demolished by British shells also arrived. The commander of the British vessel demanded the surrender of the garrison of Alexandrette and the transfer of all arms in the city within eighteen hours under penalty of bombardment of all public buildings. The reply made by the Turkish commander was that for each Turk killed he would hang an Englishman. In the end it was arranged that the blowing-up of the two locomotives which had escaped the bombardment at Pajas would settle the matter. The correspondent speaks of the locomotives as "culpable," but does not explain the reason why he uses this term. Later in the day the Turkish commander sent word to the British cruiser that he could not find any dynamite for the blowing up of the locomotives. All dynamite had been sent to Damascus, he asserted. The commander of the British cruiser then offered to supply enough explosives for the destruction of the two locomotives. While these parables were in progress a Turkish locomotive engineer had quietly steamed to Pajas, hooked his engine to the partly demolished but still mobile train and then made off in the direction of Mersina. When the English heard of this they made the two locomotives in Alexandrette useless, and then steamed back to Pajas, too late however, to reach the train with their guns. With throttle wide open the Turkish engineer was well away towards the interior when the British cruiser arrived off Pajas. To make the humiliation of the British more complete they had meanwhile been joined by the Russian cruiser "Askold." When the two returned to Alexandrette they found that the commander of the city still insisted that for each Turk killed in the proposed bombardment an Englishman would be killed, not by breaking his neck at the end of the rope, but by strangulation, possibly, the most horrible form of death. Checkmated, the two cruisers steamed for other ports.

SHARPSHOOTERS BUSY

Claim They Kill More Men Than Are Lost in Battles. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) DUNKIRK, France, Feb. 11.—The activities of the highly efficient German sharpshooters have been responsible for a large proportion of the casualties in the French and British armies during the past two months. Lieutenant H. G. Vouzier of the French army, writes of these sharpshooters: "During the past three weeks I have lost more men by the sniper than I did in three stiff engagements. Our position is not unlike a golf links—half a mile from the club house we are bunkered and nicely under cover, but immediately one of us shows a head a bullet whizzes past. In one day ten were hit and for the life of us we could not locate the place where their snipers were concealed. At last we found it: four hundred yards in front of us in the open were several prominent tufts of grass. One of my men fired into one of these tufts, and a sniper fell into view mortally wounded. A hundred yards to the right was another tuft which we demolished with a fusillade of shots. When it was dark we found there two dead Germans, who were warmly clad and wrapped in rugs. "We decided to imitate the tactics of the Germans. Two of our men volunteered to become waterrats, just as the Germans had become field mice. Under cover of darkness they wormed themselves into the bank at the water edge of a stagnant pool, and the next day they picked off many Germans before they were discovered."

WOMAN TRAVELS IN AUSTRIA

Englishwoman Tells of War's Effect on Germany's Ally. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 11.—That it is not impossible for English people to make their way through Germany and Austria is shown by the return to London of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lantay after a business trip to Vienna. Mr. Lantay had important business interests in Austria, which two months after the war began, demanded his presence in Vienna. He had made the trip so often in times of peace that he scoffed at his friends' warnings of the likelihood of imprisonment and possible death as a spy. He took his wife with him, and proceeded in his accustomed manner across Germany. They were not molested and remained in Vienna nearly three months, making no particular effort to conceal themselves. Their return was made by another route, but was accomplished without accident. Mrs. Lantay thus described her adventure: "Of course we did not report ourselves, but simply lived in Vienna. We would have got into trouble, no doubt, if the authorities had known the circumstances, but my husband, being of Austrian parentage, though a naturalized Englishman, was able to carry things through. "It is really remarkable the kindness with which English people are treated in Vienna. In the shops I found it possible to do my trading in English, which almost all the attendants speak fluently. The feeling among the people whom I met seemed to be friendly toward the English, and an English lady who is teaching in the schools told me that she notices no diminution in the number of pupils studying the English language. "Within the past two or three weeks the military authorities in Vienna have begun to tighten the restrictions surrounding aliens. At present, I believe, no alien enemy is allowed to go out after 8 o'clock at night; they are not allowed to enter theaters and coffee houses, and violations of the alien enemy restrictions are punishable with a fine of \$400. "Vienna has begun to feel the pressure of the war very severely. The city is one huge hospital, and in many sections the children cannot go to school because the buildings are required for hospital purposes. The University buildings and the Parliament House are also being used for hospitals. In the streets one sees hardly anything but wounded soldiers and civilians in mourning. "The prices of every day commodities are rising rapidly, and the supply is being so safeguarded that it is impossible to obtain any more than a supply for a day or so. The big loaf of bread which used to be sold for a cent or two has dwindled in size until it is barely three inches around and the price is four cents. Meat is very expensive and petroleum is 6 cents for a half pint. Dress materials, which Vienna used to obtain mostly from London, are scarcely obtainable at any price. "The town is full of smallpox and long lines of people are seen waiting outside the public physicians' offices for vaccination. The scarcity of men laborers is being met by the use of women and cripples for such work as street cleaning and housebuilding. A short time ago there was a heavy fall of snow which blocked the streets; a large force of women was employed to pile it up and clear a path for wagons along the principal thoroughfares. There are many women earning good wages as carpenters. "I think the Austrians are generally very loyal to Germany. They look upon the Kaiser as the greatest leader of a century, and they are entirely confident that he will carry the war to a triumphant conclusion."

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MANAGER PLAN FOR SCHOOL

Innovation in School Management at Mason City Works Nicely MASON CITY, Feb. 10.—The board of education of the Mason City public schools is giving the manager plan a thorough test. The city nearly two years ago, adopted the commission form of government, but this does not include the public schools. The board is composed of professional men who do not have the time to give close attention to detail, and in order that the best results might be obtained they secured the services of Raymond L. James, and his official title is city manager of schools. Call up the president of the board or any of its members and they refer you to the city manager and they look to him to see that the schools are run on an economical and sound basis. Another innovation is that the public schools of Mason City are without a superintendent and the plan is working fine. J. E. Palmer is principal of the high school and F. M. Hammit is principal of grades, and these men are responsible to the board alone. The board is quite satisfied with both plans and there is complete harmony all around. There is probably no city in the state or country that has similar plans.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that George W. Weststead was appointed Administrator of the estate of Paul Ephraim Hassell, deceased, on the 12th day of November, 1914, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County. All persons having claims against the aforesaid estate are required to present them at the office of Peck & Peck, First National Bank Building, Marshfield, Oregon, to the undersigned, as required by law. GEORGE WESTSTEAD, Administrator. (First publication, January 21, 1915. Last publication, February 18, 1915.)

GREAT NORTHERN ON WAY.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 11.—President L. C. Gilman, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company, received a wireless message from the express steamer Great Northern, announcing that it had left Balboa on February 3 and was proceeding up the coast. The message came to Portland via Philadelphia. The Great Northern left Philadelphia January 28. She will be due in San Francisco about February 13.

FOR CHANNEL TUNNEL.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The Paris press has again taken up the question of the projected tunnel under the English Channel, some writers pointing out that had the project been realized the cooperation of British and French troops would have been so facilitated as to have had an appreciable effect on the military operations.

COIN BELGIAN MONEY.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—News received from Brussels indicates that the Germans are coining five franc pieces of the effigy of Albert I. with plates of the Belgian mint had failed to remove.

SHIPPING AT GARDINER.

The schooners Lucy and Louise are in and are taking on cargoes of lumber for San Pedro. It is reported that the Sadie and Caroline are on their way to this port to take out a cargo of lumber for California points. The San Pedro will leave San Francisco on the eight with freight for Gardiner, Reedsport, Scottsburg and other Umpqua points.—Gardiner Courier. Hotel. Phone 74.

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JEWS HARD PRESSED.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Feb. 11.—The large number of Jewish refugees who are reaching this city from Palestine are becoming a serious problem here. They are brought without charge by the American cruiser Tennessee from Jaffa, and available accommodations here are already strained to the utmost. The refugees report that a pronounced anti-Semitic persecution has been started around Jaffa, owing to the charge that the Jews favor the Allies.

SOLDIERS HAVE PAPERS.

DUNKIRK, France, Feb. 11.—Almost every long stretch of trench has its weekly newspaper which combines sober official orders and reports of the week's fighting with humorous sallies and personal jottings of the most intimate character. A recent review of the "Trench Press" shows a list of nearly a score of periodicals which have been published with sufficient continuity to justify their mention as "established papers."

NOTED PUGILIST SLAIN.

BOULOGNE, France, Feb. 11.—Max Ludo, the French heavyweight boxer, known also as Ludovic Mercadier, who brought out Carpenter, has been killed in action.

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