

### Austria Troops As Allies Offer No Aid In Peace

Vienna, April 2.—A wave of pessimism has swept over the country since Baron Koranyi, minister of finance, and the food controller returned from Paris with empty hands except for some small food credits. Newspapers express regret at the delay of the hoped for American loan and publish warnings of approaching exhaustion of food supplies and of another crisis.

Depression prevails in business circles. Manufacturers declare that these dribbles of loans for food purchase are futile and that only credits sufficiently large to enable business to get on its feet by the purchase of coal and raw materials will postpone the complete breakdown of Austria.

One of the basic causes of the country's paralysis is lack of coal due to the failure of the coal supplying countries to live up to their agreements. For this reason industries lie idle.

Austria's natural and logical coal supply lies in Bohemia and Prussia, or Upper Silesia. Under present arrangements coal is secured, what there is of it, under agreements between state governments and upon arrival here is distributed by government officials.

The supply is so small that virtually all of it is needed for limited railway operation, the gas and electric plants and limited private domestic use.

None remains for industries and no factories except those producing the necessities of life are in constant operation. For instance, the great Florisdorf locomotive works, with a capacity of 160 locomotives a year have been idle for four weeks while all Europe is crying for railway motive power. The demand for freight cars is insistent and yet the Graz car factory with a potential capacity of 300 cars a month produces less than fifty because coal is not to be had and consequently they cannot secure wheels, axles and structural iron for bodies.

Vienna is surrounded with a forest of factory stacks but smoke issues from few of them. This has been true ever since a revolution fifteen months ago. Manufacturers say that if coal can be secured in sufficient quantities they will manage to find raw materials enough to start with and slowly build up credits for more.

Commission after commission has vainly tried to obtain delivery of the coal for which contracts were made with Czechoslovakia. The reason for this failure is unknown here. One expert says that unless Austria is allowed to get coal from the upper Silesian fields, whence has always come the bulk of Austria's supply her population must be deported or the country will perish under starvation and anarchy. The solution, he says lies in the hands of the powers.

Petitions are being circulated in Clatsop county for a special election to vote on the purchase of Tongue point and donate it to the federal government for a naval station.

### Auto Dealers To Organize State Association Soon

Eugene, Or., Apr. 2.—A state organization of automobile dealers will probably be effected at a meeting at the Eugene chamber of commerce in the near future. Will G. Steel, secretary of the chamber, has received a letter from Ralph H. Mitchell of Portland, a former Denver newspaper man, who is interested in the movement, asking "the rooms" of the chamber will be available for the meeting. He has been told by Mr. Steel that the dealers are perfectly welcome to meet there.

The letter from Mr. Mitchell states that it is probable that an afternoon and evening meeting will be held with a banquet at the Osburn hotel in the evening.

Mr. Mitchell says that he has sent letters to at least 500 dealers but he thought that not more than 250 will be in attendance.

Eugene is chosen as a meeting place for the dealers on account of its central location in western Oregon.

### Deep Sand No Bar To Motorcyclist

Weather doesn't mean anything to J. E. Merz, Indianapolis motorcycle dealer, because when his home city is mantled in snow, he just puts his family in his side-car and travels where the weather suits him. He has just returned from a delightful trip to Jacksonville during which he had many interesting experiences with mud, sand and southern hotels. One strip of deep sand for 70 miles, from Waycross to Jacksonville, termed "The Oasis" was reported to be the terror of the south. Mr. Merz was warned not to attempt to negotiate it. While he admits it was tough going and that he does not care to attempt it again, his Goodyear tires gave such traction that he came through with flying colors. He met three automobiles that were in difficulty and says the driver looked at him in amazement for his apparent hardihood.

### Man Bruised In Smash With Auto

H. A. Shuld, 35, of 1540 Belmont street, sustained slight bruises late last night when he was thrown to the pavement by an auto driver by H. J. Ringrose, 967 Center street. Report of the accident appeared on records at police headquarters today.

Mr. Shuld was wheeling a wheelbarrow loaded with lumber along State street, and according to Ringrose he could not discern the man and wheelbarrow through the rain and mist. The lamp on the auto caught on the wheelbarrow, causing Mr. Shuld to be thrown to the street. He was taken to his home by Mr. Ringrose. The accident occurred near Sumner street.

Servants and pianos are to be taxed in Paris. Having one servant brings a tax of 45 francs a year, the rate increasing with the number.

### The Suffrage is Adopted Many of States Bar Vote

Washington, April 2.—Women in several states may be denied a vote in the coming presidential election despite ratification of the suffrage amendment before November. It is said at the headquarters of the National Women's party here, unless changes are made in registration laws.

In order that women all over the United States may register for the coming November election under existing laws, ratification must be completed before May 1, 1920, on which date Georgia closes its registration. Excluding Georgia the next date is June 30, when registration closes in Rhode Island. Registration in all other states does not close until September or October by which time suffrage leaders are confident the amendment will be ratified.

Other requirements, however, beside the element of time may nullify the women's vote next November in certain of the states, especially in the South, unless the legislatures are willing to make necessary changes in the laws. Payment of a poll tax is required in eight of the states; in Virginia over a period of three years before the election and in Florida and Louisiana for the two years previous. Texas law calls for the payment of a poll tax on January 1, Alabama and Mississippi on February 1 and North Carolina and South Carolina on May 1.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the legislatures, where necessary, to have registration re-opened and the laws modified, it is said here, but women political leaders hope the changes will be accomplished without difficulty in states where women have not heretofore been given the privilege of fulfilling the necessary requirements, provision should be made for them to go to the polls this November if the amendment is ratified in time, they assert.

No opposition to the operation of the suffrage amendment in strongly anti-suffrage states, similar to tactics employed in the South to limit the negro vote after the passage of the fifteenth amendment, is considered likely by suffragists here.

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