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preciation due to devastating war, law. it is doubtful whether Austria-Hungary is worth \$20,000,000,000 toof the former empire that have set ly to Italy.

the rich province of Alasce-Lorraine. amounts to about half that much. We might ignore the war debt, on for some years to come. the ground that it is owed almost wholly to Germans, and is thus a matter of domestic bookkeeping rather than a definite loss of national wealth. In that case, perhaps we estimate Germany's present wealth at something like \$60,-000,000,000.

Now if Great Britain is going to demand \$40,000,000,000 and France \$40,000,000 000 and Belgium \$6.-000,000,000 and the United States and various other countries a few additional billions, we have an aggregate of compensatory damages nearly twice as large as Germany's total wealth.

We know what happens when a creditor in private life tries to collect from a debtor twice as much as the debtor is worth. How are the allies to get 150 or 200 per cent out

per cent occupation tax affecting wealth of Austria-Hungary before mines only, and they now refuse to the war. If we deduct a reasonable pay nearly a million dollars state sum for the provinces lost and de- tax for 1918 under the one-sided

Several western states that have been very prosperous owing to big day. And there remains the puz- war metal productions of the mines zling problem of collecting any in- are planning legislative action lookdemnity whatever from certain parts ing to further taxation of mines. Within a few years normal prices up independent governments friend- under world peace will leave the mines in no condition to pay the big

Germany is still more of a prob- war taxes and legislators may kill lem. The German empire, including the goose that lays the golden egg. The mining industry in most weswas estimated to be worth \$80,000,- tern states is the greatest source of 000,000. The German war debt prosperity, besides paying the bulk of state taxes and federal war taxes

One thing is certain, unless a



DIET KITCHEN OF AMERICAN RED CROSS IN FRANCE.

if he is near, on account of the dust. It takes us about eight hours to load 10,000 to 13,000 tons."

Tuesday morning we got under way for this place. We arrived here yesterday, after bucking a windstorm all day and night. The big buckets unloaded in here. One carries five tons and the other eight. It takes about five days to unload. I am in the small boat awaiting

to make a trip. This is not a bad job, ony it gets pretty cold. Then we have to cross all the tugs and ferries' paths so when there is a fog it keeps us on the go keeping out of their way.

Last night the Y. M. C. A. gave us a dance and as today is a holiday we got up when we wanted to. Some of the fellows are not up yet and it is 11 o'clock.

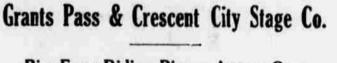
Received letters from Maxine, Merle and Lois vesterday, also an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p. m at the Donell's. I am going if I don't freeze before then.

Well, have to close as it is time to make a trip. With lots of love,

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Austrian Child-Slaves.

The report of a parliamentary com mittee appointed to investigate conditions surrounding child labor in Austrin discovered a most deplorable con dition, according to the Arbeiter Zeltung of Vienna. More than one-third of all schoolchildren are engaged in some kind of work. In some districts all the children of school age are work ing. Out of every 100 schoolchildren between six and eight years, 18 are at work; between nine and ten, 35; be tween eleven and twelve, 50, and between thirteen and fourteen, 52. Two fifths of these children have been working from the time they were five or six years old.



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