

REFUGEES RETURN IN PITIABLE PLIGHT FROM CAPTIVITY

EVIAN, France, Nov. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The return to France of the women, children and old men who were sent out of that part of France occupied by Germans for more than four years, presented pitiful spectacles. Many of these refugees were little tots whose fathers and mothers had been taken away by the cruel Boche to work in Germany or behind the fighting lines. Others were orphans.

Twice daily the affecting scenes of their return were enacted here when the trains bringing them through Switzerland, bringing 600 to 700 repatriates back to the beloved soil of France. With them were Belgians, who came from parts of Belgium then occupied by the Hun. Much was done to relieve the sufferings of these poor people by S. S. Howland, representative of the Belgian relief commission stationed here, and by Mrs. Howland, his wife.

Describing the scene of the return of a trainload of refugees, Mr. Howland writes:

"Slowly, the long line came toward us, the old and the young about equally divided—alas, but few middle age, for the Germans had use for such, and would not let them go. While few showed traces of actual destitution, we knew that but a small number possessed more than the clothes they wore and what the hand bags and bundles they carried contained.

"They were not emaciated, but their faces were worn, sometimes anemic. How could they be otherwise, after the years of constant suffering and continued horrors they had endured, with no hope of release before them but victory for the allies or perchance the good fortune to be enrolled in one of these little bands of repatriates.

"Two short rests were made that the seemingly countless children might be able to keep up. Brave little tots they were, holding close to their mothers if they had them, or if not to those who had befriended them on the way, for many were orphans, or had their parents taken away by the Germans to work. Perhaps, hundreds of miles from their homes.

"Inside the great rooms of the Casino long lines of tables set for supper filled almost the entire space. As the repatriates filed in, women showed them their seats, while others distributed small French flags to young and old alike—the flag that once more they might wave freely.

"Bowls of soup, slices of good bread, hot, well cooked meat and glasses of red wine still further cheered the hearts of the stranger, so that when the orchestra in its gallery began to play well known and cherished French airs—airs that had not been heard before in all these long years—tears streamed down the cheeks of many, and of lookers-on as well, while hands and voices proclaimed their keen delight.

"No man did we see between 14 and 60 unless they were palpably ill or crippled, and comparatively few women who had not long since passed their prime. Mothers had been separated from sons and daughters dragged off by the Boche to work in factories and mines, even on fortifications to be used against their own kin.

"The feast was nearing its end when the sub-prefect mounted the rostrum and began to speak. Instantly there was silence. He dwelt upon France's love for her people, her sorrow for their sufferings.

M'ADOO REVIEWS FINANCIAL HISTORY OF AMERICA IN WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The financial history of America's part in the war is set forth by Secretary McAdoo in his annual report drafted before his resignation, and made public today by the treasury. It is the history of how the American people paid billions in taxes, raised four great liberty loans and created a tremendous pool of credit with which the treasury through its many war agencies paid the bills of the army and navy, the shipping board and other government departments, loaned billions to the allies and millions to war industries, helped support the families of soldiers and sailors and aided farmers over periods of financial stringency.

"The payment into the treasury of vast sums in war taxes and from bond sales," said Secretary McAdoo, "and the transformation of our varied and complex economic life to the supreme task of winning the war have been accomplished without shock or financial disturbance. The credit and business structure of the nation remains sound and strong. The results of the four liberty loans are a tribute to the patriotism of the American people and to the economic strength of the nation."

Final Accounting

The report constitutes Secretary McAdoo's final accounting of his stewardship before retiring as the nation's finance minister. Throughout the report, Mr. McAdoo refers repeatedly to the remarkable achievements of America's civilian population in providing the money and materials for war, and acting as the "eager second line of defense."

Commenting on the showing of financial arrangements in great detail by the document, treasury librarians recalled that the financial history of the civil war is buried in a great stack of musty ledgers, and probably never will be officially compiled.

For the 15 months ending last June 30, Secretary McAdoo estimated that the actual cost of the war, with allowances for the governments ordinary expenses in ordinary times, amounted to \$13,220,000,000. Nearly half of this, or \$6,400,000,000 went into permanent investments, in the form of ships, shovards, war vessels, army camps, buildings, and in loans to allies or to American war industries. Of the year's expenses 31.6 per cent came from taxation.

Cost of Government

The civil establishment of the government during the year spent \$1,507,000,000, while the war department spent \$5,684,000,000 and the navy \$1,368,000,000. For the support of the army alone the government paid out \$4,412,000,000. The naval expenditures included the construction of new vessels, machinery, armament, equipment and improvements at navy yards. Total ordinary disbursements for the year amounted to \$8,996,000,000 and ordinary receipts, excluding money received from Liberty loans, amounted to \$4,174,000,000. Loans to allies during the year amounted to \$4,739,000,000 additional.

Looking forward, Secretary McAdoo found great difficulty in forecasting expenditures for the current fiscal year which ends next June 30, on account of the sudden coming of peace. Estimates which he presented are based on calculations of each department in advance of revisions since the signing of the armistice and

Theaters and Movies

GERALDINE FARRAR AT RIALTO TONIGHT

Thirteen plays a winning role in Miss Farrar's first Goldwyn picture, "The Turn of the Wheel," by Tex Charvate, which comes to the Rialto tomorrow. Rosalie Dean (Miss Farrar) while on a visit to Monte Carlo is attracted to the principality's gaming casino. At the roulette wheel she sees a young American staking his last handful of francs after a night of heavy losses. He loses and later Rosalie finds him in the garden where he is about to commit suicide. She whets the revolver from him and after much pleading forces him to accept 500 francs from her and gets him to return to the casino in an effort to recoup his losses.

"Play 13," she tells him, and, heeding her advice, he not only wins back what he had previously lost but is in a fair way to break the famous bank of Monte Carlo when the manager stops operations and the wheel and pointing at Rosalie cries, "She has the devil's luck! No more play tonight."

JOHN BARRYMORE AT LIBERTY THEATER

In his new photoplay at the Liberty theatre tonight, "On the Quiet," based upon the celebrated play by Augustus Thomas which was produced in New York with enormous success in 1901, John Barrymore, the

gifted Paramount star, has an excellent role, that of a Yale student who, after being expelled and going thru a large fortune, returns to that institution on probation, the prize being the hand of an heiress to twenty million dollars, but whom, by the way, he had previously married "on the quiet."

Coming Friday and Saturday Elsie Ferguson in "The Call of the Wild."

TARZAN'S ROMANCE SHOWN AT PAGE

A portion of the first reel of the "Romance of Tarzan" is used to review "Tarzan of the Apes," glimpsing the most striking incidents in the earlier story, so that those who have not seen it may follow the present tale with full understanding.

The old tale merges into the new in the cabin of the forest where "Tarzan of the Apes" ended. From this point on "The Romance of Tarzan" carries the lovers through the swiftest courtship of fictional history. In the vernacular of the film business, there is jungle, sea, city, street, mountain, desert and water stuff. With Tarzan's sensational rescue of his mate from abductors in a frontier gambling house, starts a rapid fire series of scenes involving riding, society sets in honk, ballroom and hotel, vampire stuff, sensational gang fighting, love scenes, etc.—in fact, most of the sensations of the screen find place in this smoothly running, compelling story, which is without a peer for dramatic action.

On account of the musical comedy, "You are in Love," showing Saturday, this unusual and remarkable feature will only run Thursday and Friday.

an organization of 14,000 employees, necessary for the issuance of about a million checks every month to soldiers or their dependents for allotments, allowances, disability compensation and insurance.

"It is certainly one of the greatest business enterprises in the world," he said, "and indubitably the largest life insurance concern on the globe, having nearly \$36,000,000,000 of life insurance in force."

KING ALBERT TO CREATE ORDER OF THE YSER

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(Havas.)—King Albert of Belgium intends to create a new military order to be known as the Order of the Yser, the Echo de Paris says. The first man to be decorated with the new order will be Marshal Foch.

W. E. Evans, New York wool dealers, think wool will go to \$1 a pound and sees no chance for a decline in prices under three years.

ENLISTED MEN TO BE DEMOBILIZED AT CAMP LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Thirty camps were designated by the war department today as demobilization centers, to which enlisted men are to be transferred for discharge from the army.

Camps Lewis, Washington, and Kearney, California, are among the 30 camps designated. Commanding officers are instructed to discharge enlisted men only when such men are "within 250 miles of their point of entrance into the military service," otherwise to transfer them to another camp nearer the point of induction. All other enlisted men specified for discharge will be formed into detachments consisting of men from the state and will be sent for discharge to the camp in or nearest the state from which they came.

The men transferred to the camp for immediate discharge who are found to be ineligible for discharge by reason of physical disability will be assigned to a development battalion and discharged from the service as soon as they become eligible. Men sent to the camps for discharge are not to be placed on guard duty nor on any other duty which will delay their separation from the service, except in an emergency.

EXILED SUGAR BOWLS BACK ON DINNER TABLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The long exiled sugar bowl was permitted to return to California restaurants and other public eating places in an order issued by the federal food administration for California here today.

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Y. M. C. A. NEEDS 8,000 FOR OVERSEAS

Frank E. Siekles of Portland, personal secretary for the Y. M. C. A., with Rev. James Elvin, returned secretary from France, will be in the city on Thursday for conference with the local committee of which J. C. Mann is chairman in regard to the matter of securing from this locality choice men for overseas service with that organization. The need is

so urgent that a nation wide campaign is on to secure 8,000 men at once for work in the areas occupied by our troops and the allied armies. Mr. Siekles and Mr. Elvin will be the guests of the local committee at luncheon and in the evening they desire to meet all men who are in a position to consider the possibilities of this service to our fighting men. This conference will be held in the Library building at 8 o'clock in the evening and all men who wish may have the opportunity of meeting these men.

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