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## MURDER OF NATION BY RUTHLESS HUNS

How the Poles Were Slain and Starved and Frozen During the German Drive.

F. C. Walcott Tells of the Scenes of Horror He Witnessed Along the Road From Warsaw to Pinsk—Million Persons Homeless.

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This I have seen. I could not believe it unless I had seen it through and through. For several weeks I lived with it; I went all about it and back of it; inside and out of it was shown to me—until finally I came to realize that the incredible was true. It is monstrous, it is unthinkable, but it exists. It is the Prussian system.—F. C. Walcott.  
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The following is a statement by F. C. Walcott, who served as an assistant to Mr. Hoover during the time America was doing "all that was possible to feed the starving millions of Belgium and Poland and northern France. In this work he was brought in direct contact with German military officials, and saw the conditions which the German invasion had created among the civilian population:

I went to Poland to learn the facts concerning the remnant of a people that had been decimated by war. The country had been twice devastated. First the Russian army swept through it and then the Germans. Along the roadside from Warsaw to Pinsk, the present firing line, 230 miles, nearly half a million people had died of hunger and cold. The way was strewn with their bones picked clean by the crows. With their usual thrift, the Germans were collecting the larger bones to be milled into fertilizer, but finger and toe bones lay on the ground with the mud-covered and rain-soaked clothing.

Wicker baskets were scattered along the way—the basket in which the baby swings from the rafter in every peasant home. Every mile there were scores of them, each one telling a death. I started to count, but after a little I had to give it up, there were so many.

That is the desolation one saw along the great road from Warsaw to Pinsk, mile after mile, more than two hundred miles. They told me a million people were made homeless in six weeks of the German drive in August and September, 1916. They told me four hundred thousand died on the way. The rest, scarcely half alive, got through with the Russian army. Many of these have been sent to Siberia; it is these people whom the Paderewski committee is trying to relieve.

In the refugee camps, 300,000 survivors of the flight were gathered by the Germans, members of broken families. They were lodged in jerry-built barracks, scarcely water-proof, unlighted, unwarmed in the dead of winter. Their clothes, where the buttons were lost, were sewed on. There were no conveniences, they had not even been able to wash for weeks. Filth and infection from vermin were spreading. They were famished, their

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daily ration a cup of soup and a piece of bread as big as my fist. In Warsaw, which had not been destroyed, a city of one million inhabitants, one of the most prosperous cities of Europe before the war, the streets were lined with people in the pangs of starvation. Famished and rain-soaked, they squatted there, with their elbows on their knees or leaning against the buildings, too feeble to lift a hand for a bit of money or a morsel of bread if one offered it, perishing of hunger and cold. Charity did what it could. The rich gave all that they had, the poor shared their last crust. Hundreds of thousands were perishing. Day and night the pictures is before my eyes—a people starving, a nation dying.

The above statement by Mr. Walcott is a terrible arraignment of the Hun, but no more terrible than he deserves. What has happened in Poland, in Belgium, in northern France and every other country that has been blighted by the Hun's presence would happen in America should the allies, by any chance, fail to win this war. It would mean the enslavement of American men, the starving and death of American women and children. Either the Hun or humanity must perish.

### KILLED BY GERMAN HELMET

American Soldier Hunting Souvenir Picked Up Charged Headpiece.

Shamokin, Pa.—Writing from a dug-out in No Man's Land, France, Leo Comer, a corporal in the Twenty-third United States Infantry, forwarded to his sister here, Miss Cecelia Comer, a bunch of strange flowers he had gathered while on patrol duty.

Comer had promised a younger brother a German steel helmet as a war relic, but in writing informed the brother that he was doomed to disappointment until the Americans reach Berlin. He had seen a fellow soldier pick up a steel helmet and then fall dead.

The helmet had been electrically charged by the Germans.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, August 15, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that John S. Morgan, of Richland, Oregon, who, on November 23, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 014012 for N 1-2 NE 1-4, Sec. 11, and N 1-2 NW 1-4, Sec. 12, Township 9 South, Range 43 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, jr., at Baker, Oregon, on the 11th day of October, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Bovee of Baker, Oregon; William Hardy, of Baker, Oregon; Otto Schiller, of Richland, Oregon; Edward V. Eastabrook, of Keating, Oregon.

C. S. Dunn, Register.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

The GEM Quartz Lode Claim  
Amended Mineral Survey No. 427  
Serial No. 019277  
United States Land Office,  
La Grande, Oregon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Gem Consolidated Gold Mining Company, a corporation, of Oregon, with its post office address at the City of Baker, Baker County, Oregon, has made application to the United States Government for United States Patent to the Gem lode claim, situated in no organized mining district, in Baker County, State of Oregon, in Sections 17 and 20, Township 8 South, Range 44 East of Willamette Meridian, as shown by the official plat posted, and designated by said plat and by the official field notes on file with the United States Surveyor General for Oregon, as Amended Mineral Survey No. 127.

Said Gem quartz lode claim being described by courses and distances as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, whence the quarter Section corner between Sections 17 and 20, in Township 8 South, Range 44 East of Willamette Meridian, in Baker County, Oregon, bears South 31° 06' East 469.8 feet;  
Thence South 7° 39' West 1498.3 feet to Corner No. 2;  
Thence North 82° 23' West 599.7 feet to corner No. 3;  
Thence North 7° 42' East 1498.2 feet to corner No. 4;  
Thence South 82° 23' East 598.4 feet to corner No. 1, the place of beginning. Embracing a total area of 20,604 acres.

Adjoining claims, as shown by the official plat of the survey are:

The Northwest Gem, and Gem Extension North, both unsurveyed, on the North;

The West Gem, unsurveyed, on the West;

The Gem Extension South, and the East Gem Extension South, both unsurveyed, on the South;

The East Gem, and the Northeast Gem, both unsurveyed, on the East.

There are no conflicting claims. All persons holding adverse claims to any portion of the lands embraced in this application are hereby notified to file notice thereof in the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, during the publication of this notice of application for patent.

C. S. DUNN, Register.  
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### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Department of the Interior.  
United States Land Office,  
August 7, 1918.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, by his Letter of June 24th, 1918, has allowed the application of John E. Macy, of Sparta, Oregon, for a hearing to determine the mineral or non-mineral character of the NW 1-4 SW 1-4, E 1-2 NW 1-4, NE 1-4, and NW 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 36, Tp. 8 S., R. 44 E., W. M.

The records of this office show that said land was adjudged mineral in character by Commissioner's Letter "N" of February 17th, 1894, as a result of a hearing held upon the application of the State of Oregon, and that the State has since exercised its right by selecting other land in lieu thereof.

In application for hearing it is alleged by the said John E. Macy, and two witnesses, that the lands above described are non-mineral in character.

Any and all persons, therefore, who claim any right, title, or interest in said lands or any part thereof, or who may be claiming the same for mineral purposes, by location, occupation or otherwise, or who may desire to object because of the mineral character of the land or for any other reason to the disposal of applicant, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence, touching the character of the land above described, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on October 9th, 1918, before W. L. Patterson, a Notary Public, at his office, at Baker, Oregon, and the final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock, A. M., on November 6th, 1918, before the Register and Receiver, at the United States Land Office, in LaGrande, Oregon.

C. S. Dunn, Register.  
Nolan Skiff, Receiver.  
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Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, August 15, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Nicholas Spyropoulos, of Home, Oregon, who, on October 2, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 013782, for NE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 20, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 29, and on May 15, 1916, made A. H. E. No. 014855 for S 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 20, and S 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 45 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, jr., Clerk of County Court, at Baker, Oregon, on the 9th day of October, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: George Spyropoulos, of Home, Oregon, Milt Spyropoulos, of Home, Oregon, Chris Coleman, of Home, Oregon, and Wm. Kirby, of Durkee, Oregon.  
C. S. Dunn, Register.  
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Baker, Oregon, June 11th, 1918.

To the heirs of John P. Carey, deceased, and all others interested herein:

You and each of you are hereby notified and will take notice that I, the subscriber, have expended during the years 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, one hundred dollars for each of said years in labor and improvements upon each of the following quartz mining claims, situated in Baker County, State of Oregon, to-wit: Upon the "SWEEPSTAKE" and upon the Gallagher No. 1 quartz mining claims, as said claims are described in the recorded certificates of location thereof, on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of said County and State in Book "K" of quartz locations at pages 470 and 471. Such expenditure was made for the purpose of holding the possessory right and title to said mining claims under the provisions of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto, said sums being necessary to hold said mining claims for said years.

If you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure within ninety days after the publication of this notice, as a co-owner in said claims, your proportion being one sixth of said sums expended by me, your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscriber under said Section 2324. Patrick Gallagher.  
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Why not send the News to a soldier friend?