

TALE OF LITTLE FRENCH TOWN SEIZED BY HUNS

As Undeclared as an Illinois Town. It Was Bombarded by the Germans and Good Old Mayor Odent, Beloved and Benevolent, Shot by the Prussian Captors of the City.

(By Charles Edward Russell.) WASHINGTON, May 11.—A letter from Senlis, in France, tells me the work of restoring the old town, so far as it can ever be restored, is now under way.

But it adds that no effort and no time will ever soften in the minds of the people the recollection of what they went through, and having been at Senlis I can well understand that.

It was a quiet and quaintly beautiful place 25 miles north of Paris. It had 20,000 inhabitants, a good old Roman amphitheater, a wonderful cathedral, a gem of an old Norman church and an old man of a character so remarkable he was famous through all that part of France and might have stepped out of a romance.

Store of Eugene Odent. This was Eugene Odent, the mayor, and what made him not only celebrated but revered and beloved was his extraordinary kindness, gentleness and active benevolence.

Most of his time was spent in listening to the troubles of his people. He regarded them as his children and all of them by a sweet and touching custom, called him "father."

They had good reason. He had been mayor when the cholera swept Senlis years ago, and had worked day and night among the sick.

His father had been mayor when the Prussians invaded that region in 1870, and for courage, devotion and steadfast wisdom had won the reluctant admiration of the invaders.

At the end of August, 1914, the Prussian hordes came down again. Five miles north of Senlis is a long rise of ground, trending north and south. On Sept. 1 the Germans drew up their artillery on that ridge, and the first thing the startled people in the town knew, the shells were falling among them. The place was as utterly undefended as Paxton, Ill.

Nevertheless the Germans battered away at it. The Hague treaty they had signed against such deviltries, they had handily scrapped with the rest.

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The people hid in their cellars. All day the bombardment went on. By night about one-fifth of the houses had been destroyed, 11 inhabitants killed and 62 wounded. One of the victims was a woman who crouched in a corner of her cellar holding her baby. The old cathedral was irreparably hurt.

Old white-haired Mayor Odent sat all day in his office and never budged as the shells exploded around him. One landed in front of the door.

The next day the Prussians marched in. Mayor Odent, erect, calm, courteous, stood in front of the city hall and gave the city into the hands of the Prussian commandant, asking consideration for the peaceful inhabitants. This, I believe, is what the pacifists think they should be done in the case of every invasion. I invite their attention to what followed here.

The Prussians broke open all the stores, took all the goods of any value, loaded them upon trucks and started them toward Germany. They broke open every dwelling and took every bottle of wine and all the available food supplies, meantime shooting anybody that appeared to offer a good target.

Return of Hospitality. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a troop of them broke into the tobacco store kept by Louis Simon at the corner of the Rue de la Republique and the Rue Violle de Paris. Only Simon and his father-in-law, Keith, aged 86, were in the place. The soldiers stuffed their pockets with all the cigars and tobacco in the shop and demanded wine.

Simon and the old man hastened to put before them all the wine left in the house. The soldiers drank it. Then they took Simon and Keith and stood them against the outside wall of the house and practiced on them with their rifles. They killed Simon, but left the old man still breathing. He had many wounds and lived four days in terrible agony. You have read similar things of the Apaches.

About 4 o'clock, by order of the commandant, the soldiers began to fire Senlis. They did it systematically

SENATE HEARS OBJECTIONS TO WAR TAX BILL

Public Hearings of Protests Under Way—Must Be Concluded Within Week—Objections to Income Taxes Recorded—Want Elimination of Taxation of Stock Dividends.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Public hearings on the war tax bill began today before the senate finance committee. Attorneys and other representatives of industries facing heavy taxes under the house bill protested against many features.

Under a rule restricting the number and time of witnesses, Chairman Simmons planned to end the hearings next week. Briefs will be filed to supplement oral arguments.

Republicans of the committee participated in the hearings today and will sit with the democrats in amending the house bill.

Objections to the income taxes on stock dividends were made by Paul D. Cravath, representing Bethlehem Steel company stockholders; J. Kratz of the Lackawanna Steel company and Edward W. Wakeley of the New Jersey Public corporation.

Unequal Distribution. "We do not oppose any scheme of fair distribution of these taxes, nor the size of the tax burden nor the surtaxes," said Mr. Cravath, "but an income tax on stock dividends before their conversion into cash, is an unfair and unequal distribution."

Exemption from income taxation of stock dividends of subsidiary corporations, already taxed, was urged by the Lackawanna company.

Extra time was given by the committee for the discussion of excess profits taxes.

Inclusion of good will in calculating capital for assessing the excess profits tax was proposed by Joseph S. Aurebach, representing the Woolworth company of New York.

Limit Insurance Taxes. Limitation of excess profits tax on capital and assets of foreign fire and marine insurance companies actually used in this country was urged by A. B. Thatcher of New York, representing various foreign corporations.

He urged that the income from securities held by such companies abroad and not used in their American business should be exempt from the tax.

"There are many inequalities in this bill, but I am going to vote for it because I am a Roman and stand by the majority," said Mr. Fordney. "The Civil war cost this nation \$6,190,000,000, yet during the session of congress last winter and the extra session including the loan of \$3,900,000,000 to the allies, we have taxed the people \$12,500,000,000. At a dollar a minute day and night to create a fund of \$1,000,000,000 would require 2000 years. Multiply that by 12 and see the enormous sum of money we are enrolling for from the people of this country."

By nightfall they had destroyed 165 buildings.

Are Ordered Shot. At 7 o'clock old Eugene Odent, five old workmen and a boy were arrested and carried before the commandant. He looked them over and ordered them shot.

I went to Senlis not long after the Prussians had been driven out of it by the battle of the Marne, and I saw their work and I took testimony of the survivors.

I tell you frankly that from that time on I have never read any of the remarks of the blaspheming knaves about his partnership with God. I have never read or heard of "Kultur." I have never heard anyone try to palliate the Prussian methods, without seeing before me the blackened ruins of old Senlis and old Eugene Odent refusing to be blindfolded, standing erect before the rifles—never without a feeling as if it had been my father they had murdered and my sister they had tortured and my city they had destroyed.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS' COMMENCEMENT INVITATIONS OUT

The Medford Printing company has just furnished handsome commencement invitations to the Medford high school, the Phoenix high school and the Laurelhurst school.

The order of the senior class of the Medford high school was probably the largest ever given by a school in southern Oregon, amounting to 1600 engraved invitations.

The Phoenix school, while not so large an order, has sent out what many claim is the prettiest commencement card ever issued in the valley.

The Laurelhurst school, while not quite so elaborate in design as the larger schools, is sending out invitations to the commencement exercises that would be a credit to any of the larger schools.

The Phoenix school is also getting out its customary high school annual which will be off the press the latter part of May, and will make a book around 75 pages printed on heavy plate paper, giving the pictures of the class, faculty, basket ball team, and other interesting photographic reproductions.

The annual that was to have been gotten out by the Medford high school was abandoned on account of so many of the boys enlisting in the army and navy.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN INDIAN BOOTLEGGING CASE

The jury in the case against Tom Bartel, accused of selling liquor to Reynold Mose, a Klamath Indian, after an all night session came into federal court Friday morning and reported to Judge Wolverton that it had been impossible to reach an agreement and further that the members were hopelessly disagreed. Judge Wolverton then dismissed the jury. The case will be retried at a later date, probably in Portland.

The case was given to the jury about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the disagreement was reported into court at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

After a new jury had been impaneled, Friday forenoon by United States Marshal Montague, the trial of the case against Burk Anderson and A. W. Saunders was placed on trial. They are charged with bringing liquor onto the Klamath reservation on January 13 last. Ex-Judge Webster, formerly circuit judge of Klamath county, is defending the accused.

MOTHERHOOD WOMAN'S JOY

Suggestions to Childless Women.

Among the virtues of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the ability to correct sterility in the cases of many women. This fact is well established as evidenced by the following letter and hundreds of others we have published in these columns.

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MONEY IN SHEEP? READ THIS, DECIDE FOR YOURSELF

One would have hard work in trying to convince J. J. Pellet, whose ranch is near Ashland, that there is no money in sheep raising. His settlement in Medford today with Welborn Beeson of Talent, who had helped him in his venture in sheep raising, shows big possibilities in that industry.

On June 10, 1916, Mr. Beeson sold to Mr. Pellet 50 ewes and 50 lambs for \$425, Beeson taking a mortgage for the payment. Today Pellet paid Beeson \$456.16 in final payment. From the herd Pellet has sold \$346 worth of wool, and \$172 worth of mutton, and he still has 122 sheep left.

Thus for his eleven months care of the sheep he has 122 sheep and \$61.84 cash.

LEADERS PLEDGE SUPPORT

(Continued from page 1.) day strengthens our confidence in the creative forces of the Russian people and the greatness of its future."

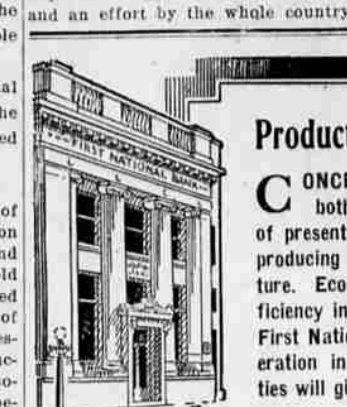
Alexander J. Guchikoff, provisional minister of war and navy, in the course of a speech which was received with applause, said:

Pain Succeeds Joy. "Unfortunately the first feeling of radiant joy evoked by the revolution soon gave place to one of pain and anxiety. The destruction of the old forms of public life had been effected more rapidly than had the creation of new forms to replace them. It is especially regrettable that the destruction has touched the political and social organization of the country before any life center has time to establish itself and to carry out the great creative work of regeneration."

"We know the conditions in which our valiant army defended every foot of Russian territory and how it still is carrying on a truly heroic but not hopeless struggle. One more effort and an effort by the whole country

and the enemy will be beaten, but we have got to know first of all whether we can make this."

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Spring Clearance Sale of Coats and Suits

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- A few beautiful new Spring Suits in good colors and sizes, sold up to \$25.00, to be closed out at \$13.98
- 10 new Suits, some "LaVogue" styles in navy, green, gold and other colors, real \$35.00 values, for this sale only \$19.98
- Women's New Spring Coats, good styles, sold up to \$15.00, \$10.00
- "Korreet" Wash Skirts, made of Shrank Linen Finish suit-ing, each \$2.98
- 10 Corduroy Coats in high colors, sold up \$15.00, to be closed out at, each \$5.00
- Some new Silk Suits, very "chie" styles, good colors, sold as high as \$40, for this sale \$19.98
- Women's New Spring Coats in the new high shades, values up to \$25, this sale \$19.98
- "Korreet" Wool Skirts, new spring styles, made of all wool materials, special, each \$4.98

May Sale of White Now Going On

Wirthmor Waists Welworth Waists

We are eager to have every woman in this vicinity know of the merits of the Wirthmor Waist. Four appealing new styles on sale tomorrow, sold here only at each \$1.00

- White Corduroy 36-inches wide for suits and separate skirts, worth \$1.00, for this sale yd 75c
- White Dimity 36-inches wide for Pajamas and Underwear, comes in fancy checks, special, yd. 18c
- White Crepe Soft finish, suitable for Underwear, 36-inches wide, worth 35c, special yd. 29c
- White Voiles in fancy stripes, plaids and figures, 36 to 40 inches wide, real 35c values, yard 28c
- JAPANESE SCARFS AND SQUARES Special, each, 69c Center pieces, special, each 29c

- Corsets Women's Front Lace and Back Lace Corsets, values up to \$2 on sale Saturday, at pair 98c
- Underwear Women's Fine Knit Vests, good quality, each 10c
- Gloves Women's Lisle Thread Gloves, all colors, worth 35c now pair 25c
- Hand Bags made of all leather fitted with coin purse and mirror, \$1.98 values, now, each \$1.19
- Women's Union Suits, very fine grade, special 48c
- Women's Washable Chamoisette Gloves in white and colors, worth 85c, special, pair 69c
- HANDKERCHIEFS Misses and Women's Handkerchiefs, 10c val., now ea 5c
- Women's Braisseries made of Fine Muslin, Embroidery and Lace Trimmed, real 59c values, sale 39c
- Women's Band Top Vests, Kayser Brand, special 35c
- EMBROIDERY Edging, 10 inches wide, very special, yard 35c
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