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FALL OF NAMUR DUE TO SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION

FOLKESTONE, via London, Aug. 28, 4:05 a. m.—A number of Belgian wounded from Namur have arrived here, but it is difficult to get any connected account of the fight there.

On Saturday a German shell exploded in Marchevette fort and put the largest gun and one six-inch gun out of action.

On Sunday ammunition ran short in some of the forts and more was sent for, but the town fell at midday Sunday before it arrived.

ASHLAND WATERSHED NOW BEING FENCED

Work has begun for the construction of a four-mile fence along the summit of the divide between the Ashland watershed and the Little Applegate grazing lands occupied by the cattle herds of Messrs. Beeson and Kleinhammer of Talent and Jacksonville, says the Ashland Record.

The first step in the fencing project was the hauling of the wire to Long's cabin last week. Beeson and Kleinhammer buy the wire and build the fence, but the city of Ashland generously contributed the haul of six miles up the canyon.

WANT EXHIBITS FOR SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

H. O. Frohbach, who was in Medford Thursday, wishes all those who have fine specimens of fruit and vegetables to turn them over to him as soon as they are ripe and mature.

Palmer pears are especially wanted by Mr. Frohbach to complete the pear collection.

BRITISH LOSS HEAVY ANNOUNCES ASQUITH

LONDON, Aug. 28, 12:45 p. m.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that the British troops in Wednesday's fighting were exposed to the attack of five German army corps.

THE COST OF WAR

THE financial cost of war is appalling. There is the cost of maintaining armies and fighting battles. There is the property actually destroyed.

There is the increased indebtedness to be met by the taxation of the people—a perpetual burden upon the people. People of Europe are still paying for the Napoleonic wars of over a century ago.

The total indebtedness of the seven involved European nations at the outbreak of the present war approximated twenty-four billion dollars—nearly all due to war and preparation for war.

The annual interest charge upon this war debt is \$953,000,000—almost a billion a year perpetual burden the people of Europe are paying on account of previous wars.

The cost of the present war will enormously increase this total—it will nearly bankrupt Europe. The total debts of the seven nations, previous to this war, were: France, \$6,346,000,000; Germany, \$4,933,000,000; Russia, \$4,573,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$3,709,000,000; United Kingdom, \$3,485,000,000; Belgium, \$825,000,000; Serbia, \$126,000,000.

The per capita indebtedness of the various nations was: France, \$158; Germany, \$76; Russia, \$29; Austro-Hungary, \$74; Great Britain, \$78; Belgium, \$110; Serbia, \$32.

Whatever the outcome, it will take many decades for the countries involved to recover, and the survivors must pay the fabulous cost—and their descendants be paying it a century hence.

Socialists and the European War

Commenting on your editorial August 25th: "Socialism Loses Opportunity." Socialism, not being established anywhere, has had no opportunity to prove its value or worthiness as an institution.

The general strike they advocate for its prevention was not called. Even in Germany all working men are not socialists; and it is doubtful if the socialists in any of the countries involved had the power to put into effect the general strike, especially in view of the sudden development of this war and the power of military government.

It is an unlikely assumption that the proletariat, especially the class-conscious socialist or non-socialist, is "cheerful" at being made food for cannon. But it is true that the unarmed and poorly organized workers, at the mercy of armed and organized powers of government, are submitting to that authority.

The ultimate result may be armed revolt by the masses against those economic and governmental powers which have enslaved and victimized them. In armed revolt probably lies the only chance for overthrow of autocracy and establishment of equity and peace.

The Christian church with its immense numerical strength, widespread organization, wealth and power might have prevented war by organized protest; but it was silent. Its votaries in the contending armies pray to the same God through the same Christ.

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ENVOY DEFENDS DROPPING OF BOMBS UPON ANTWERP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary of State Bryan today on the censorship at the German-owned wireless stations. Secretary Bryan said afterward that the question still was unsettled.

Fighting on the Russian border, the ambassador said, had been merely clashes of outposts. The country is open and undefended, he explained, and the towns reported captured by Russians are undefended and unimportant points. No Russian dispatches, the count declared, had mentioned engagements with more than one of the Prussian army corps.

Attack on a fortress in modern warfare, he pointed out, may be carried on from the air as well as from the siege guns. The ambassador said he would not discuss the future and did not take up the diplomatic side of the European struggle.

Well, we are not at war with him," the ambassador remarked. "I can go in."

COOLEY CLEARED OF OLD MURDER CHARGE

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 28.—The grand jury for Curry county has returned a not true bill in the Cooley case. Cooley was arrested in San Francisco last spring on the charge of having murdered the late Thomas Van Pelt at Cheteo sixteen years ago, and extradited. He was brought here and placed under \$50,000 bond to appear before the grand jury.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—More destitute persons have applied to charity organizations for aid since the beginning of the European war than at any time since 1893, according to charity workers, who announced today that they had about reached the limit of their resources.

DIED KRUTZLER—At Reno, Nev., August 25, John Krutzler, aged 24 years, 1 month and 3 days, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krutzler. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, 208 W. Clark street, Sunday, August 30, at 3 p. m., Rev. Conrad Wilker officiating. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

HAMILTON—At his late residence on West Palm street, Thursday, August 27, Cyrus Valesco Hamilton, aged 65 years, 10 months and 16 days. Funeral services will be held at the Weeks & McGowan chapel, Sunday, August 30, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Shields officiating. Services at the grave under the auspices of the Medford Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery. He leaves a wife and one son, C. F. Hamilton.

EUNICE, La., Aug. 28.—Four persons were killed and three others probably fatally injured today near Savoie, La., when gasoline in a tank car of the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico railroad exploded. The explosion occurred several hours after the tank car had been derailed in a wreck.

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BUTTE MINERS EMPLOY FORCE TO COERCE WORKERS

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 28.—A committee representing the Butte miners, the new organization opposed to the Western Federation of Miners, visited the St. Lawrence mine this morning and gave the men there notice that they would be compelled to join the new union within twenty-four hours.

The Anaconda mine closed down yesterday after a visit to the mine by a delegation of the new union which seized 34 men and marched them down the hill, is not operating today. The St. Lawrence, visited by the union committee this morning, employs 450 men. The miners' delegation today posted notices at the Original shaft that it would visit the mine Monday morning to enforce the rule that under-ground workers must belong to the new union.

Leading business men are in conference today reviewing the local situation. Business interests generally see in a renewal of the jurisdictional quarrel among the miners a possible shut-down of all mines in this district.

GOLD BEACH FORGER ESCAPES FROM JAIL

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 28.—Ira Sullivan, sentenced yesterday in the circuit court here to serve from two to 20 years in the penitentiary for forgery, committed at Brookings, in this county, by raising and passing a check at the Brookings Lumber company, sawed his way out of jail late last night and escaped. He had secured a piece of a sharp hacksaw, and with this he severed the bars in the window of his cell.

When last seen the man was clad in a blue serge suit, and wore a soft black hat. Sheriff Bailey is taking steps to head the prisoner off, in the belief that the man is making for the mountains, as it is thought that once he enters their fastnesses he will not be easily re-captured.

CONGRESS TO FINISH WORK BY OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—With prospects of limiting the trust legislative program to the federal trade commission bill and the Clayton measure to supplement the Sherman law, it was predicted today that congress would complete its business by October 1. Whether it then would adjourn depended, however, on conditions arising from the war in Europe.

Owes His Life to This Lung Remedy If you suspect a catarrh cough or cold you are in constant danger of early contracting serious Lung Trouble. The cough or cold which does not yield to ordinary treatment should be a warning to you and preventive measures should be taken as soon as possible.

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