

MAY DECIDE WAR

Food Situation Acute in All Struggling Nations.

MORTALITY IS INCREASING.

Reported That Epidemics Are Spreading in Germany Owing to Decreased Resistance of People—Russian Government Calls For Special Conference to Deal With Problem in Petrograd.

London.—The food shortage is becoming acute in all the warring countries in Europe. In Germany the situation has long been worse than the government has been willing to admit. In France the lack of grain is causing worry. In Russia the problem is urgent. In England the cabinet is giving it serious attention.

Only fragmentary reports of the debate in the Prussian diet have been printed in the German newspapers, but the Vorwaerts, received in Amsterdam, contains this from the speech of a Socialist, Herr Hofer:

"The mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate.



PREMIER BRIAND.

while epidemics are spreading everywhere owing to decreased power of resistance."

The Russian government has called a special conference to deal immediately with the food problem in Petrograd.

By arrangement with the minister of agriculture and the food controller in England the ministry of munitions is taking control of all fats, oils and oil seed and their products, including oil cake, soap and margarine.

France must economize or replace with other cereals from 34 to 38 per cent of its requirements of wheat, according to estimates made by Chairman Boret of the agricultural committee of the chamber of deputies.

The requirements of the allies of France and neutrals are from 500,000,000 to 570,000,000 bushels. The surplus available from overseas countries is from 300,000,000 to 370,000,000 bushels. Leaving a deficit for the entire allies and neutrals of from 100,000,000 to 210,000,000 bushels.

Prime Minister Briand said: "The government is confident it has done everything possible to cope with the extremely difficult situation, but some problems must be considered before others, and, as the principal one concerned, I can tell you that our army is abundantly provided for and that it can face the enemy with full confidence."

INDIAN FINDS MINERAL.

His Dream of Becoming Rich Like White Man May Be Realized.

Hono, Nev.—Visions of wealth were held in the mind of Jack Samuels, an Indian, who came in from the Pyramid reservation recently with half a dozen samples of mineralized rock that he found in ledges out on the reservation. Jack showed them to Indian Agent C. H. Ashbury, who had his clerk, W. C. Van Emon, conduct him to the Mackay School of Mines at the university to have them assayed.

Some of the samples look very good, and it is not impossible that they may be the forerunner of important discoveries. Jack explains that the ledges are big, and if the ore runs all right he has a chance to get rich like the white man.

For many years there have been traditions of fabulously rich float found on the reservation, but even the most diligent prospecting has failed to disclose the ledges from which it came.

AMPUTATED ARM REPLACED.

Surgeon Performs Remarkable Operation on British Soldier.

London.—The Daily Chronicle reports a remarkable surgical operation performed on the son-in-law of James O'Grady, M. P.

He was severely wounded at the front some months ago, and it was found necessary to amputate one of his arms. The surgeon carried out the daring experiment of removing the injured part of bone, then attaching the arm again and sewing it together.

The operation was so successful that the patient can use his arm again. He is able to lift a cup of tea slowly to his mouth. The only thing noticeable is that the injured arm is slightly shorter than the other.

MAKE RICH HAUL OF PEARLS FROM MUSSELS

Missouri Couple Garner \$12,000 Worth of Precious Gems.

Joplin, Mo.—Three years ago Mrs. Bertha Scott was married to Edward Bell, and the pair moved to the husband's small farm on the upper White river. There Mrs. Bell spent much of her time fishing. One morning she raked a mussel from the stream and found in it a pearl the size of a No. 4 shot. Then she waded in and soon had a basket of mussels and garnered ten more pearls.

When she told her husband he advised that they collect as many as possible before looking for a market. They went pearl hunting together, but Mrs. Bell had the better luck. Her husband found only three or four rather poor pearls, while she got forty-one, some of them the size of a pea and of beautiful luster.

"If you are offered \$50 for the bunch grab it," was her husband's advice. So Mrs. Bell took the pearls to Newport, Mo., the nearest possible market. The jeweler there said he could not afford to buy them, but that the regular New York buyer would be in the next day.

Mrs. Bell called on the buyer at his hotel. After testing and weighing them the buyer said:

"Twenty of them are but little better than 'slugs' and are worth to me only \$5 each. The remainder weigh about 700 grains. The bunch is worth to me \$11,000."

Mrs. Bell had sufficient self control to escape fainting and to say calmly she guessed he could have them.

ONE HUNDRED PATROL CRAFT IN RUSH PLAN

Navy Department Officials Confer With Builders and Arrange For Immediate Construction.

Washington.—Within a few months it is probable the United States will have in commission the first of a flotilla of 100 or more high speed coast patrol boats or submarine chasers. Officials of the navy department conferred with builders of craft of this type and planned for their immediate construction.

The boats will be larger and of somewhat different type from that which it has been assumed would be adopted as the standard. It had been supposed that an eighty-five foot gasoline cruiser would be considered most efficient, but it now appears the navy department wants steam launches 110 feet long, which will be more seaworthy and have a larger radius of action than the smaller craft. Speed, however, will be insisted on.

Details of the armament and equipment of the new type of vessel are being worked out, but probably will not be made public. Experts point out that they will virtually represent a return to the old type of torpedo boat of the days before the Spanish war, which it was thought had been completely superseded by the destroyer.

Some of the companies represented at the conference have built a great many chasers for the British admiralty, but will have to make some alterations in their plants to supply the larger craft wanted by the United States.

LOOPS LOOP IN SEAPLANE.

Captain Evans of Maine Corps Astonishes Officers of Aeronautical Station.

Pensacola, Fla.—By looping the loop in a seaplane Captain Francis T. Evans of the United States marine corps astonished officers of the aeronautical station here, who had considered the feat impossible. Captain Evans is the first American aviator to attempt it.

Although looping the loop in an ordinary aeroplane has outworn its novelty as a popular stunt, the heavy pontoons attached to the air and water flier hitherto have been a bar to similar attempts with this type of machine.

Captain Evans found it necessary to drive through the air at great speed before he could gain the inverse position. He then looped the loop twice before his descent.

KING'S CHEAP LUNCH.

Seated "Alongside the Humble," He Asks For a Second Helping.

Berlin.—King Ludwig of Bavaria, who is extremely popular with his people, not the least for his democratic habits, unexpectedly visited one of the cheap eating houses which have been established in Munich and all the other large German cities since the beginning of the war.

Seated in the midst of the establishment at a table alongside the humble, the king remained fully one hour. He partook of all the dishes and even asked for a second helping.

MONKEY EATS AT TABLE; ENJOYS A GOOD SMOKE

New York.—A monkey that eats at a table and can smoke a pipe is valued by its owner, Charles Corniter, captain of a lighter lying off a New York wharf. His nibs the monk was taught his accomplishments by an English lord, who captured him in Africa. The simian was stolen, and Captain Corniter, suspecting a rigger, had him arrested.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

COBURG

Coburg, March 28.—H. M. Anderson has purchased the bungalow of John F. Striver on Willamette street.

Charles Tyler made a business trip to Junction City returning the same day.

Cecil Frum spent the week end visiting relatives in Junction City. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson motored to Eugene Monday.

The Apostolic Faith Mission has moved from the I. O. O. F. hall to Veatch's hall adjoining Anderson's grocery store on Willamette street. They will conduct meetings there for the following week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Anderson motored to Springfield Sunday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Deffenbacher motored to Eugene Saturday.

Mrs. H. Bishop of Wealding visited her daughter, Mrs. Ray Pirtle Sunday returning the following day.

Waite Drury motored to Eugene Monday on business.

Mr. Barr, traveling agent for the Tru Blu Biscuit company was in the city Monday.

Frank Bettis was in town on business today.

Mrs. H. M. Anderson returned Wednesday from a business trip to Marcola.

Ray Pirtle motored to Eugene Wednesday on business.

Marcola News Notes.

Frank Teal was a county seat business caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Martin Anderson of Coburg spent a couple of days of this week with relatives at this place, returning home Wednesday.

Henry McDaniel resumed his position with the Fischer Lumber company yesterday after an enforced layoff due to an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Walter Fischer entertained the ladies of the newly organized sewing circle at her home yesterday afternoon.

Great preparations are being made for the benefit dance to be given in the Woodman hall next Saturday evening under the auspices of the local athletic association. A seven piece orchestra under the direction of Prof. Caley, will furnish the music.

Norvel Orr, who has been sojourning in eastern Oregon for several months, arrived yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Henry Fischer, of Leona, spent several days of this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Johnson.

CAMP CREEK.

Camp Creek, March 27.—Myrtle Farham spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. R. T. Stephens.

Miss G. Archer and Wray Chase of Eugene were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chase's Sunday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Endeavor meets at 6:45 p. m. Sermons by the pastor, Rev. Chris H. Jensen, as follows: morning, "Christian Unity," evening "On Cavalry." Let everyone remember that regardless of the outside work, and inside remodeling we continue our Sunday services, and will be glad to see you there.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their help and sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement. The tributes from the high school students and their teachers were very much appreciated.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE

Lillian M. Gibson, Plaintiff, vs. Winifred J. Gibson, Defendant.

SUMMONS

To Winifred J. Gibson the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons hereinafter referred to, to-wit: On or before the 28th day of April 1917, and you are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, viz: That the bonds of Matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant be forever dissolved and held for naught; That plaintiff be awarded the care and custody of the minor children, Mazie Gibson and Emo Gibson and that the plaintiff have such other relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the "Springfield News" a newspaper of general circulation published in Lane County, Oregon, under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable G. F. Skipworth, Judge of the above entitled Court, dated March 14, 1917, directing the said publication once a week for six weeks, which order requires you to appear and answer the complaint on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: March 15, 1917.

FRANK A. DEPUE, Attorney for plaintiff. Mch. 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, has been appointed by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of William H. Lewis and Mary A. Lewis, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said William H. Lewis or Mary A. Lewis, are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the Administrator, at his office, No. 21, E. 9th Ave., Eugene, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is March 15, 1917.

LOUIS E. BEAN, Administrator. Mch. 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12.

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