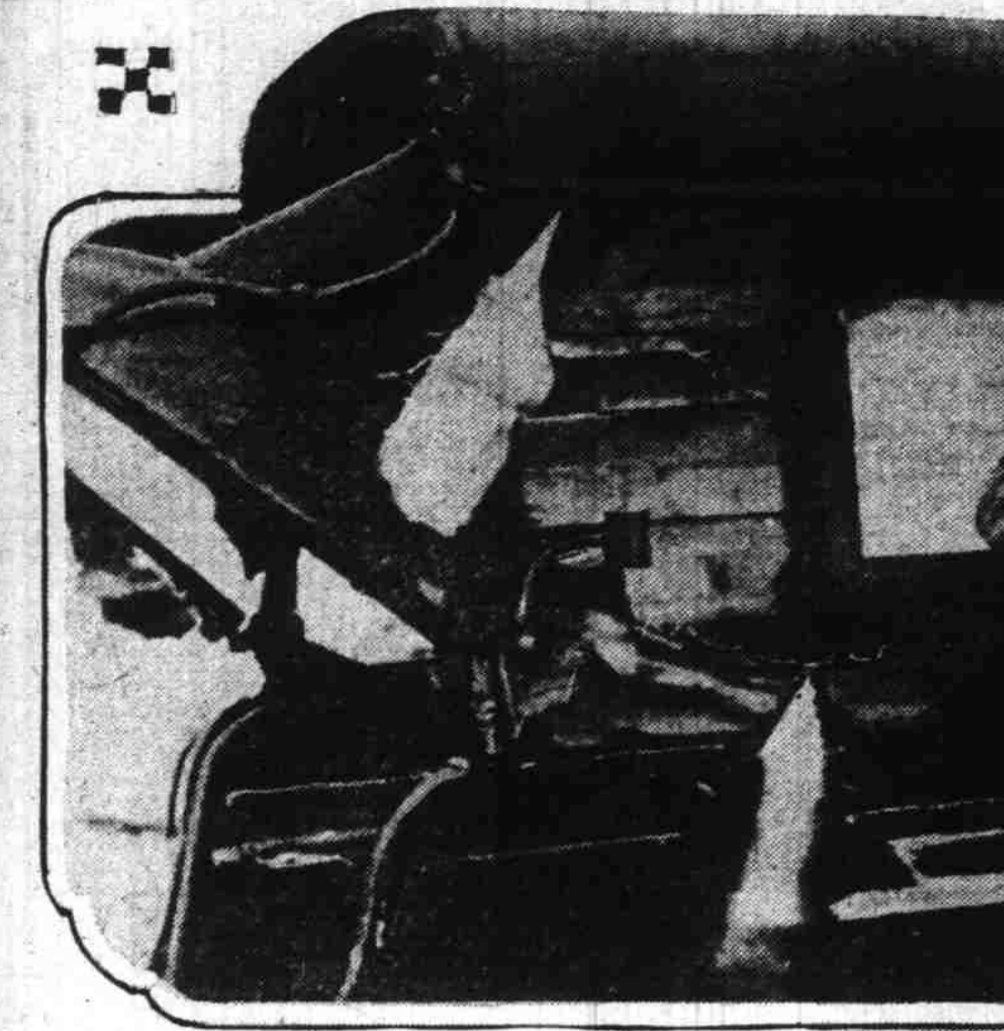


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FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPLAINS PLANS THAT WERE TO KEEP PARIS PEOPLE FED HAD THE GERMANS SUCCEEDED IN INVESTING CAPITAL

When Teutons Began Their March Last August Elaborate Arrangements Were Made for Feeding Three Million Mouths Within Circle of Fortifications.

By Henry Wood. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Paris, April 6.—(By Mail to New York.)—Had the Germans last fall really besieged Paris and had the siege continued until today, would the gay Parisians now be suffering from lack of food? This is the question which has just been asked the French government, and it has promptly replied, "Not on your life," or words to that effect. Now that Paris really isn't in danger, the government has just consented to explain in full all of the excellent preparations that were made for feeding the city. In fact there is more than a faint suspicion that France really sought the occasion of telling how much better she would have eaten than Germany is eating now. Deputy Adrien Darlac, chairman of the committee on agriculture in the chamber of deputies, is the man who was chosen by the government to tell how it would have been done. And he has left no detail unexplained.

Prepared for a Siege. When the Germans last August began their sudden march on Paris all of the machinery which had previously been arranged to prepare for the feeding of the 3,000,000 mouths of Paris in the event of a siege was at once put into motion. The operation of this machinery involved no less than 8500 men under the direction of 800 directors.

Four grand divisions of the work were at once established. The first one was known as "the service of exploitation of resources available." This department at once proceeded to an inventory of all the food supplies to be found within the entrenched camp, but this included not only Paris, but the Seine, the Seine-et-Oise and a portion of Seine-et-Marne.

The second division, "the service of warehouses and markets," was charged with dividing up all the arrivals of food supplies and supervising the 55 stations and ports at which food supplies could arrive. It also had the task of taking care of the herd of 100,000 steers, 80,000 sheep, 40,000 hogs and 2500 calves which were to be maintained within the entrenched camp. The details allotted to this department included even the daily pasturization of the milk from the 2500 cows.

Food Factories Kept Busy. The third division, "the service of mills, manufactories and cold storage plants," had among its duties that of keeping 40 flour mills and 30 food factories in constant operation. The fourth division, "the service of manufacture and preservation," occupied itself chiefly with the operation of 40 factories for the curing of meat and the preparation of fruit preserves.

Although the case is one of the gravest importance. One of the suspects, named Kuepferle, professes to be an American. Another representative, Dubussy, says he is a naturalized Englishman, while the third, who gives the name of Hahn, does not admit that he is a German subject. Kuepferle came here from the United States, first visiting Dublin and then coming to London, where he is said to have been waiting passage across the channel.

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Harvard Squad Is Operating in Alsace. Eleven Alumni, Including Former Assistant Secretary of U. S. Treasury, Driving Cars in Ambulance Section. Paris, April 17.—The Harvard section of the American ambulance corps designated by the French military authorities to aid the wounded of the French army of the Vosges is operating in Alsace. This section consists of ten ambulances, one repair car and one pilot car, all in charge of 14 American volunteer drivers, of whom 11 are graduates of Harvard university. This group is part of a total of 80 ambulances with the name of the United States given by individuals or by college groups. Each bears a metal plate with the name of the donor, and a record is kept of what each car does. Fifteen thousand wounded men have been transported from the lines where they fell to a base hospital, and the cost has been approximately \$1 for each man. A. Platt Andrew Jr., former assistant secretary of the United States treasury, is field inspector of the corps, and Dr. Edmund K. Gros is chief surgeon. The work of some of the sections, especially that at Dunkirk, has been taken as a model upon which the allies are organizing their ambulance corps. The American ambulance corps is so expert in handling wounded that a squad of them has been invited to appear before military doctors in Paris and give instructions to French stretcher bearers.



Top, left to right—Two German soldiers in East Prussian region occupy an old wagon abandoned by the Russians. A factory building in the suburbs of Paris wrecked by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin. Bottom—German soldiers in Poland engaged in trench building operations, pause for their noonday meal.

HUNGARY-BLAMED FOR HIGH COST OF LIVING BY MAYOR OF VIENNA

Declares That Food Supplies Were Withheld and Unjust Prices Demanded.

Vienna, April 17.—Birkomaster Weiskirchner of Vienna has criticized Hungary, Italy and Roumania for withholding food supplies from the people of this city. Some of the most emphatic parts of a recent address were as follows: "In anticipation of coming events I began buying flour for the community in August last year. We bought 2,000,000 crowns (\$400,000) worth. In all we paid 15,000,000 crowns (\$3,000,000) for food supplies.

Three Arrested in London as Spies. Men Held by British Are Accused of Using Invisible Ink in Forwarding Tips to Germany.

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French Estimate Germany's Losses

Say 31,376 Officers Are Killed, Wounded or Missing—More than Half of Original Army in List.

Paris, April 17.—The press bureau of the war office gave out figures, compiled from official German lists of losses of officers. These show, the press bureau says, that of a total number of 480 generals in times of peace, 43 have been killed and 57 are wounded or missing.

Germany May Let Austria Quit War. Opinion Prevails at Home That Teuton Nations Plan to End Conflict Without Humiliation to Berlin.

Rome, April 17.—Despite repeated denials the conviction still prevails here that Austria possibly will conclude a separate peace with the allies. According to the terms of the Austro-German alliance concluded in 1879 a separate peace is allowed when one of the contracting parties is powerless to aid the other and is obliged to use its entire army in defense of its own frontiers.

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Representative of the British Red Cross Society Tells of Terrible Conditions Brought on by Disease; Doctors Have Waged Losing Fight Against Dread Typhus.

By Captain E. N. Bennett, Commissioner in Serbia for the British Red Cross Society.

Nish, Serbia, April 17.—Here is the picture of an Austrian prisoner camp. This is not a hospital, remember, but simply an area where 750 Austrians have been collected. Nevertheless, disease has fallen like a blight upon the camp. At an earlier date one doctor was in charge of this camp, but he is now struck down by typhus. Typhus, dysentery, smallpox, diphtheria, have swept over the place last week only 30 men out of 750 could stand on their feet.

Dead Lie Abandoned for Days. A recent note, a number of recumbent forms covered with crusty coats, and found on removing these that five out of the number were already dead and had been dead for several days. There was nobody to remove the corpses. Here and there a poor wretch crawled about on his hands and knees to fetch a cup of water to a prostrate comrade. This was all the "attendance" which was visible, and the shocking condition of the men and the ground on which they lie can be imagined.

Doctors Beaten by Typhus. They have fought a gallant fight against terrific odds, but typhus has beaten them. At this moment two orderlies are dead, three have been invalided home, six doctors are laid low by typhus; two doctors are said to have been killed, and one has gone home. Three doctors and three orderlies are all that remain very warmly welcomed in England, but so long as the proposals themselves remain screened behind a veil of official secrecy it is quite impossible to allay the uneasiness that has been aroused. It is difficult to imagine any solid compensating advantage which Japan can hope to gain from persistence in a silence which is undoubtedly doing her injury.

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