

MILLION AND HALF PEOPLE DESTITUTE

Almost That Number in Belgium Being Fed Daily—Relief Organization.

Brussels, Belgium, March 12.—(By Mail to New York.)—One million four hundred thousand people, who are absolutely destitute of any other resource, are being cared for daily in Belgium by the Belgian-American Relief Commission.

This organization has been fully perfected in all parts of the country. Over 50,000 volunteers are now enrolled in the work of distributing relief and business have been established in all of the principal cities and towns.

One of the first tasks of the Central Bureau has been the securing of accurate figures of the manner in which the Belgian population has been dispersed by the war. On the first of last August the little kingdom had a population of 7,700,000. Of those who fled before the German advance and occupation 110,000 found refuge in England, 350,000 in Holland, and 50,000 in France. Still others scattered in different countries bring the total number that fled and that is still residing out of the homeland up to 790,000.

The province of Liege is the one in which destitution is greater than any other. It suffered the severest of all the Belgian provinces. A total of 300,000 are being cared for there by the relief commissions. In the province of Hainaut there are 150,000 helpless.

In this province of the rations allowed by the German administration to the population is limited to 125 grammes of bread a day. The rations of the German soldier is 750 grammes. At Antwerp a special favor an increase has been made to 250 grammes a day for the population.

Did It Ever Happen to You?



By Mort M. Burr

Aerial Police Service.

Paris, March 16.—(By Mail to New York.)—Paris is the only city in the world to date enjoying a regularly organized aerial night police service.

Since the recent Zeppelin threats by the Germans France has taken steps to guard herself against aerial marauders and especially those which might come prowling over Paris at night. While the average barbarian is enjoying a good night's rest, free from all worries of possible German bombs, French aviators are constantly flying over the city.

The night aeroplane force is divided up into squads and each squad flies for about four hours steady. The air is thoroughly patrolled at various heights up to about 5,500 feet precluding the possibility of Zeppelin's sneaking up without their presence being known.

The French air scouts fly at all times with lights extinguished except from time when for a moment when an electric flash is turned on to permit of the observation of their instruments. Temperatures taken recently by the night aviators showed that the average is about 11 degrees above zero (centigrade).

As each squad returns to earth after four hours of service its place is immediately taken in the air by a fresh de-

SILVERTON NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Silverton, Or., March 27.—Frank Morley, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism some time past, has come to Washington, to the Shepherd Hot Springs, and his friends hope to hear of his getting relief from this painful complaint.

The pupils in several of the grades are much interested in the talks given by Mrs. Kleinsorge on the subject of birds. This is a very important subject and Mrs. Kleinsorge surely does it justice, as she has made a thorough study of our feathered friends.

G. W. Loomis has traded a farm in North Dakota for several lots in Geiser's addition to Silverton, and may locate permanently in our little city.

Mrs. Chas. Hartman is spending a few days out at the ranch near Scotts Mills this week.

Miles Adamson and family of Howell Prairie spent Sunday in Silverton with the home folks.

Mrs. E. T. Judd, who has been a guest of her sisters Mrs. Small and Mrs. Moores, returned the first of the week to her home in Salem.

The High school basket ball and debating teams were entertained at Prof. James last Friday night. A fine dinner had been prepared by the

hostess after which several toasts were given. A most enjoyable evening was spent and all voted Professor and Mrs. James as an ideal host and hostess.

At the G. A. R. hall Monday night Department Commander Fargo of the Oregon G. A. R. gave a fine address that was listened to by a goodly number of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Silverton.

H. L. Nutting was transacting business in Portland the last of the week.

Mr. Kline who has been staying at the soldiers home at Roseburg came home Monday to spend a few days with his daughter. His health is very poor and he will stay until he gets to feeling better.

John Quill has bought out the City Transfer business of J. B. Barkhurst. This is not a new work for Mr. Quill as he was formerly engaged in the business.

C. M. Nix of Woodburn, was calling on Silverton friends the first of the week.

A number of boys of the younger set have formed a club and rented rooms, where they will hold meetings and it will be a much better way of spending their evenings than depending on street amusements. A reading room, reception room, kitchen, etc., make an ideal place to entertain their friends and many good times are being

planned in future.

A fine time is reported at the surprise party at the Harry Hage home south of Silverton on Friday evening of last week.

The Choral Society held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday evening. They are planning another cantata to be given a few weeks later. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Gordon McCall; vice president, Chas. Benton; secretary, Edna Steen; treasurer, C. A. Rogers.

The Art Shannon family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen from out in the country Sunday.

Frank Whitlock of Scotts Mills has been at the Silverton hospital suffering from blood poison but much better at the present writing.

R. S. Blodgett and wife of Salem were visiting at the O. Smith home in Silverton last Saturday.

A royal welcome was given Roy Fitzgerald and bride on their return to Silverton last Sunday night. Cowbells, old pans and horns were much in evidence. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have been spending the time since their marriage at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

E. S. Porter and J. W. Hyette were Capital City business callers the first of last week.

Miss Blanch Small was an over Sun-

day guest of Salem relatives.

Mrs. Mulkey of Silverton hills, with her children, are spending the week with her sister Mrs. Adamson. Mrs. Mulkey came in for medical treatment.

C. M. Wray and wife went to Portland last Saturday where Mrs. Wray underwent an operation. Mr. Wray returned Monday and reported Mrs. Wray as getting along nicely.

Nellie Kinser invited a number of her girl friends to meet her at the park last Saturday afternoon, when a happy afternoon was passed. A lovely luncheon was served by Miss Bigler who chaperoned this bunch of girls, and each little guest was presented with a pretty souvenir as a remembrance of this happy occasion.

Mrs. J. E. Bluzer and family are enjoying a visit from Caroline Deardoff of Molalla this week.

F. E. Wray was in Portland on business the first of this week.

Mrs. Will Hubbs will entertain the Women's Social Science Club on April 23. There will be a nice program and everyone specially invited to attend.

Everyone seems glad to hear of Prof. James' reelection. He is doing good work in the school and with the new school house going up it looks as though Silverton was one of the lucky numbers on old fortunes wheel.

Dr. Conklin of the University of

Oregon will deliver a lecture on evening, April 2, which will be as interesting as well as instructive. The subject is "The Illusion of Duty".

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, who have been living in the office corner of Silver Falls lumber company, have moved down in town the first of this week. The ball game Sunday between Silverton and Evans Valley was a feat for the home team.

The new Pacific Transfer Livery is a dandy and with the prompt delivery to all parts of the city.

TO WARD OFF SPRING AILMENTS

Last week, Spring Fever, and a general run down condition prove that the blood is sluggish and you are in need of a blood purifier. Purify your blood with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has been found very reliable.

Mrs. Rummage—Obie Is Too Wise, You Can't Fool Him

Drawn by Hy Gage

