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FOOD AND FUEL FAMINE THREATENS GERMAN PEOPLE

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—Difficulties with the winter supply of fuel in Germany already are being felt. The era of voluntary compulsory selection of the fittest establishments for survival in various branches of trade and industry already has opened, and business will be concentrated in those while others will shut down, except those supplying heat and light. Butchers favor keeping their places open late two afternoons a week, otherwise to close with the sun. The jewelers plan to keep open only on those days when artificial light is unnecessary, which during the north German winter are very few. The city of Stettin already has suspended street lighting entirely on account of lack of coal.

The German press and public are for the moment far more keenly interested in problems of fuel and food than in politics. Discussion of questions of constitutional reform, except for angry orders to President Wilson to keep out of German affairs, has practically disappeared from German newspapers since the Reichstag committee went home, and the problem of the potato is now the order of the day. Farmers are proclaiming an abandonment of the compulsory administration of the crop and of maximum prices and the return to the system of commercial supply and demand as a sole panacea to insure the necessary supply for human consumption.

Vorwaerts demands an immediate increase in the potato ration to ten pounds weekly at a reduction in the price and declares that it is impossible to work and sustain life on the proposed ration of 5 1/2 pounds of potatoes, 1950 grams of bread, 250 grams of meat and 80 grams of fat. Vorwaerts points out that this year the scanty harvest of oats and barley will not permit of a supplementary ration of oatmeal and grits by which alone the people lived over last spring.

AMERICAN SAILORS CHEERED IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 8.—American sailors from the Atlantic patrol were among the 2000 troops who paraded today, Brazil's independence day. The American troops were greeted with the wildest enthusiasm along the route.

ITALIANS LOSE THREE STEAMERS IN WEEK

ROME, Sept. 8.—Only three Italian steamers were sunk during the week ending September 2, it is officially announced.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: "A Stranger in Your Midst" certainly voiced the sentiments of a host of people in his letter of the 6th regarding the slight to our national air, and, further, it was a disgrace to every citizen in the audience that, when the curtain rose showing the Star Spangled Banner used as an ordinary "drapery" with yards of its folds trailing on the floor, while there was no one present with backbone enough to demand that the flag be raised before the program proceeded. Men have been fined and incarcerated for a lesser offense, and the only thing that can be said in extenuation is that the insult was due to ignorance of flag etiquette. L. B. WARNER, SR.

WOMEN SHOULD WAKE UP.

THERE is a deplorable lack of interest among the women of Medford in Red Cross work. All thru the hot summer, a small band of faithful workers has regularly met to devote their time and energy to alleviating the suffering of wounded men on the battlefield and for the comfort of those who are offering themselves as sacrifices to preserve the nation. Daily the list of active workers has diminished until now there is a mere handful of workers left—not half enough to work the machines.

It is not because Medford women are not patriotic. They are—and many of them have cheerfully sent their nearest and dearest to the front, but the lack of interest is due principally to thoughtlessness and inattention. By the time the bandages and hospital supplies now in course of making reach the front, they will be needed, as daily casualty lists will then be making their appearance—and our wounded and dying men should have every possible comfort and aid.

Many of us do not seem to comprehend the fact that the nation is at war with the greatest, strongest, most resourceful and by all odds the most unscrupulous and barbaric military power the world has ever known. If your boy is taken prisoner, he will be enslaved and starved or have his head split open with a trench tool that the Germans may laugh at his dying agony. If he falls wounded among the Germans, he will be unceremoniously cracked on the head. If wounded and left behind by his charging comrades, he will be rescued and tenderly cared for by the Red Cross, and the supplies you help to make will aid his restoration to health. Of course he is apt to be bombed in the hospital—by a German airplane, but not after our American airships secure mastery of the air.

Thousands of Medford women have never lifted a hand to help prepare these bandages. Thousands have never sacrificed an hour in such patriotic endeavor. It is the part of a patriotic citizen to do his or her share—and the women can, by devoting a few idle hours each week, do much to help the stricken at the front and win the war.

The vacation period is over. Let us all get down to the work of helping our country, co-operate in doing our mite as best we can—and let us hope the women of Medford will wake up and set us all a noble example by crowding the Red Cross headquarters and making Medford famous on the front for its work of mercy.

NEW FORM OF FRIGHTFULNESS.

A NEW form of frightfulness is being practiced by the Germans, who seem to have left few enormities unperpetrated. German airships are now making a specialty of bombing hospitals, filled with wounded, at the front.

These hospitals are plainly marked, with immense red crosses painted on the roof, and the Red Cross flag fluttering over them. Within the past fortnight, numerous French and British hospitals, filled with the derelicts of war, including wounded Germans, have been bombarded from the sky, and Friday several American hospitals were attacked—and several Americans killed or wounded—showing that the hospital attacks are general German orders.

When hospital ships were sunk, the absurd excuse was forthcoming that hospital ships were being used as troop transports—the no proof ever substantiated these charges. But no excuse is possible for the deliberate destruction of the wounded in field hospitals—except German barbarism. It is simply another evidence of "kultur" that in a score of ways throws eternal dishonor upon German arms.

It is rather remarkable that none of the awful acts of German frightfulness have ever drawn a word of protest from the pacifists, from LaFollette and the pro-Germans in congress and other "humanitarian" champions, or from the newspapers advocating free speech for the advocates of treason—and that even the bombing of American surgeons and nurses engaged in a work of mercy, fails to stir their anemic "pro-American" patriotism.

DEVISE SYSTEM TO CONVOY TRANSPORTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A joint board of army and navy officers, headed by Captain William R. Shoemaker of the navy, has been appointed to work out a system to be employed in getting American troop transports across the Atlantic in safety. Necessarily its conclusions and recommendations will be regarded as confidential. Submarines have made an entirely new system of convoy regulations necessary. Presumably the board will incorporate into new regulations all that has been learned by the British and French navies in three years of naval warfare as to the best way of protecting troop ships.

EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI GIVES \$100 TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Liliuokalani, former queen of Hawaii, has sent to the American Red Cross thru Governor Pinkham a contribution of \$100. In a letter to the governor, she said the contribution would be renewed monthly to the end of the year.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Treasury officials, carrying out the provisions of the president's proclamation requiring the licensing of gold exports, will place no general restrictions, it was said today, upon the export of gold in settlement of legitimate trade balances against the United States.

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Many minerals at this time are much desired and command good prices that heretofore were supplied by other nations, namely, antimony, manganese, chrome, magnesite, potash, phosphorus; also a number of the rare minerals are well worth looking for, such as columbite, tantalite, strontium, titanium, tin and tungsten, also the platinum and radium groups. While looking for gold, it often leads to other discoveries by being observant in giving detailed attention to other substances.

In Place First Day.

It is specially requisite that all exhibits be in place by 6 p. m. the first day, the 18th. It is well to bear in mind that the mineral drilling contest will bring an unusually large number of mining men, as each contestant team have their admirers and backers, and they will all be much interested in the mineral exhibits.

This should be made a record display of minerals that will lead to industrial development of local resources.

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EXPLOSION KILLS 3, WOUNDS 23, U. S. ARSENAL

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—Three workmen are known to have been killed and 23 persons seriously injured at the Frankford arsenal here early today. According to workers the explosion was accidental, there being nothing to indicate that it was caused by an outside agency. Two of the 23 injured are young women.

Major Montgomery, commandant of the arsenal, and his aides are investigating the explosion and decline to make any statement until they have completed their inquiry. Carelessness of a workman, it was believed, was the cause of the accident. The explosion occurred in one of the three buildings known as detonating drying rooms where primer caps for three and six shells and small-arms cartridges are dried. The building in question has its walls packed with cinders and every precaution was taken to prevent accidents.

Fire followed the explosion and spread to several other small buildings known as the artillery assembly unit. In these there were three and six-inch shells, but prompt work of arsenal employes and city firemen saved the buildings and their contents from destruction.

Today's explosion was the second fatal one to occur within the past few months. Two men were killed by the bursting of a shrapnel fuse in the high-explosives building last April.

The monetary loss is estimated at about \$30,000. Three small buildings were destroyed, together with about 8000 detonators.

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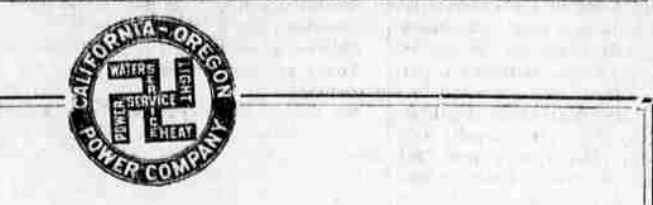
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Detailed information concerning these rates may be obtained from any division or district office of this Company.

The order of the Commission calls for uniform meter rates. The company will install meters as quickly as possible. Any consumer now being served on a flat rate basis will continue to be billed on that basis pending the installation of a meter.

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