

AUSTRIAN PEOPLE  
WHILE  
PARANOID STATE

Pestilence and Famine Abroad  
and Workmen Ask for Meat.

By Lucien Jones  
Vienna, Dec. 27.—Austria waits, an humble supplicant, at America's door, sobbing, "Save us ere we die."

The credits which have been arranged by Chancellor Renner in Paris may enable the nation to carry on a little further. The entire mission of Austria is to starve to death, but the situation improves momentarily only to collapse again.

Experts are of the opinion that the country can survive only if sufficient quantities of raw materials and resume manufacturing. In the fashionable quarters of Vienna the streets are crowded with ragged, barefoot, hollow-eyed children, accounting for the fact that the food is so scarce.

"Give us bread" rings through Austria, but bread is not to be had. The cafes are filled with patrons eating pastries made from chestnut flour. The greatest suffering is among the middle and lower classes, those who on miserable pittance have to keep up appearances and therefore must often go without food.

In Vienna there are 73,000 unemployed tramping the streets looking for work. But few factories are working as a result of the lack of coal. One skilled mechanic works six hours a day, five days a week, but I haven't tasted meat in two months. I have lived mainly on sour cabbage. Thank God my wife is dead and I have no children who are not who are married and have children.

"In the poorer quarters there are children who have not tasted milk in their whole lives. They are dying for lack of this important food staple. In some cases shoes are purchased with tins of preserved milk. As winter grips the country worse conditions are being met and the death toll is increasing. Even the Czechs, sworn enemies of the Austrians, are relaxing their hostility in view of the sorry plight of the people and are sending them some fuel as a new year's gift.

To add to the terrors of cold and famine, an epidemic of typhus and scarlet fever has broken out. The food that hangs over the city and what was once the gayest of European capitals is rapidly being depopulated.

Christmas is a sad festival for the Viennese. Less than 5 per cent of the people have money. Sour cabbage and a few crusts of mouldy bread were the mainstays of the remainder. Dogs and cats are disappearing, being killed and eaten for lack of food.

A general famine wave has added to the horrors of the city. The shops and private houses have been looted despite the activity of the police, and arriving freight trains are now provided with strong guards as a result of the robbery. Billboards and in some cases houses, have been torn down by desperate poor persons, to be used as fuel.

Government Upheld  
By French Premier  
In Voting of Credit

Paris, Dec. 27.—(U. P.) The chamber of deputies tonight expressed its confidence in the government by voting, 475 to 68, to pass credit measures totalling 15 billion francs.

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Tuesday night, Jan. 6, W. O. W. hall, 128 11th st., given by Anchor Council No. 746, K. of C. of Astoria. Good music. Come and we will show you that a fun time is had by all. Tickets 50c. Advance sale at good health is the time for insurance. Costs nothing to get a policy. It is a good thing to get a policy to be had and a choice of four policies.

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