

OREGON TO LEND ITS HELP TO SUFFERING BELGIAN CHILDREN

Progressive Business Men's Club Engages in Campaign to Raise \$10,000 Fund.

STATE TO BE CANVASSED

Churches, Clubs, Civic Organizations and Associations Asked to Assist in Answering Appeal.

 Pope Benedict's Aid Won.
 A graphic account of the straits to which war has reduced the Belgians, and especially the Belgian children, is contained in The American magazine for March by George Barr Baker, a member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, who tells how his frank appeal as a Christian secured a private audience of an hour with Pope Benedict XV at the Vatican, the longest audience ever granted to a protestant, to the end that the pope, in addition to making a contribution, commanded Cardinal Gibbons to place the matter of Belgium's plight before all the Catholic clergy and their congregations in the United States.

 If you have been touched by the appeal of Belgium and its million starving children you will have an opportunity of showing your interest in a material way this week for the Progressive Business Men's club has taken over the work of raising a relief fund of \$10,000.

The plan of the men backing the raising of this fund is to establish 410 stations in the city where those who have a heart interest for these destitute young ones, may sign the lists. The plan also enlists the aid of churches throughout the state of Oregon, and Sunday, March 4, has been set aside for the taking of a special contribution which all pastors have been urged to bring to the attention of their congregations.

The Belgian relief committee of the club, headed by J. E. Werlein, will start its organized canvass of the business district next Tuesday morning. Already a fund approaching \$1000 has been secured, largely in voluntary subscriptions, in which communities throughout the state are well represented.

No Amount Too Small.
 No amount will be too small. The Progressive Business Men want that understood. The situation in Belgium is such that one dollar administered through the Belgian relief commission will keep one child from starvation for one month.

Even in times of peace, Belgium is forced to import 78 per cent of its foodstuffs. The crops of 1914 were never harvested and since then has grown on the people of that plucky little nation the terror of its children slowly starving on rations which barely hold together the body and soul of the adult, but which can not suffice for the growing child.

Every dollar that Oregon gives will mean one more ration per day for a child for one month. The extra

ASKS RELIEF FOR BELGIUM



Pope Benedict XV, whose active interest in relief work in Belgium was stimulated by George Barr Baker of the commission of relief in Belgium.

ration would be a biscuit made with a lard or fat ingredient, and a cup of chocolate. So thoroughly has the plan been worked out and so generous have been those who are handling the funds, that every dollar collector goes direct to the mouths of the hungry children.

Men to Devote Time.
 The Progressive Business Men, almost to a man, will spend generously of their time this week to get as much of the required money as possible from Portland people, while the other parts of the state will be appealed to through the newspapers of the different towns and the commercial bodies.

Where there are no civic bodies which can jump in and do the work, the mayor and the council of the place will receive the appeal, with the request that they get a committee under way to solicit funds from those interested in the cause of the Belgian children.

A committee from the Progressive Business Men also will wait upon the school board and seek the cooperation of the principals, with the idea of getting the schools to take care of a certain number of these children for a period of five months. All clubs and civic organizations which have not yet received the word of this campaign will be approached in the course of the next day or two.

SIXTEEN VESSELS WILL SAIL FROM PORTS IN U. S. FOR BELGIUM

Agreement Is Reached Between Germany and Great Britain to Permit Passage.

OPEN LANE ANNOUNCED

Five Steamers Ready to Depart With Cargoes of Foodstuffs Will Go at Once—Others Finishing Loading.

New York, Feb. 24.—Sixteen steamships, with cargoes valued at several millions of dollars, will sail from United States ports within the next few days, carrying relief supplies to Belgium.

The Belgian Relief commission announced today a telegram that an arrangement with Great Britain and Germany has resulted in establishment of an open lane through the submarine zone through which the relief commission's ships may travel in safety from American ports to Rotterdam.

Five relief ships, loaded in New York, have been held for word from London and Berlin regarding the safety lane. They are loaded with wheat and general cargoes, each cargo valued at between \$400,000 and \$1,000,000.

Seven Ships Weekly Ready.
 Seven other ships are being loaded with similar cargoes. It is expected the loading will be completed so the ships may sail next week.

Two ships, the Otta and Olaf Kyrre, have been loaded by the commission in Portland, Me., and will leave there within a few days. Another, the Feistern, is about ready to embark from Philadelphia.

The first ship of the fleet, the Petra, left Galveston February 21.

The ships that have been loaded in New York are the Minneate de Snet ed Nayer, Eduaroon, Camilla, Lisbeth and Anna Fostenes.

Other Vessels Are Loading.
 The ships loading for sailing next week are the Liege, Leopold II, Adolf Deppe, John Knudsen, Trevler, Republics, Argentina and Regin.

In its statement the commission said arrangements have been made for its supplies, so there "will be no delay in loading and dispatching the 23 freight steamers now en route or chartered for the commission.

"The commission desires to point out that, aside from the broad principles of humanity involved in the dependence of the Belgian people upon food supplies in America, that, as the commodities shipped to Belgium consist of those food supplies of which there is an exportable surplus in the United States, it does not in any way infringe upon the necessities of the American people."

These children. It is an appeal that comes from the most distressed nation on earth to the wealthiest the sun ever shone upon.

"For two and a half years Belgium, which formerly was known as the 'Beehive of Europe,' has been rescued from destruction at a cost of \$200,000,000 of which the United States has furnished less than \$9,000,000. Yet the Commission for Relief in Belgium is composed entirely of Americans and works under the American flag.

"And how Belgium has come to look to our flag. All through the small towns of Belgium the people in gratitude took bits of rags or yarn and made small flags and wore them on the ragged clothes week after week. It is to America that their hearts have gone out.

A telegram which clears up the national doubt as to carrying on relief work in Belgium and removes the last discouraging element in the Progressive Business Men's club campaign was received yesterday direct from the commission for Belgian relief by Joseph P. Jaeger, former president of the Progressive Business Men's club. The message reads: "Your telegram to Hon. C. N. McArthur, house of representatives, was referred to us. The situation in regard to Belgium is very much clarified by an arrangement effected today by which an acceptable lane for relief ships has been agreed upon. We expect to dispatch in the course of the next few days 16 cargoes already loaded in North American ports, and have made arrangements for the immediate dispatch of 23 steamers under charter to the commission and en route to America. All our representatives remain in Belgium under same conditions prior to break of diplomatic relations. You need have no uneasiness in your splendid campaign for funds."

Yeon and Bensons Are Not Selling Wood to Mexicans

"I wonder what will be sprung next," said Roadmaster Yeon yesterday while discussing some of the many peculiar reasons that people advance for his interest in road legislation.

"The other day I learned that the Bensons and myself were supplying or had supplied slab wood to the government on the Mexican border at \$13.50 a cord, and that this was the reason we wanted bonds issued with which to build roads.

"The only way I can account for the report is that it must be the Benson Lumber company of San Diego which has been selling slabwood.

"Mr. Benson sold his interest in this company eight years ago and has no connection with it at present. The buyers retained the original name of the company.

"This is the general character of reports that one gets from the every day gossip of busy bodies. They themselves will not undertake to do anything for the country in which they live and which has done so much for them unless they get some graft out of it. They judge others by themselves."

Swiss Officer Killed.
 Sofia, Feb. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Captain Louis Egger, a Swiss officer who fought in the Bulgarian army, has been killed in one of the battles in Roumania.

TWENTY-THREE YEARS A PORTLAND RESIDENT



Mrs. B. O. Woods, who died at her home, 855 East Yamhill street, on February 23, had been a resident of Portland for 23 years and was 50 years of age, and is survived by her husband, B. O. Woods, and three children, Mary, Emily and Bertrand Woods. Dr. J. A.

Police Get Action Under Provisions Of "Bone Dry" Law

Fendleton, Or., Feb. 24.—The first case in this county brought under the provision of the new "bone dry" law making drunkenness punishable in the state courts was filed this morning in the local justice court when a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Herman Peters, wealthy former saloon man.

The warrant was sworn to by Chief of Police Tom Gurdana, who arrested and prosecuted him under the city ordinance.

Peters pleaded guilty, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Duo at Ashland, Too.
 Ashland, Or., Feb. 24.—The first arrest here under the new "bone dry" law was made this morning, when the police found a small amount of liquor in an auto truck which was shipped by railroad from Hornbrook.

The owners gave the names of Temmubaum and Green. The liquor was confiscated, and the men were fined under city ordinance.

Pettit, of this city, is a brother. Mrs. J. C. Appiewhite, of Clarkston, Wash., is a sister.

MOONEY, SENTENCED TO HANG, DECLARES HE IS NOT GUILTY

Court Denies Motion for New Trial but Counsel Will Continue Fight.

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED

Convicted Man Gives Statement to Newspaperman Asserting Innocence; Blames Commerce Chamber.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—Retracting that he is the victim of a miscarriage of justice, Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced today to hang at San Quentin prison May 17 for complicity in the San Francisco preparedness day dynamiting, remained cheerful and composed tonight. Despite the shadow of the gallows which hung over him, Mooney gave newspapermen a brief statement in which he asserted his innocence.

"I am going to follow the advice of Attorney W. Bourke Cockran," he said.

"and let the gravity of the situation sink into the minds of the people before I make any detailed statement. I wish to say, however, that I now believe and always have believed that it was not the bomb case which was on trial here; it was the chamber of commerce against Mooney—not the people against Mooney."

Prepared to Appeal Case.
 Simultaneously John Lawlor, associate defense counsel, announced that the defense was prepared to carry the case to the highest possible court if necessary to save Mooney.

"Tom Mooney is not guilty of the crime against him," said Lawlor, "and we will vindicate him yet. If he is hanged it would be a crime greater than the preparedness parade crime."

In sentencing Mooney to hang, Judge Franklin Griffin sent a man to the gallows for the first time in his judicial career.

For two hours before the court opened, Judge Griffin showed extreme nervousness and distaste for the task before him. After listening to new affidavits by both sides, Judge Griffin overruled the defense's motion for a new trial. Mooney arose immediately and began to speak.

Statement Would Have No Effect.
 "Your honor, I understand I have a right to make a final statement," Judge Griffin interrupted him to say.

"Anything you might say, Mooney, would have no bearing on the sentence I am about to pronounce," and then he pronounced sentence. Mooney was led from the courtroom snapping his fingers and looking smilingly about the room. His counsel immediately filed notice of appeal.

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