



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,

Paris, April 6.—(By Mail to York.)—"Had the Germans last fall many" brand. really besieged Paris and had the siege continued until today, would the gay in France is to

This is the question which has just life," or words to that effect. Now that Paris really isn't in danger,

Deputy Adrien Dariac, chairman of the committee on agriculture in the Harvard Squad Is chamber of deputies, is the man who 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 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 di-Four grand divisions of the work were at once established. The first one was known as "the service for the exploitation of resources available." This department at once proceeded to an inventory of all the food supplies to be found within the entrenched camp, which 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 milch cows which were to be maintained within the entrenched camp. The details allotted to this department included even the daily pasteurization of the milk from the 2500

Food Pactories Kept Busy. The third division, "the service of

mills, manufactories and cold storage plants," had among its other duties that of keeping 40 flour mills and 30 to French stretcher bearers. food factories in constant operation. The fourth division, "the service of manufacture and preservation," occuof 40 factories for the curing of meat and the preparation of fruit preserves. Although the failure of the Germans to besiege Paris relieved this elaborate organization of most of the duties asigned to it, nevertheless a portion of it has been continually at work up to the present moment. Especially has this been the case with the division

adequate bread supply, but also with keeping it down to normal prices. Bread Prices Kept Down.

charged not only with keeping up an

This has been accomplished largely by the government buying the wheat and selling it to the millers at a fixed price with the agreement that they in turn sell the flour to the bakers at an estabernment gave the millers the wheat at from \$5.60 to \$5.80 per 200 weight and the millers were obliged to turn over the flour to the bakers at \$12.60 for 300 pounds.

During the first four months of the war, of the 1,800,000 pounds of wheat ground by the millers, about one-half of it was sold them by the government, while the other half was hought by them on the open market. In no case, however, were they allowed to charge more for the flour than the price fixed by the government, and as a result bread in Paris is still at normal prices, Not only is this so, but the government insists, that with all of the above machinery and organization, Paris, in spite of a siege of whatever length, would still be enjoying and always would enjoy all the bread it needed at peace times prices.

Booster's Instinct Developed. The war has developed to a most unlive without Germany, but that every-thing produced at home is just as good if not better than the "Made in Ger-

in France is the determination to de-Parisians now be suffering from lack velop French places to a degree that will supplant those of Germany. Wies-baden, Ems, Baden-Baden, Karlbad been asked the French government, and and Marienbad are to give way to it has promptly replied, "Not on your Evian-les-Bains, Vichy, Aix-les-bains and a score of similar places in France. In the past 50,000 Russians alone 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 stead hereafter. English, American. than a faint suspicion that France really sought the occasion of telling of a "cure" will also have the same how much better she would have eaten pressure brought to bear upon them.

Paris, April 17.-The Harvard sec-

one pilot car, all in charge of 14 American volunteer drivers, of whom 11 are graduates of Harvard university. they fell to a base hospital, and the each man

A. Platt Andrew Jr., former assisant 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 men are so expert in handling wounded that a squad of them has been invited to appear before military doctors in Paris and give instruction.

London as Spies

Men Held by British Are Accused of Using Invisible Ink in Forwarding Tips to Germany.

civil court charged with sending miliary information to Germany by means of invisible ink. The authorities intimate that the case is one of the gravest importance. One of the susects, named Kuepferle, professes to e an American.

Another, Mueller, says he is a natucalized Englishman, while the third, who gives the name of Hahn, does not deny that he is a German subject. Kuepferle came here from the United States, first visiting Dublin and then to have been waiting passage across

Composer Debussy Hearkens to Bugle denied passage for the wheat interest. As it happened we made 4 lire (8

Says Only Music Today With Real Significance Is That Calling Men to Pight for Country.

Paris, April 17,-That musicians should be silent in war time is the opinion of the famous composer De-

"It is a long time since my fingers

The latest outlet of this awakening

Operating in Alsace

Eleven Alumni, Including Former Assistant Secretary of U. S. Treasury, Driving Cars in Ambulance Section.

ion 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 This group is part of a total of 80 merican ambulances working along the allies' front. These ambulances are 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 cost has been approximately \$1 for

Three Arrested in

alize various projects was not my fault, but the fault of our neutral neighbors. We bought several thou-London, April 17 .- Three men have sand carloads of grain in Roumania, but we have not received a single car-load of it. The Roumanians took our kept the grain in their own country. "Here is an example of our difficul-We bought 200 carloads of beans at

fair price in Roumania, but they could not be delivered immediately because of the lack of freight cars. Now Roumania has put a tax of 3000 francs gold (\$600) on every carload, so it would cost us 600,000 francs (\$120,000) coming to London, where he is said o get our 200 cars out. "We bought wheat as early as Sep-tember in the United States and good

"Even the flour bought in Hungary for Vienna remains undelivered. We and the people of Hungary are carrying on a supposedly common war; now bussy, declares Excelsior, to whose the time has come for Hungary to "It is a question which touches the representative Debussy said: yield us some of her supplies. Even very hearts of Vienna people. Hun-The war has developed to a most unusual degree at Paris the "booster's" Instinct, common to every American city and every American business man's club. France is determined to show the world that she not only can be world that she contained with his foster that she does not need and at a price that the suggesting a decree of expulsion against the Swiss and statement, the numbiance at Neullly, married, in the only a decree of expulsion against the Swiss attement, the prices so evere. Thank God, the prices of suggesting a decree of expulsion against the Swiss and statement, a decree of expulsion against the Swiss and statement, the prices so evere. Thank God, the may be regarded as respectively to she does not need and at a price that the world that she of the world that she world that she of the world that she of the world tha

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

French Estimate

HUNGARY BLAMED FOR

Prices Demanded.

as follows:

for food supplies.

Vienna, April 17.—Burgomaster Weis-

kirchner of Vienna has criticised Hun-

holding food supplies from the people

of this city. Some of the most em-

phatic parts of a recent address were

"In anticipation of coming events I

in August last year. We bought 2,000,-000 crowns (\$400,000) worth. In all

Pay Roumanians, Get Mo Grain,

when we need wheat and flour.

Hungary Puts Up Price.

we paid 15,000,000 crowns (\$3,000,000)

"The fact that I was not able to re-

Germany's Losses HIGH COST OF LIVING Say 31,376 Officers Are Killed, Wounded or Missing—More than Half of Or. Nations Plan to End Conflict With-BY MAYOR OF VIENNA iginal Army in List.

Paris, April 17 .- The press bureau of the war office gave out figures, Declares That Food Supplies press bureau says, that of a total According to the terms of the Austro-

"Out of 33,154 infantry officers, 8604 have been killed, and 18,149 have been wounded or are missing," the announcement says further.

have been killed, 881 have been wounded or are missing. "Out of 12,108 artillery officers, 912

have been killed and 2264 have been wounded or are missing. "The grand total of officers of the German army at the beginning of the it will virtually amount to a confession began buying flour for the community war, including men in the active service, reserve and Landwehr, was 52,-805, out of which, up to March 15, 9925 have been killed, and 21,351 have

makes the total of losses 31,276. "This shows that the grand total of osses among the officers of the German army is more than half their number on the day of the declaration

money, but up to this time they have Mrs. Pankhurst Is Not for Peace Now

London, April 17.-Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst announced that the Social and Political Women's and the other suffrage organizations in Great Britain and France had decided not to participate in the forthcoming women's conference at The Hague to consider the question of

ortune accompanied the cargo ship. In this connection the British mili-tant leader said: "This movement is which reached the harbor of Genoa without being stopped. Italy, however, well meaning, but mistaken, running this conference have no political influence. Pro-Germans are cents) on each hectoliter (2.8 bushels), working hard in this direction here and in neutral countries and much but we are not here to make money German money has been circulated in America, but this is not the time to talk peace.'

gary asks us? Forty-six crown in times of peace we are dependent on gary must give us a supply from what

Germany May Let Austria Quit War ENGLAND IS SHOWING

Nations Plan to End Conflict With-

denials the conviction still prevails compiled from official German lists here that Austria possibly will conof losses of officers. These show, the clude a separate peace with the allies. Were Withheld and Unjust number of 480 generals in times of German alliance concluded in 1879 a separate peace is allowed when one of the contracting parties is powerless to entire army in defense of its own fron-

tiers. If the Russians succeed in invading "Out of 7063 cavalry officers, 366 Hungary the German troops there presumably will be withdrawn and rushed premier, is at pains to tell what Japan back to defend the German frontiers. leaving Austria free to sue for peace with the implied consent of Germany, The only drawback to the conclusion of a separate peace by Austria is that that both Germany and Austria are completely beaten and unable to make further resistance. A direct admission, it is thought here, will never be made by Germany even when entirely exhausted, but Austria's withdrawal Japan is demanding of China. He defrom the war may give Germany an clares that "Japan is asking only what opportunity to make peace at the same

> sible, when the Dardanelles is forced, Anglo-Japanese alliance, as well as and as the only means by which Germany and Austria can be saved from continuing the war until they are ex- the integrity of that country." hausted and crushed. Pope Benedict is said to take this view of the situawhich reason he has urged both the kaiser and Emperor Francis Joseph to ponder well before assuming the responsibility of continuing the war after they are convinced that victory is impossible, as prolonged resistance will be worse than useless and will perhaps lead to annihilation.

War Takes Barrie's David of Peter Pan

Novelist's Adopted Son, Original of "The Little White Bird," Dies with Forces in Flanders.

London, April 17.-The original David of "The Little White Bird." (Sir James M. Barrie's story that led to the creation of Peter Pan) has been killed in action in Flanders. He was Lleutenant George Liwellyn Davies of the Rifle Brigade, the adopted son of the novelist.

Once he collaborated with his foster

CONCERN OVER JAPAN

IN CHINA AND ORIENT

Okuma's Effort to Allay Ap-

mands on Pekin Fails.

prehension Concerning De-

London, April 17 .- In an interview

at Tokio, Count Okuma, the Japanese

until such a revelation is made uneasi-

Count Okuma asserts that, German

intrigue has been employed to spread

broadcast an exaggerated idea of what

China has already granted Germany,"

treaties with other countries guaran

Daily News Asks Questions.

and asserts that "Japan's proposals

teeing equal opportunity in China and

Japan, says the premier, seeks no

nenopoly in China, does not aim to in-

fringe the rights or interests of other

ment of Japanese advisers, does not

seek to create a protectorate, and has

not demanded a joint policy except at

points in South Manchuria threatened

text, the Daily News says:

Taking these negative assertions as

'The only comment possible on this

losures delayed? What object can the

lapanese government have in submit-

ting quietly to a campaign of calumny

when the demands from which this

campaign springs are thus wholly rea-

onable and moderate? If it is possible

to state thus categorically what these

demands do not contain, why should it

e impossible to inform the world as

"Everyone, in this country at least

s willing and even anxious to put the

best possible interpretations on Japan's

activities. If it could be shown, as to

Wants to Be "Shown."

to what they do contain?

powers, has not demanded the appoint-

ness in this country will continue.

typhus. The silence of the camp is broken only by signs and groans, but when a stranger comes in sight, the sick raise themselves on their elbows. if they can, and cry pittifully, "For the love of God, lady, give us water. Dead Lie Abandoned for Days. A recent visitor noticed a number of recumbent forms covered with great

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 some 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.

every day.

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 inhome, and three are now laid low by typhus; two doctors are suffering from the same disease, and ble cholers of the warmer months falls one has gone home. Three doctors one has gone home. Three doctors upon us under existing conditions the and three orderlies are all that remain prospect before us is indeed frightful.

very warmly welcomed in England. Presses Claims of 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 This eventuality is regarded as pos- are in complete accordance with the persistence in a silence which is undoubtedly doing her injury."

Consulate Swamped By Flood of Claims

creat number of claims against the British government arising from the detention of American cargoes, the n London has been increased from nine to 26 persons. Consul General Skinner is now arranging for an office in which there shall be established a declaration is, Why are these final dis- special department of claims, together with a further increased staff for the speedy preparation of the scores of

The definite announcement in the American note of the purpose to seek damages for interference with Amer ican trade merely puts in concrete form the policy of protecting American shippers which has been followed by American consular officials since Great Britain began detaining vessels

France Expels Swiss Writer. Paris, April 17 .- The ministry of

DEAD ALLOWED TO LIE UNBURIED FOR DAYS IN SERBIAN CAMP ESTABLISHED NEAR NISH FOR AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS TAKEN PRISONERS

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

with 1800 men?

in its vicinity.

Worse still are the conditions

which I know. It is practically in

approach the building can bear to be

Details Are Unprintable.

ured when one mentions that foul rage

be printed, but they may be con

and dressings and even portions

amputated limbs are thrown over

wall and left to the attention of crows

and magpies and parish dogs. Similar refuse has been thrown into the river

Since the commencement of the war

63 Serbian doctors have died in the course of their unequal struggle with disease. One young man of 12, a med-

nurses volunteered to nurse him, but

it was too late. Before their arrival he was nursed by nobody except a little Serbian maldservant, and last

and was later found lying on the mud-dy road in the bitter cold.

Results of Overcrowding.

So terrible have been the results of this overcrowding that it seems doubt

ful whether in the long run more lives may not be lost than gained by attempting the impossible. Had hospitals now containing 300 men refused

admission to more than 100 and taken

science furnished against dirt and var-

min and polluted air, the results agu-ally achieved by medical effort migni

But what of the 200 men excluded

every precaution that experien

have been better.

Friday night he escaped in delirium

ical student, has died within a ston throw of my window. Two Brit

Details of the interior cannot well

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

on the active list, and the work of the hospital has had to be temperarily abandoned. What could six doctors do Nish, Serbia, April 17,-Here is the picture of an Austrian prisoners' camp. which the Serbian doctors have la-This is not a hospital, remember, but bored. The poor Austrian prisoners, have been collected. Nevertheless, disease has fallen like a blight upon the camp. At an earlier date one doctor was in charge of this area of the camp. simply an area where 750 Austrians the only assistants the doctors was in charge of this camp, but he possible to go near it, so overpower-ing is the stench in the street outside that nobody who is not compelled to is now struck down by typhus. Typhus, dysentery, smallpox, diphtheria, have swept over the place. Last week only 20 men out of 750 could stand There they lie in utter wretched-

ness. The bulk of the sick men are stretched out on the muddy ground. Their clothes are foul and alive with the vermin which spread the deadly

Can anyone be surprised to learn that some 60 men die in this camp Here is an English hospital which has tried to do the impossible and failed. Six doctors and 12 orderlies they had no nurses-took over the control of some 1800 sick and wounded.

> No man, doctor or layman, can leave a helpless soldier lying in the street In heaven's name let something done soon, for if the almost inev

Stranded Citizens Consul General Skinner Comes to the

Rescue of Penniless Muleteers and London, April 17.-As a result of

ne activity of Consul-General Robert Skinner in pressing the claims of merican muleteers and horse tenders left stranded in England and French ports by steamship lines, there has been a decided decrease within the last three weeks in the number of Americans left penniless through the sharp practice of ships' officers and unacru-pulous shipping agents in America. The steamer Sestrian of the Leyland line recently left about 32 American workmen stranded of about 125 she

disclaimed responsibility, saying it had ived up to its contract with the in every way. The line provides the men with return passage, however. In several recent cases ignorant workmen, many of whom are negroes have been shipped by American agen who induced them to sign papers sa-ing they had positions in Europe.

Paris, April 17.—The fact that the labor of caring for French wounded had not prevented the development of a romance in the American ar service became known when Car