

'DEATH TRAIN' SENT THROUGH SIBERIA WASTE

War Prisoners Deported by Czecho-Slovaks Die Like Flies on Journey

SUFFERING IS PITIFUL

Red Cross Vainly Tries to Intercept Train to Minister to Diseased

(By The Associated Press)
VLADIVOSTOK, March 5.—American Red Cross agents have been vainly trying to induce Trans-Siberian railway authorities to halt a "death train" on which 800 persons are being sent back toward Samara, after they had been shipped from that city on a 4,500-mile journey across Siberia in mid-winter. Many of them are ill with typhoid fever and they have only such medical attention as can be given at stations en route.

They are part of a group of 2,100 war prisoners, inmates of the Samara jail and other alleged "offenders" shipped out of Samara by the Czecho-Slovaks on October 5, after they captured that city.

Hundreds been shipped from the way from Samara to Nikolok, near Vladivostok, 750 of them perished of disease, starvation or cold. Their sufferings make a pitiful tale of hunger, disease and death. Cooped on forty freight cars, fifty or sixty to a car in tiers of

bunks which left only a small space of standing room in front of one door, they were forty-one days crossing Siberia from Samara to Nikolok. Of the 2,100 who started the terrible journey, only 1,335 survived to end it.

Red Cross representatives removed hundreds of them from the train and sent the most serious cases to an improvised hospital at Nikolok. Eight hundred were reshipped back toward Samara in a fresh train of box cars, by whose orders is unknown. Rudolph Bukley, one of the Red Cross representatives sent to Nikolok to care for the refugees, delayed the departure of the train until the station master at Nikolok said he was in danger of court martial if he persisted in disobeying orders. How far the train has proceeded no one here knows. Examination of the prisoners at Tsisibar disclosed that 15 of the 800 who started back for Russia had died after leaving Nikolok and that nearly everyone of the others was ill. There were three or four women among them and their condition was no better than that of the men. There were 42 cases of typhoid fever on the train.

Japanese General Aids.
At Manchuria station two American railway operators raised a subscription and purchased food for one day for all on the train and General Fugi, the Japanese commander there, supplied some medical attention and food for two days, after which the train was sent on toward Chita.

There is said to be little chance of any permanent relief at Chita and it is feared the unwelcome refugees will be passed along from one station to another until the last victim has died.

Many of these people had been traveling in boxcars since October last, most of the time packed in close-throated herring, according to the description of one of the Red Cross workers. Among them were a number of innocent persons who had been imprisoned by the Bolsheviks. One was a woman doctor who had been doing Red Cross work with the Red Guards. Another was a girl of 18, formerly a typist and bookkeeper in the mayor's office at Samara. Many of the refugees were clothed in rags or clothing ill fitted for the rigors of a long journey across Siberia in mid-winter.

Their train was in charge of a joint guard of Czechs and Russians who also were dependent upon charity. The result was that the train descended like a pest upon the towns and villages enroute and it was the business of every station master to get rid of it as quickly and with as little trouble to himself as possible. Demands for food were made upon the station masters who could not comply because they had no funds to purchase the supplies. The native populations along the line responded to the best of their ability but their best was far from meeting the necessities and for days at a time the prisoners were compelled to go without food.

It is reported that several similar trains were sent eastward from Samara and that they were scattered along the line from Omsk eastward.

It has been arranged to deport thirty-seven of the forty-three undesirable held at Ellis Island. That's right, and make 'em swim across-Exchange.

FRISKY STRING TRIES FOR TEAM

More Than Two Dozen High School Youths Try Out for Baseball Team

Material for Salem's high school's baseball season is showing up unexpectedly well and the horizon for spring athletics has brightened materially since 27 boys answered the call for practice Thursday.

Five letter men are still with the team and will form a strong foundation to build from. Latham, one of the best first basemen in this part of the valley, is out and will probably keep his old stand at the first sack, although he has requested to be tired out for pitcher. Grice, a fine left fielder from last year, Gregg, whose post is at third base, Nutting, a crackerjack center fielder, and Gill are all in the string. Gill had been playing shortstop, but is strong at almost any position.

But two men are after the twirlers' job. Latham thinks he will fill the bill, but his control is an uncertain quantity.

Asbury, a Washington junior high moundsman, looks to be likely material and is generally regarded as one of the biggest possibilities the sophomore class can furnish. Lynch, who is back from the S. A. T. C., can also pitch some. Four men are trying the catcher's place and three each are candidates for basemen and shortstop, two would take the left field and three the center. Nobody is anxious to control the right meadow.

As the basketball season has left the athletic funds in excellent condition, it is not unlikely that money will be invested in suits this year and the sport will be given a prominent place.

GUARD THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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SOUTHERN CLIME MAY BE OBJECT

"Red" Rupert Seen in California and Boards Train at Gazelle

That "Red" Rupert, former Portland athlete and policeman, now fugitive from justice since his escape from the Gold Hill lime quarry last Sunday, is hastening through California to cross the Mexican border, or with the intention of securing passage to South America is the belief of Ward Stevens who yesterday received reports that the convict has been seen a hundred miles south of the California boundary. That he had assistance in making his escape, which apparently had been prearranged, is now a virtual certainty.

Rupert was seen at Gazelle, Cal., early Tuesday and boarded a south-bound train at that place about 4 o'clock in the morning. The identification is said to have been without question, and also information that he took the train at Gazelle. Authorities are practically assured that an automobile with a driver awaited him at some prearranged meeting place near Gold Hill when he escaped Sunday and that he was hastened toward the California line. At Gazelle he bought a soft black hat at a store and from a railroad fireman he purchased a pair of overalls and a gray flannel shirt.

William Bryon, of Portland, government secret agent, and Special Agent Catouri of the Southern Pacific company, are working with California officers in an effort to head Rupert off before he leaves the state.

The supposition is that Rupert is hurrying to get out of the United States to escape a federal charge that has been lodged against him because of his theft of liberty bonds. He had a right to go before the Oregon parole board this month with an application for parole because his minimum sentence has expired, but did not do this because he feared that federal charges would bring sentence to the government prison at McNeill's Island.

MRS. TURNER PASSES AWAY

Wife of Prominent Salem Attorney Active Resident Here 25 Years

Mrs. Iva F. Turner, wife of Frank A. Turner, well known Salem attorney, passed away at the Turner home, 325 North Capitol street, at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of several months' duration.

Mrs. Turner had a wide acquaintance in Salem, the family having lived here for 25 years. She was a native of Minnesota, and was born at Chatfield in that state October 5, 1861. She was united in marriage to Mr. Turner at Sanborn, Ia., February 20, 1883, and they became the parents of two children, a son, Rex A. Turner, now of Winifred, Montana, and Miss Joy Turner, well known musician and music teacher of Salem. Also she leaves her mother, Mrs. F. E. Inman, and a brother,

Attorney C. N. Inman, both of Salem. Mrs. Turner was active in her affiliation with the order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Artisan lodge and for several years was an enthusiastic worker in the Salem Woman's club.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Rigdon chapel and will be conducted under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Salem, Chadwick chapter, No. 37, Order of the Eastern Star, who have charge of the burial at Mount Crest Abbey mausoleum.

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5-YEAR BUDGET METHODIST PLAN

Great Financial Drive of Churchmen Calls for Total of \$140,000,000

The big financial drive of the Methodist Episcopal church for a five-year budget for home and foreign missions and for reconstruction work in Europe, totaling \$105,000,000, and known as the Methodist centenary, will begin May 18, immediately after the conclusion of the liberty loan, and will last for 10 days according to announcement received here from C. S. Ward, financial director of the great religious campaign.

Owing to the various sums which have been announced, the public mind has been somewhat confused as to the exact sum of money to be raised by the Methodist centenary.

The total for the Methodist Episcopal church is \$105,000,000. The total for the Methodist Episcopal church south is \$35,000,000, making a grand united Methodist centenary total of \$140,000,000, divided in pledges over five years.

Originally the boards of home and foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church planned to raise \$80,000,000 to be divided equally between the two boards. The home board plans to expend its share in erecting community churches in city and country, maintaining educational institutions, on city missions and educational establishments, on closing competing churches and in general in putting the home Methodist work on a sound financial basis.

The foreign board was to expend its \$40,000,000 on building and maintaining hospitals, churches, schools and missions and colleges in the foreign field.

Next it was decided to add \$5,000,000 to the Methodist centenary fund for war reconstruction work for the year 1919 in France, Belgium and the other war-devastated countries of Europe, making the total of the Drive \$85,000,000.

When the Methodist Episcopal Church south joined with the parent organization and set its quota at \$35,000,000, the grand total was brought to \$120,000,000.

Still later, however, the joint centenary committee decided to include in the centenary fund \$5,000,000 a year for war reconstruction work in Europe for the five years over which the actual paying of the money subscribed is to run. This brings the total of the Methodist Episcopal church centenary to \$105,000,000. If to this the fund of the Methodist Episcopal church south is added, the sum of \$140,000,000 is obtained, the total fund being sought by both branches of Methodism.

W. C. T. U. Members Are Entertained Near Turner

CLOVERDALE, Or., March 21.—Mrs. George Weatherill has enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Fred Shepherd of Polk county recently.

Last Wednesday the W. C. T. U. members were loyally entertained at the home of Mrs. Herbert Fleetwood. There was a good gathering as this was the first meeting held for several months.

Louis Henis was moved home

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GERMAN WOMEN WIN SOAP FIGHT

American Generals, Colonels and Privates Are Unable to Get Laundry Done Until They Enclose Soap in Packages

(By The Associated Press)
COBLENZ, March 19.—The German washerwomen of Coblenz have won a victory in their first skirmish with officers of the American army of occupation. Lack of soap caused the complications.

In Germany soap is in greater demand than chocolate or tobacco. The poorer classes virtually have been without it for years, managing to get along somehow by the use of inferior mineral substitutes. Many of the washerwomen of p-e-war days had gone out of business—until the Americans came.

When the travel sold American soldiers arrived in Coblenz by the thousand naturally there was a grand rush to send out bundles of washing. The women were perfectly willing to do the work, but they demanded a cake of soap with each consignment of clothing. The Americans scoffed at the suggestion.

The laundries had all they could do to attend to their old customers and a limited number of new ones, and bundle after bundle sent out by

generals and colonels and privates too were returned in a hurry. And back again to the washerwomen went the bundles, and the women returned them to the officers with the simple explanation "No soap." All the pleadings of the German speaking orderlies had absolutely no effect.

Even the terms of the armistice were considered, but there was no reference to the shortage of soap, and so the situation became worse day after day. Just when it appeared that the army of occupation would be compelled to get into the laundry business, a United States sales commissary opened in Coblenz and an officer discovered plenty of soap for a few cents a cake.

Then the bundles began going to the washerwomen again in great numbers and wrapped in the center of each was a nice little white piece of soap. And when the bundles came back all the clothing was clean and the washerwomen of Coblenz are now doing the greatest business in their history—with the Americans furnishing the soap.

week following a short illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Orr was born in Ireland on May 12, 1845, and while yet a small boy left his native land and went to Australia and later on to New Zealand where he became a farm contractor and amassed a modest fortune for those days. In 1875 he returned to his native land and shortly afterwards came to America and settled in Portland where he was employed after which he moved to Rickreall and purchased a large ranch in that vicinity a portion of which he still owned at the time of his death.

Mr. Orr was beloved by all who knew him and his death takes one who had much to do in shaping the destinies of future generations to this state.

1905 Mr. Orr retired from active farming life and removed with his family to Portland where he has since lived. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. James B. NeSmith of Portland; Mrs. E. A. Stinson and Mrs. Otis Walt of Rickreall and John W. Orr of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the little Rickreall church Saturday morning and interment will take place in the Theillon cemetery near that place.

Poor Ireland! Would she find life worth living without "fearful wrongs" to rage and brood over?

Father of Polk County Sheriff Passes Beyond

DALLAS, Or., March 21.—(Special to The Statesman)—Samuel Orr, a former well known citizen of the Rickreall neighborhood in this county and the father of Sheriff John W. Orr of this city passed away at the family home in Portland this

from Dr. Staple's last Saturday. He is recovering rapidly.

Earl Neer has returned home from France. He came to visit his parents, Saturday, but had only a short leave so returned to camp Sunday evening. Earl was wounded in France and is still under the hospital doctor's care.

Leonard Hamilton arrived home from France Saturday evening and is spending a few days visiting relatives before returning to Victoria, B. C. for his final discharge. He was at the front, saw hard fighting and has many a tale to relate of the hardships of a soldier's life.

J. D. Craig was a Salem visitor Saturday.

Wayne Staples went to Salem Sunday to remain for a while.

F. A. Wood and family visited in Turner Sunday afternoon. Mrs. M. Townsend's mother and uncle from near Crabtree spent the past week visiting at the home on Summit Hill.

USE IS FOUND FOR PHOSGENE

Deadly War Product Turned to Use of American Optical Experts

NEW YORK, March 20.—The deadly phosgene gas used on the battlefield in France now has been employed in the peaceful pursuit of bleaching sand used in the manufacture of eye-glasses and optical lenses, according to Dr. David T. Day of the Geophysical laboratory of the Carnegie institution.

This gas is composed of chlorine, oxygen and carbon monoxide. It destroys the iron oxide which causes the red and brownish tints of sand, says the American Chemical society.

It adds that the United States has a firm grip on the manufacture of phosgene gas with which this country was prepared to overwhelm the German armies. This has given the United States an opportunity to manufacture optical glass which formerly was imported, and it is announced that all of the 121 varieties of glass now can be produced in this country with ease.

HONOR ROLL IS GROWING LONG

Many Parents Respond to Request to Send in Names of Men Lost in Service

In response to The Statesman's published appeal to parents of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the service to notify the paper of such casualties the honor roll is gradually growing. An accurate list of these names and information concerning them will be invaluable and information concerning gold service stars in both Marion and Polk counties should be sent in as soon as possible.

The following are the names of those from Polk and Marion counties who have made the supreme sacrifice. It includes killed in action, as well as those died of wounds, accident or disease while in the service.
Army—Ivan E. Bellinger, William M. Catton, Edward Gittens, Wayne C. Jackson, Benjamin McClelland, Alfred Derabeau, Ray Mark, Paul Rich, Leslie Toose, Chester M. Wilcox, Curtis W. Willson, Chester A. Simmon, Aubrey Jones, Smith Ballard, Wilhelm E. Ahlgren, Milton A. Kooreman, Thomas D. Cooper, Milton Foreman, Benjamin F. Hill, John C. Braden, Stanley F. Thompson, Monte Christopherson, Orley P. Chase, James Gardner, Charles M.

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