

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, with stores accumulated on the farms, there is famine in the large centers of population.

Belgium and northern France, as well as Serbia, appear on the hunger map distinct from the rest of Europe because they stand in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has for four years maintained the small war rations of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased after-the-war needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this plan, are urgent in the extreme and must have immediate relief.

The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to her during the war constitutes the strongest appeal for us to continue our work there. The moment the German armies withdrew from her soil and she was established once more in her own

seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens.

Germany, on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for Americans because there is no present indication that we shall be called on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problem if she is given access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers.

England, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, all of which have been maintained from American supplies, have sufficient food to meet immediate needs, but their future presents serious difficulties. The same is true of Spain and the northern neutral countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—whose ports have been open and who have been able to draw to some degree upon foreign supplies.

Most of Russia is already in the throes of famine, and 40,000,000 people there are beyond the possibility of help. Before another spring thousands of them inevitably must die. This applies as well to Poland and practically throughout the Baltic re-

gions, with conditions most serious in Finland.

Bohemia, Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro have already reached the famine point and are suffering a heavy toll of death. The Armenian population is falling each week as hunger takes its toll, and in Greece, Albania and Roumania so serious are the food shortages that famine is near. Although starvation is not yet imminent, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey are in the throes of serious stringencies.

In order to fulfill America's pledge in world relief we will have to export every ton of food which can be handled through our ports. This means at the very least a minimum of 20,000,000 tons compared with 6,000,000 tons pre-war exports and 11,830,000 tons exported last year, when we were bound by the ties of war to the European allies.

If we fail to lighten the black spots on the hunger map or if we allow any portions to become darker the very peace for which we fought and bled will be threatened. Revolt and anarchy inevitably follow famine. Should this happen we will see in other parts of Europe a repetition of the Russian debacle and our fight for world peace will have been in vain.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Albany's motion picture theaters have closed voluntarily to remain closed until all influenza danger is passed.

The Warm Springs irrigation project, which is already on a fair way to development, is causing a big boom at Vale.

Approximately 125 men employed at the St. Helens Shipbuilding company's yard at St. Helens are out on a strike.

Portland will open its first open-air school on January 27. It will be the only school of its kind in Oregon and in Washington.

Joseph McCord, a well-known Baker county man, who has been living on his ranch near Rock creek, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

The ministers of Albany adopted a resolution voluntarily closing all of the churches of Albany to all meetings until danger from influenza is past.

The J. H. Chambers mill at Cottage Grove is now getting out several cars of 16x16 timbers to be shipped to Italy. The timbers are 50 to 60 feet in length.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington and California will attend the Oregon State Hotel M. W. A. association convention which will open in Portland Monday, January 28.

Another influenza wave has hit Klamath Falls. The ban which was placed on this city early in October has been raised only a short time, but the disease again is spreading.

The Columbia river between The Dalles and Hood River was completely closed last week with ice which stretched from shore to shore. Automobiles crossed in safety over the frozen surface.

Work on the Eugene-Lorane road, which is one of the big road projects planned by the Lane county court for 1919, has been started and a crew of men has begun to clear the right of way at the Eugene end.

Mrs. Emmaline Elizabeth Galloway, wife of former Circuit Judge William Galloway, died at her home in Salem after an illness of several months. Mrs. Galloway was long identified with public life in Oregon.

Fraternal and sororities of the Oregon Agricultural college have formed a corporation for the purpose of purchasing foods and other supplies and for systematizing operation of the various chapter houses.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler was shot three times, but not seriously wounded, by John Hanlon, of Jordan Valley, as he was ascending the stairway in the courthouse in Vale. Hanlon is in jail charged with assault with intent to kill.

In a report to the state land board, Attorney-General Brown goes at length into the land fraud situation in the state and declares that he will seek \$5000 from the legislature to further prosecute the Pacific Livestock case, but will attempt no other prosecutions.

Matilda Whittle, an Indian woman, who became famous during the Modoc war in 1872, when she was the trusted messenger of the peace commission and carried messages to and from the hostile Indians in the lava beds, died at Klamath Falls. She was 80 years of age.

That Indians from Umatilla reservation have done their part in serving the country in the war is shown by the record of more than 50 who have been doing their duty in France and in the training camps. The Indians

responded willingly when called to the service.

After sitting for several days in front of a house at Dillon, east of The Dalles, apparently watching passing trains, the frozen body of an aged negro, believed to be Joseph Mullen, was found. It is believed he started to walk to The Dalles when he was overcome by the cold.

Early extension of the Strahorn railroad from its present terminal at Dairy, 20 miles east of Klamath Falls, to Bonanza, was indicated at a meeting of the residents of that section. Between \$10,000 and \$12,000 of the \$15,000 necessary to assure this construction was pledged.

Stockmen of Wasco county have agreed to support the effort to be made at this session of the legislature to enact a law providing for co-operation with the federal government in checking the predatory animal pest by matching the appropriation of the United States for this purpose.

The death house at the state penitentiary at Salem, where more than a score of men have been shot through the traps into eternity, is to be changed into a kitchen, and fully 300 convicts will be served their food cafeteria style, instead of the present "reach and grab" system which prevails, according to plans being worked out now by Gordon Stevens.

With even nurses and assistants at some of the hospitals becoming ill from influenza, the situation at Salem has become so serious that city authorities have intimated that the already tight ban may be drawn even tighter unless radical steps are taken to preserve the regulations. It is even possible that the prohibitory measures may be extended to apply to all but absolutely essential businesses, such as meat markets, groceries and drug stores, and that other merchandising establishments will be ordered closed. It is estimated there are fully 1000 cases of the disease in the city.

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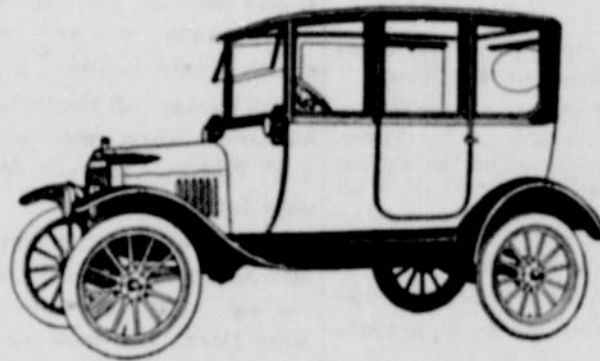
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