

AUSTRIA ASKS AID OF ALLIES

(Special to The Tidings)

ROME, Dec. 17.—Gaunt famine strides through Austria, crushing innocent women and babies, and threatening the entire nation with annihilation. One of the greatest catastrophes of the history is imminent, and can only be averted through the prompt aid of Austria's erstwhile enemies.

This word picture is painted by Cardinal Piffl, archbishop of Vienna, in describing conditions in his country. In an impassioned manner he told of the suffering and helplessness the war has brought upon Austria, now an obscure state, politically and economically, at the mercy of the allies.

The cardinal has made no attempt to gloss over the fact that he believes the peace terms imposed upon Austria are largely responsible for her present condition. "An economic union with Germany, he said, will be imperative if Austria is to continue as an independent state.

LACK OF SHIPS HALTS IMPORTS

By Lawrence S. Haas

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) BUENOS AIRES.—(By Mail).—If the American meat consumer, worrying over his mounting butcher bills, reads of the enormous gains in the South American cattle industry, and then demands why South American meat is not sent to North America to lower the price at home, he need take his quest no farther than those who control American ship construction.

This is the opinion of leading American meat men in Buenos Aires. While none will venture the assertion that Argentine meat placed on the American market would lower American meat prices they do declare that there are thousands of tons of South American meat that would be available for North American consumption if only refrigerator ships were to be had.

In connection with this great "IF" the head of the South American branch of one of the greatest packing houses in the United States frankly told the United Press that he knows of no refrigerator ship plying between the United States and South American ports. And, he added, Great Britain, as a matter of fact, is constructing refrigerator vessels as rapidly as she is able to do so.

Given an adequate number of refrigerator ships, South American meat producers declare they can deliver meat at any point in the world, the United States not excluded, at a price that would leave no fear of local competition. However, questioned as to the feasibility of competing with American meat production in the United States, no claims were made that Argentine meat could be "laid down" at American ports cheaper than American meat could be delivered, but it was stated that Argentine, Uruguayan and Brazilian meat could be delivered just as cheaply as the home product.

The long haul from South to North America, the greatest single cost factor in the exportation of meat from the southern to the northern continent is somewhat offset by the lower cost of labor and production in South America. In the three great cattle countries—Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil—the cattle are outdoors twelve months in the year, and for ten months feed on green grass. Head for head, the United States produces no better grade of beef.

South American packers, as everyone else who has something to sell, are looking for the best market. But they cannot get their products to any market, no matter how good, unless there is some way of carrying them.

Of course, it is obvious the pro-

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duction of hides moves at a pace no greater than that of meat production. If the United States wants Argentine meat sufficiently to provide means for transporting it they can get it, but South American meat producers will not commit themselves to the expression of an opinion that the price of meat or leather in the United States will drop if large quantities of Argentine beef and hides are placed on the American market.

MEN ORGANIZE IN LOCAL CHURCH

The Christian Brotherhood, an organization in the Christian church, open to all men members of that church and to men not members of other churches, held its first regular meeting Tuesday evening at the church.

The principal feature of the program was an address by Attorney Spaulding of this city on "The Needs of the Hour." This was certainly well received and showed the speaker a man of morals and one that reaches beneath the surface to fundamentals.

The program was followed by a banquet. The next regular meeting will be held the second Tuesday evening of January at which meeting a debate will feature the program. Cards will be issued for this meeting.

If interested watch for further announcement.

Tourists Stopping At Local Hotels

Hotel Austin

S. J. Grimes, Portland; L. T. Durbin, H. J. Thrall, Roseburg; Guy M. Ingram, Medford; S. F. McGillivray and family, Carpenter, Ia.; O. C. Everson and family, Fillmore, Can.; F. E. W. Smith, Talent; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ross, Anselm, Neb.; Miss Carrie I. Moore, Portland; K. E. Hodgman; Mrs. Snider and daughter, Medford; C. E. Willis, Redding, Calif.; E. J. Kellum, Dunsmuir, Calif.; R. Hunsaker and wife, Roseburg; A. G. Wienert, Airline; L. K. Erickson, Portland.

Hotel Columbia

D. W. Randall, Chas. E. Thompson, W. W. Woodruff, C. L. McCaskin, Portland; R. F. McKee.

WANTS NO ILL FEELING

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—The Mexican government, replying to the second American note demanding the release of American Consular Agent Jenkins, declares since Jenkins is released on bail Mexico presumes "ill feeling" between the two countries has disappeared, it is learned today.

POULTRY INFORMATION WANTED

CORVALLIS, Dec. 17.—Oregon poultry breeders will further their professional and commercial interests and promote the poultry industry by sending their names, addresses, name of breeds and number of breeders, incubator capacity,

and estimated number hatching eggs and chicks for sale next spring, to C. S. Brewster, poultry department, O. A. C., Corvallis. They are invited to list the number of pullets, hens and cockerels they have for sale.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Christmas is coming with gay trees, twinkling candles, sparkling decorations, beautiful gifts, smiling faces, and light hearts. The one day of the year when each one strives to make others happy. There is no wonder that in every child's mind Christmas is the hallowed day of the year. The day is indeed deserving of such profound observance for it commemorates the most important event that has ever taken place in the history of the world. It is right and fitting that it should be celebrated by every person, and in every home, but in no case should people permit their enthusiasm to carry them beyond the point where they may forget to give proper consideration to their own and others' personal safety.

The customary manner of celebrating, entailing the use of inflammable decorations, burning candles, filmy dresses, etc., has in many instances resulted in disastrous fires attended with the destruction of life and property, and the leaving of a trail of sadness and sorrow in the wake of that joyful occasion. How much better to have eliminated the element of danger by exercising a little forethought and precaution. The use of fire is in no way essential to a proper observance or celebration of the day, and we offer a few timely suggestions for a safer and safer Christmas.

Do not have wiring done by a novice.

Use a small tree. Small trees are usually more decorative than large ones, and much safer.

Be sure the tree is well fastened so it can not fall over.

If candles are used protect the floor under the tree with a sheet of metal.

Where possible use small electric lights for illumination.

If you must use candles, place same so that flame can not come in

contact with anything inflammable, and fasten securely.

Use metal tinsel for decoration instead of paper or inflammables.

For snow effects use asbestos on gas jets, and do not hang anything inflammable on chandeliers.

Keep screen always in front of fire place.

Never permit children to light candles. They should never under any circumstances be permitted the use of matches.

Extinguish all candles before the distribution of presents.

Remove all decorations within three days.

It is a very wise precaution to fireproof the children's filmy dresses, and any inflammable decorations possible which can be done for a few cents in the following manner, viz: Dissolve commercial ammonium phosphate in water in the pro-

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Jardiniers \$2.50 to \$6.00		MECHANICAL TOYS
Japanese Ware \$1.40 to \$8.50		Autos—50c to \$1.50
Bud Vases \$1.00		Boats—85c
		Climbing Monkey—75c
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