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"C.R.B." Appeals to America to Keep Belgian Destitute Off Bread Lines



ONE OF THE SOUP STATIONS IN BRUSSELS.

IN BELGIUM AND NORTHERN FRANCE THERE ARE 7,000 OF THESE BREAD LINES, AND THEY GROW LONGER DAILY.

Commission Wants New Clothing or Material For Its Manufacture, For More Than 3,000,000 Helpless In Belgium and Northern France

DURING a trip of inspection which covered the London, Rotterdam, Brussels and Belgian provincial offices of the Commission For the Relief of Belgium a correspondent was privileged to witness the preparations for the second winter's campaign of the huge relief body.

mission must import fodder if the country is not soon to be entirely denuded of these necessities. Sixteen months of blockade have exhausted most of the raw material, hence the growing of the bread line. Not only have 4,500,000 of Belgian work people no means with which to buy bread, but their spinning mills have run out of material after having run two days weekly for the last year.

mittees add a small margin to cover the incidental cost of milling, the fixed price of white bread being 3.35 cent a pound.

The bread line seems endless all ready, but is growing. Looking down a Brussels street, the line, waiting patiently, was lost in the mist. And yet in Belgium and northern France there are 7,000 of these lines, some of which in the remoter provinces are already suffering intensely for the want of warm clothing.

BELGIANS SHOW KEEN THANKS FOR KINDNESS

American Commission Warmly Cheered by Crowds.

Amos Johnson of 338 Olive street, Kansas City, a graduate of Kansas University in mining engineering, has just returned to his home from Belgium, where he has been assisting in the work of the commission for relief in Belgium.

In discussing his experiences in Belgium Mr. Johnson said at the offices of the commission, 71 Broadway, in part: "What America has done for Belgium has created a sentiment that I believe never will pass. Indeed, it has changed the sentiment of all Europe, where we have been considered only a nation of money getters, but when it was proved that we could spend our dollars for ideals there was a big change."

"But in Belgium it is positively embarrassing to be met everywhere with cheers and lifted hats from thousands of people. Wherever the commission's cars stop they are surrounded by cheering crowds, and the expressions of thankfulness were even more touching when we were permitted to carry flags on the machines and the national colors in our coat lapels."

"The offices of the commission are packed with thousands of little personal gifts and perhaps millions of letters of thanks to Americans."

Mr. Johnson exhibited a small sheet of parchment beautifully illuminated, given to him by a nun. It bore a picture of the Saviour at a table and beneath it an inscription in Latin, roughly translated, "They will recognize Him by the morsel of bread." On the reverse side below crossed Belgian and American flags was written in English, "May Almighty God give back a hundredfold all that America has done for Belgium. Mechtilde de Volder, Abbey of Meredret, near Dinant."

"The work of the Americans in distributing food and clothing is largely supervisory," said Mr. Johnson. "Most of the actual work is done by the Belgians. We have had to see that supplies were evenly distributed. The population is absolutely dependent upon the American supply, and the stock on hand would only supply the country about two weeks. I was in Brussels one time when a shipment of bad wheat was delivered. In two days there was a shortage of bread."

One of the most interesting but little known phases of the world's war abroad is the novel method employed by the women of northern France to obtain shirts for their little ones. The accompanying photographs show how meal sacks from California were turned into shirts. Even allowing for the reduction of birth rate due to the war there have been thousands of births in northern France since the invasion, and mothers there are being put to a severe test to preserve the lives of the kiddies.

BELGIANS NEED CLOTHES.

Prof. Kellogg of Stanford Says Relief Work Will Cease if Clothing is Not Sent.

Professor Vernon L. Kellogg of Stanford university, assistant director of the "C.R.B." for France, who recently returned to America, says that "if clothing and shoes are not sent to Belgium and northern France immediately the whole work will have to be given up."

In discussing the conditions among the people of northern France Professor Kellogg said:

"The population of the German occupied territory in France is two and a quarter million. They are practically entirely dependent upon food which is brought into their territory by the 'C.R.B.' Neither the French people nor the commission has heretofore applied to charity. All of the food furnished by the commission to the French in the north of France has been provided by French sources outside of the occupied territory. While this has been sufficient to provide a minimum living ration for these people, it is not sufficient to provide the clothing and shoes now imperatively needed in this region."

"It is imperative that clothing and shoes be sent at once into this region," continued Professor Kellogg. "The 'C.R.B.' through its organization will be able to import and distribute to these unfortunate French people whatever clothing and shoes can be provided by the charity of the world."

"America, having done so much for Belgium, is naturally looked to by the French as the prime source of this charity," he continued. "What is needed is not old, worn out clothing, but new clothing or cloth for making up into clothes." According to Professor Kellogg, the advantage of gifts of cloth or of money for the purchase of cloth is that clothing especially suitable for these people can be made by themselves. This making, he says, will in effect give employment to many thousands men and women who are now necessarily idle. It will also enable them in some measure to pay for the food supplies furnished them and thus give them a feeling of self respect and independence most desirable.

According to Mr. Chadbourn, the sight of the French kiddies running around with gauzy pictures of Indian heads, Minnehaha falls and slogans of millers on their backs would have stirred the innermost depths of the most calloused. "This little incident brings strikingly before us the great importance of clothing and shoes."

SLIP BRINGS DREAM TRUE.

Printer Laughed, but Loses Hand Exactly as Foretold.

Kansas City.—John W. Reed of the Reed Printing company dreamed the other night of cutting off his hand in a paper cutter in his shop. He laughed when he told about the dream and said he was not superstitious and had no fear.

Next day as he passed the cutter Reed slipped and struck the lever. His left hand went under the blade and was severed at the wrist.

The workmen, remembering the dream, became confused and ten minutes passed before a physician was called.

It would seem that the average farmer has neither the skill nor the inclination to take up sheep raising. A writer in the Live Stock World suggests the thought that until the women of the farm divide their attention between poultry and the small farm flock sheep will have an inconspicuous place in live stock husbandry on our corn belt farms.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Keep selecting and pushing the best off to market as soon as they are fit.

Be sure that the colts go into winter quarters in the pink of condition, for there is where the profit comes in.

If you see a low class, nondescript buck running with a flock of sheep, you know at once the owner is behind the times.

It pays to raise two liters a year, but it is not every man who has the gumption to do it.

The stored up feed for the winter feeding of the flock should be clover or alfalfa hay, oats, wheat bran, linseed meal and roots.

A little thoughtfulness for the colt every day is what he needs. See that he is made comfortable and kept growing. These things are essentials.

Old Folks Saved From Suffering

Mrs. Mary A. Dean, Taunton, Mass., in her 87th year, says: "I thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proven most beneficial in my case."

Mr. Sam A. Hoover, High Point, N.C., writes: "My kidney trouble was worse at night and I had to get up from five to seven times. Now I do not have to get up at night, and consider myself in a truly normal condition, which I attribute to Foley Kidney Pills, as I have taken nothing else."

Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mass., says: "I suffered from kidney ailments for two years. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago, and though I am 51 years of age, I feel like a 16-year-old girl."

Foley Kidney Pills are tonic, strengthening and up-building, and restore normal action to the kidneys and to a disordered and painful bladder. They act quickly and contain no dangerous or harmful drugs.

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FINGER TIPS AID EDISON TO HEAR

Wireless Helps Deaf Inventor to Preside Over Naval Board.

FOOLS DISTINGUISHED BODY

Assistant Keeps Him Informed of Everything Said and Done by Means of Telegraphing Finger Tips That Touched Edison's Knee Under Table—Inventor Himself Tells of Hoax.

West Orange, N. J.—Thomas A. Edison's friends who know of the inventor's deafness have been marveling at the success with which he presided at the recent meetings in Washington of the new naval consulting board. It was learned that Mr. Edison fooled every member of that distinguished body of men, including President Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels; that he heard little that was said during the board's deliberations and that he was enabled to preside so well because his assistant, who was present, kept him informed of everything said and done by means of a telegraphing finger tip that touched Mr. Edison's knee under the table.

Mr. Edison himself told the story of the hoax to some of his friends, and his



Photo by American Press Association.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF THOMAS A. EDISON

partner in it. Miller Reese Hutchison, his chief engineer and personal representative, corroborated it.

Three or four years ago Mr. Hutchison fell a victim to whooping cough. He lost his voice temporarily. Mr. Edison, who began his career as a telegraph operator, suggested to Mr. Hutchison that he learn the Morse code. Mr. Hutchison did this, and in that way they began a system of communication based upon it and operated by tapping off the dots and dashes with the fingers. As they have been inseparable companions they have used this means of talking with each other a great deal and have been able to exchange words even in sleeping lands.

Mr. Edison has never abated his deafness to bother him. In fact, he has considered it an asset in his work, as he has been able to move about in his busy factory without being distracted by its great noises.

But recently when the inventor went to Washington to preside over the destinies of the new board of which Secretary Daniels made him the head, he was embarrassed for the first time at his loss of hearing. But he took Mr. Hutchison with him and posted him at his right and close by his side when at the board met. Mr. Hutchison tapped to Mr. Edison everything that was said, sometimes verbatim and sometimes boiling it down into fewer words. By means of this Mr. Edison directed the board's discussions and even found time to flash back to Mr. Hutchison comments upon what his assistant had already interpreted to him.

Mr. Hutchison was able to send Morse messages to Mr. Edison at the rate of thirty words a minute, and as the speeches were said to have been delivered in a more or less deliberate fashion he was able to keep up with almost every sentence of every address.

Mr. Edison and his assistant also worked the Morse code with their eyes. With them a quick wink means a dot and a long wink means a dash, and they talk to each other in this way when they wish to convey a message of a private nature when they are surrounded by other persons and are too far apart for the finger tapping method.

TROUSERS FOR SUFFRAGETTE.

Mexican Girl in Soldier's Uniform Leads First Parade.

Brownsville, Tex.—Led by a young girl named Luisa Caballo, an unusual woman suffrage demonstration, the first ever held in northern Mexico, was carried out by a number of Mexican women at Reynosa, Mexico, seventy-five miles from here. Miss Caballo appeared garbed as a soldier and defied the authorities when ordered to resume women's apparel.

She was told that, while the law permitted a woman to wear a coat, she could not appear in soldier's trousers. A compromise finally was effected with the aid of a little drapery in the form of suffrage bags.

The Guide Post

If the guide post said: "This way to the place you wanted"—that is the way you would go.

You would not let some stranger persuade you to go the opposite direction.

When you read an advertisement in this newspaper you are looking at a series of guide posts. One of these may give you just the information you are seeking. And when it does ask for the article you want by name.

Do not take something "just as good." Stick to the guide post that points to the road of satisfaction.

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CHICKEN RANCH—15 acres, close in, \$30 down and \$15 a month.

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