

GERMAN ARMY TOOK AMERICAN RELIEF SUPPLIES

Scenes of Distress in Evacuated Territory—People Forced to Watch Destruction of Homes, Herded in Groups and Shelled—Pitiable Sights in Devastated Country.

WAR CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE March 21.—(From Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press).—"We would have starved if it had not been for the American relief commission," said a French woman in the city hall of Nesle today to the correspondent, speaking for herself and her two little children their pallid faces and high cheek bones giving evidence of their privations.

Wherever one went in the territory recently evacuated by the Germans the same story was repeated. There are many other stories of hardships being told, although most of the inhabitants said the German soldiers had been well disciplined and kept strictly under control. It was repeatedly asserted, however, that within the past few weeks the Germans had appropriated some of the American relief stores to their own use, even to the extent of three-fourths of the supplies. It was also said that the Germans took possession of the white flour issuing black flour instead to the inhabitants.

Took Relief Supplies

Some of the peasants encountered in the territory were plainly joyous at their liberation. Others appeared to have their spirit broken. Their attitude was one of absolute submission to anything that might happen. Many young children who had seen nothing but German soldiers in their lives, started in almost stupid wonder at the British Tommies clad in khaki and wearing their steel hats.

One of the greatest ordeals the people said they had to endure was to stand by and see their homes broken up by the Germans as the soldiers were leaving. In some instances the French inhabitants who had been held virtually as prisoners during the German occupation had segregated in certain parts of the villages while the work of destruction was going on elsewhere. At Rouy, however, it was said and reiterated by scores of persons that the inhabitants of this village and several other villages had been gathered at Rouy-le-Petit in certain houses and told to remain in them a certain number of hours while the Germans got away. While so herded together, they declared, the Germans had sent 200 shells in to village, killing several persons. The funerals which were in progress in the village today lent color to the story. People in other villages also assert that they distinctly heard this firing and thought that a battle was in progress.

Pitiable Sights Witnessed.

It was pitiful to move today through villages which had been far from the firing line and untouched by any shells and yet were lying in absolute ruins. Active steps are being taken by both the British and the French to relieve the people in the liberated zone. About the only persons seen are old men, women and children. Boys who had attained the age of 16 years or more since the German occupation and men who were considered over military age by the French were taken off by the Germans for work behind their lines. Many of these French boys and old men had been compelled to work in the German trenches where they said they also met many Belgians and Russians, the latter, of course, being prisoners of war. It was asserted that one of the reasons for the wholesale deportation of Belgians was the necessity for this labor in constructing the new positions to which the Germans have fallen back.

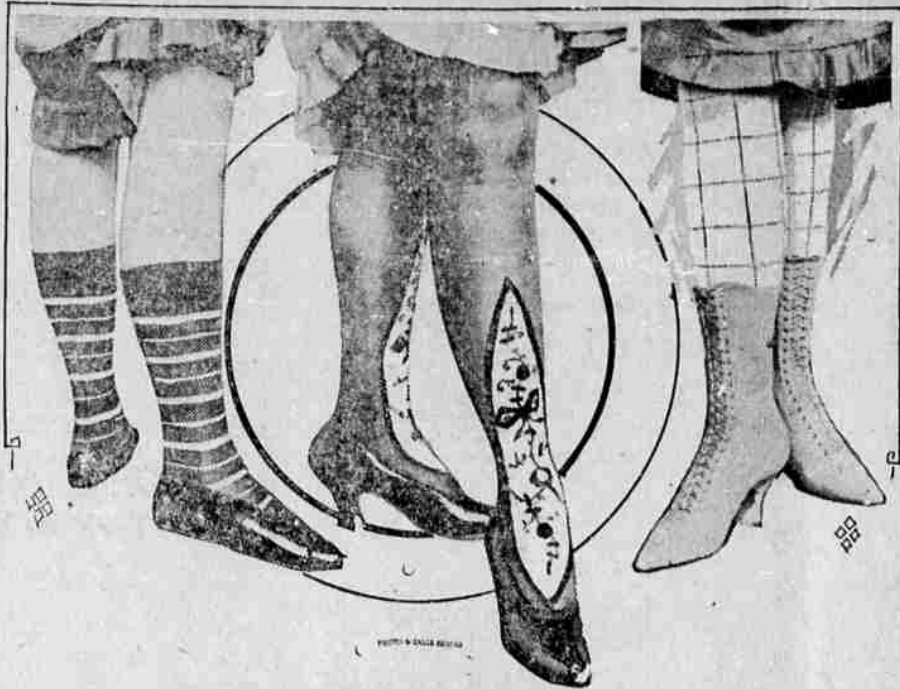
The Germans wished to spare the soldiers from this work and so employed these unwilling civilians and prisoners.

Sawing Fruit Trees.

The amount of work involved in sawing down fruit trees in the evacuated territory is almost incalculable and everywhere the destruction seems to have been carried out within the past few days. The German claims that some trees other than fruit trees were destroyed for the purpose of blocking the roads, this being justified by military law, was belied in many places where trees lining the roads and deliberately cut down in positions away from the roadway. In any event, the clearing of the roads of fallen trees was a matter of a comparatively few minutes.

Carl Von der Hellen of Wellen spent Thursday in Medford visiting friends and attending to business affairs.

"HOSETTES" MAY SHOCK CENSORS, BUT THEY'RE TO BE WORN ON STREET AS ON BEACH.



Half a stocking may be shocking—or not—according to the observer. Some may think half a stocking considerably better than a whole one. For the censors, there's quite a lot of shock waiting, according to early shop showings.

"Half hose" remains, however, the trade name for the masculine variety. The feminine form is called

"hosettes." They are to be worn with street suits as well as beach costumes. There is a cunning little garter in the overturned tops, so that they may not become "quarter" hose. Quite as revealing is the stocking with the open front. This is designed to wear with pumps. The edges of the oval are held together by a

tracery of gauze ribbon bowknots and flowers, to be lined only with nature's flesh tints. Even conservative hosiery is so sheer it conceals little this spring. To give some strength to its delicate webbing, threads of heavier silk are introduced in large plaids.

Left—"Hosettes"; center, open front; right, plaid.

RIVERDALE

Dave Pents, Jasper Hannam, R. Dawson, W. E. Morgan and several others have been hauling hay from the valley.

W. Cottrell was in Medford on business last week.

Tom Rainy and A. Rainy were in Central Point to attend the funeral of their brother, Edward Rainy, who died last Saturday. The obituary appeared elsewhere in this paper.

Wallace Bergman and wife moved to Medford where W. B. accepted a position.

A surprise party was given at J. Blaes's last Friday. A pleasant evening was spent by a large number of friends.

Miss Margaret Hodson spent the week-end at her home in Ashland.

W. W. Willitz of Persist drove a bunch of cattle to the valley where he had made arrangements to have them fed for the present.

Dr. Kiregessner made a trip to the upper part of Rogue river last week.

Joe Maxfield, who with his family has been living at the Perry Foster place during the winter, has leased the Gage-Johnston ranch and expects to take possession soon.

Alvin Conover has gone to Agate where he will be engaged in farm work for a short period.

J. Conover and C. Drexler are hauling hay from the valley.

W. Crissen, brother-in-law to Joe Maxfield, arrived today from Brownsboro.

Rev. McDonald of Rogue-Elk, accompanied by his mother and another lady, motored to Medford Tuesday.

Gordon Cox, Wayman Bergman and M. Houston have gone to the valley on business.

W. Houston is hauling hay from Central Point.

EMPEROR REAL POWER BEHIND RUSSIAN THRONE

LONDON, Mar. 22.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says: "Numerous interviews with the grand dukes are daily appearing in the newspapers. They show the blindness of the former emperor and

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empres to actualities. Grand Duke Cyril, who is now known as "Admiral Romanoff" and who was the first duke to recognize the new government is quoted as saying, "My house porter and myself see eye to eye. Under the old government we would have lost the war. It was useless to talk to the emperor about it. We could not break down the wall built by former Premier Sturmer, Bishop Pitrim and former Minister of Justice Cechteglovitoff, and latterly M. Protopopoff."

"After the grand dukes individually and collectively had failed to convince the emperor of the threatening revolution, they deputized Grand Duke Cyril's wife, the grand duchess Victoria, to attempt to open the eyes of the empress, who was the actual ruler. Grand Duchess Victoria in an interview with the empress outlined a desirable cabinet.

"But those are enemies of the dynasty!" exclaimed the empress. "Who are against us? Only Petrograd and a handful of ignorant bridge-playing aristocrats. In twenty years on the throne I know Russia and I

know the people love our family." Toward the end the grand dukes only appeared at Tsarskoo-Selo for official functions."

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Mar. 21.—Hog prices at the Great Falls stock yards today set the record for the state's history when choice porkers brought \$14 per hundred. Shipments were light, considerably under demand.

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CORFU, Greece, March 22.—A Semi-official Serbian statement from Saloniki today declares that the Bulgarians, to avenge themselves because they were being forced by the pressure of the allied army to retire gradually from Monastir, renewed on March 18 and 19 their bombardment of the open town of Monastir.

Six hundred additional shells, many of which contained asphyxiating gases were dropped upon the city. The victims, it is stated, were only old men, women and children. The death list numbers 25, while 23 persons are dying and ten others are suffering from less serious wounds. Fifty-nine houses were demolished.

The previous gas bombardment of Monastir occurred on March 17 when more than eighty civilians, a Serbian statement announced, were killed by the asphyxiating bombs and ordinary shell fire.

PETROGRAD POLICE ABET DISORDERS

LONDON, March 22.—Robberies, incendiarism and some murders have occurred in Petrograd, according to a dispatch to Reuter's from the Russian capital. The disorders were started by rowdies who were encouraged by the police, the dispatch says, but were quickly suppressed by the military force composed of soldiers and workmen who disarmed the police.

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	CAPITAL
Amount of capital paid up	\$ 750,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$3,942,214.08
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	247,829.17
Income from other sources received during the year	13,590.92
Total income	\$4,203,644.17
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year	\$2,126,923.44
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	225,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,232,394.19
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	159,317.42
Amount of all other expenditures	293,008.59
Total expenditures	\$4,016,643.64
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 125,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	6,836,230.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	192,936.10
Cash in banks and on hand	622,557.85
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916	639,356.81
Interest and rents due and accrued	198,317.13
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	Nil
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$8,534,397.89
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 573,498.35
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	4,755,998.29
Due for commission and brokerage	85,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$5,425,488.64
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916	8,569,956.96
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Total insurance written during the year	\$1,738,165.00
Gross premiums received during the year	29,026.06
Premiums returned during the year	4,449.22
Losses paid during the year	21,352.32
Losses incurred during the year	19,791.39
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon, December 31, 1916	2,588,276.00

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MEDFORD RECRUITS PASS EXAMINATIONS

The fourteen Medford youths who enlisted in the United States aviation section, have successfully passed the examinations at Vancouver barracks, according to Sergeant W. M. Fore, of the recruiting service, who returned to Medford Wednesday evening. The men will pass through Medford the last of the week on their way to San Diego where they will enter the aviation school.

At San Diego they will be given both theoretical and practical training in flying. When they qualify as an aviator each must pass a severe heart and nerve test before being given a flyer's license.

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