

ARMY RATIONS HAVE BEEN CUT IN GERMANY SAYS DANISH REPORT

Paper, After Investigation, Says Belief Prevails in Germany War Must End.

DESERTIONS NUMEROUS

Socialism Said to Be Spreading; Many Think Year Will See End, Others, Summer Campaign Impossible.

London, May 10.—(I. N. S.)—The Danish newspaper *Tidens Tidende* claims to have discovered by a month's investigation that the belief prevails in Germany that it is impossible to continue the war to the end of 1916. Many in Germany believe that it cannot be maintained through the summer, the paper asserts, and continues.

The rations of the German soldiers were cut six weeks ago. Meat is becoming rare, bread is limited to 12 ounces daily and food parcels from the soldier's homes are now forbidden lest the civilians themselves suffer.

Socialism Spreading. "Desertions are numerous and they include officers. Socialism is spreading amazingly among the troops. Slackness of discipline is evident, resulting from the extremely harsh treatment. The shortage of horses necessitated the reducing of gun teams."

"Ammunition and arms, however, continue to be produced in incredible quantities."

While numerous German papers, copies of which have just reached here, are harping upon the food troubles, the *Kölnische Zeitung* of May 7, asserts that "Germany is able to continue the war indefinitely notwithstanding the inconveniences."

New Steel Process Found.

Incidentally the paper announces the discovery of a process of making a certain quality of steel for munitions, for which wolfram, imported at great cost, heretofore has been necessary.

"No means of the disposal of our enemies can prevent the unexampled elasticity of German organization from being applied to every demand of the war."

"A new proof of this is presented in the fact that two Rhenish-Westphalian firms have succeeded in producing steel of the highest efficiency for the so-called 'rapid process' work without wolfram. What this means for the munitions industry will be recognized abroad."

Germany Can Outdo All.

"There is no conceivable profligacy of shells which German industry is not capable of meeting with a still greater output. America can neither with her money nor with her supplies tear open the doors of a German fortress."

"Our human, mechanical, economic and financial resources for attack can stand even a stronger drain, because as 21 months have proved, they are constantly produced afresh. We have newly organized our capacity for confronting the emergencies and are adapting ourselves to the circumstances. All this will last until our foes have adapted their attitude to the fact that their game is lost and will remain lost."

STYLE OF DRESS HELD AT FAULT FOR MORAL STAIN UPON YOUTH

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youth of moving pictures, uncensored vaudeville, suggestive advertising, lack of proper sex education and over-familiarity between the sexes.

Dr. Boyd Propounds Question. But it was through a question propounded by Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, that the first real stir in the session came.

Harry H. Moore of the Oregon Social Hygiene society had delivered an address in which he particularly emphasized the harm resulting from perverted, rather than wholesome sex education, particularly received through moving pictures.

This was followed by an explanation of censorship in Portland by Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., who asserted that while pictures are censored in the city there is no censorship throughout the state and that pictures officially refused exhibition in Portland may be sent to any other Oregon town.

Then President W. T. Foster of Reed college, chairman of the meeting, said that while there is censorship of moving pictures in Portland, and while moving picture managers give evidence of desire to cooperate in elevation of the pictures, there is no censorship of vaudeville and little desire to cooperate to be found in vaude-

INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY AT REED COLLEGE



Sitting, left to right—Dr. Henry F. Cope, general secretary Belgian Education association, Chicago; Dr. T. L. Elliot, Father E. V. O'Hara. Standing—Rev. William G. Elliot Jr., Rev. N. E. Wade, Rev. W. H. Lee, Albany, president Albany college; Rev. W. T. S. Spriggs, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

ville managers, white vaudeville is much lower in moral tone in Portland than moving pictures.

Creations in Gowns Attacked. At this juncture Dr. Boyd interposed his question. "What effect has the modern place of womanhood in the problem of the moral strain upon youth?" he addressed H. H. Moore, II proceeded.

"To my mind modern feminine dress is far more significant than the moving picture show. And not so many people attend vaudeville. But we have woman in a new place. Her natural condition is negative and receptive. She has become aggressive and trained in knowledge of her powers. This shortening of the dress, this lowering, this exposure, isn't there a meaning in this? Why, it has not been so long since that a dance party was held in the homes and daughters of our friends and neighbors had to be dismissed before the hour for dismissal because those young folks refused to be controlled. What have we here in this form of feminism. Should we not have an agitation in the home and a sincere and definite cooperation on the part of parents to correct these wrongs?"

Another Question Is Asked. Rev. J. D. Springston added to the question this: "Do you not think that the advertising of the motion picture is more suggestive and harmful than the picture itself?"

Moore answered indefinitely but to the general effect that the conditions described are not so serious a factor as had been indicated in the lives of young people.

Both questioners intimated personally that Moore did not answer the question adequately because he fears to do so.

While the main thought of this morning's session was that vigorous correctives must be used by educators, religious and social workers to keep youth from harmful, modern influences, Dr. W. E. Conklin, professor of psychology in the University of Oregon, struck a contrary note.

"The necessity of preaching political and economical sermons," he complained, "demanding a wide study of the non-spiritual, and the constant demand to be a good mixer, a social reformer and an institutionalizer of the church work, makes it impossible for the clergyman to cultivate the spiritual qualities of life. To be sure he may be more spiritual than the average man of the world but he is not enough so to make a very deep impression."

Draws Conclusion From Literature. "In fact, it is getting so that one can scarcely tell a clergyman from any other mission. Women to whom we naturally look next, are, I am afraid, losing something of their spirituality, although here perhaps I am not a capable judge. Still, the literature of the last few years would indicate that it certainly is not improved. And the decline of home life gives them by so much the smaller opportunity to make their spirituality felt. The teaching profession, which had a spiritual ancestry, is now mechanized by method. The saltness to be found in the schools are so in spite of, not because of, the machine."

"There was a time when we could look to the cloistered life of the college professor for spirituality. But the cloister wall has fallen and the unprofessed professor has surrendered to the demands of the world. The man who once lived a quiet life of study and

meditation and profound influence must now be practical and up-to-the-minute. The extension idea draws him from his study and meditation to stomp the country with the popularizations of his science."

Preliminary to the arrival of Dr. Foster the morning session was called to order by Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., chairman of the program committee. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. W. Hayes, a Presbyterian minister.

The program for afternoon, evening and tomorrow's sessions is announced as follows:

This Afternoon's Session. Public library, room H, third floor.—Theme, "What the Organized Forces of Religion Are Doing for Religious Education in Oregon." L. R. Calkins, Reed college, report on work of Protestant churches; Mrs. L. Altman, Portland, report of Jewish work; Rev. Walter J. O'Donnell, C. S. C., report on work of the Catholic church. Discussion, opened by President Wallace H. Lee of Albany college.

This Evening's Session. Lincoln high school assembly hall (Broadway and Market streets)—Meeting begins punctually at 8 p. m. Theme, "Religion: The Foundation of Morality, and Therefore a Necessary Factor in the Education of Youth." Prayer—Rev. Luther R. Drott.

Tomorrow Morning's Session. Address—Rev. Henry F. Cope, general secretary of the Religious Education association, Chicago. Address—Dr. Edward O. Sisson. Three brief addresses by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Father Edwin V. O'Hara and Rev. John H. Boyd.

Tomorrow Evening's Session. Public library, room H, third floor.—Meeting begins punctually at 9 a. m. Theme, "Religious Education and the Public School." Prayer—Rev. Thomas L. Elliot, minister emeritus, Church of Our Father, Portland. Address—James F. Ewing, superintendent First Presbyterian Sunday school, Portland. Subject, "The Part the Sunday School May Play."

10 a. m.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent public instruction for Oregon. Subject, "School Credits for Home Study of the Bible."

10:30 a. m.—Professor Kenneth S. Latourette, Yale college in China, and Reed college. Subject, "The Literary Study of the Bible in High Schools."

11 a. m.—Very Rev. H. M. Ramsey, St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral. Subject, "The Garry Plan."

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Ditch Worker Gets Pension.

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dynamite explosion, is entitled to compensation, was the ruling of Attorney General Brown today.

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