

BARE GERMANY'S SYSTEM OF LOOT

Documents Left at Brussels Reveal Plunderbund of Invading Forces

5 COMPANIES AT WORK

Commission Was Allowed to Pillagers for Stripping Belgian Plants

By the Associated Press Paris, March 10.—Evidence of an organized system for the destruction of shops and manufacturing plants in Belgium and Northern France by the Germans has been uncovered by the Brussels police in documents left behind among the records of the German Government during the occupation of Brussels.

On their face the documents seem to establish that "destruction companies" were founded by and operated under the auspices of the government of occupation. They were five in number. First, the Gutehoffnungshutte Company, of Oberhausen; second, Hain, Lehmann & Co., of Düsseldorf; third, J. Filiger, of Rheinbrohl; fourth, C. H. Juchow, of Dortmund; fifth, a Berlin firm (name almost illegible on index card, probably Bregest & Co.

Immediately upon the occupation of northern France and Belgium a complete inventory of all the material and machinery of the large plants was taken by a special organization. Full indexes were made, a copy of which was supplied to the various companies under a German official in Brussels. The index cards were of different colors, yellow cards representing the district of Longwy-Orly, which was called "the yellow zone"; green cards for Maubeuge and vicinity, known as "the green zone"; "the blue zone" being the region of Lille and Douai.

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German "Amazons" May Confront "Reds"

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Frau Broenner declares her action was prompted by reports that a Bolshevik force a million strong was advancing toward the German frontier and her fear that the men alone would be unable to withstand the Bolshevik hordes. Therefore she thinks the women must help in the defense.

Troops Back From War and Homeward Bound

ARRIVED Baford a New York ship, from London, with 1027 soldiers aboard, including Philadelphians.

DUPLICATE DUE TODAY Comfort hospital ship, at New York, from Bordeaux, February 29, with 400 men, including Bordeaux Convalescent Detachments Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

TO DEMAND MINES OPERATE

Unionists Protest Shutdown During Dullness in Trade Hazleton, Pa., March 10.—When Thomas Kennedy, president of the United Mine Workers of the International Board, Andrew Matti, vice president, and Michael Hartmann, president of the sub-district, leave here on March 15 to attend the meeting of the Policy Committee of the union at Indianapolis, March 18, they will advocate that anthracite companies be compelled to correct the practice of shutting down their high-cost collieries during periods of dullness in the trade. This has occurred at Jeannette and Yorktown in the Lehigh field, and it is alleged to have happened in other sections of the hard-coal belt, since they become dull. The delegates will demand that all the mines be kept in operation on an equal basis so that work will be divided equally among the men.

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Munich Soviets Free Hostages Seized After Eisner's Slaying

Munich, March 9 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—The Central Council of Soviets here has issued a decree forbidding speculation in real estate. Nobody will be allowed to buy more real estate than he needs for his personal use. The council also decreed a "preventive censorship" for the press of the Rhineland. The Soviet Congress has voted to release hostages seized at the time that Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian Premier, was assassinated.

ADVERTISING

Open in the Chestnut St Shops

Every now and then it reaches my ears that it costs more to shop on Chestnut Street than in less important sections of the city. To be sure, the wail usually comes from strangers who have been frightened by the high-price bugaboo into making no attempt to see for themselves that the Chestnut Street Shops carry all grade goods, except worthless; that the prices are less than elsewhere for the same quality; and that there is never any misrepresentation, or deception, practiced regarding either.

DEBORAH DEGAN

ALL ye lovers of Colonial and historic pieces of china and luster ware, take notice! On Thursday and Friday, at 2 P. M., at the Philadelphia Art and Auction Rooms, S. E. Cor. 15th and Chestnut Streets, A. Edward Barnes, of Ontario, Canada, will dispose of his wonderful collection of extremely rare and interesting articles. Gathered during years of search in America and England, it consists of fine old pewter, brass and copper; entrancing Old English Rose, Copper, Silver, Resist, Canary Resist and other Lustres, among them much-desired Toby Jugs; famous pieces of Whieldon, Lowestoft and Wedgwood; quaint bits of old needlework; historic plates, plates and pitchers and many other examples of Colonial and Old English Art, more than one being famous museum pieces. On exhibition March 10.

POCKETS may come and pockets may go, but bags go on forever, steadily increasing in favor, though declining somewhat in size. At Darlington's, 1126-28 Chestnut Street, the spring stock shows a number of novelties in shapes, materials and colors, but walnut brown is to be the season's strong shade. One of the newest styles is a smart combination of suede and silk, in navy, brown or gray. These are pouch shaped, finished with tassels, and have the "handy pocket" arrangement. In morning bags there is an unusual assortment in shapes and silks, though faille is preferred. Some are beaded with dull jet beads, others are plain or trimmed with little flounces, or oddly cut tabs. And, of course, the handsome colored beaded bags, though done in rich dull Egyptian shades, are the gayest in the cases.

IDEAS that are good in decoration are old, and have been used over and over. It is only the individual method of interpretation that is new. All the beautiful motifs employed by Robert Adam were suggested by a visit in 1754 to the recently uncovered ruins of Pompeii. At Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co., it is interesting to trace this classic influence in the sterling silver of Adam design. In all their hundreds of pieces, large or small, dinner sets, tea or coffee services, flat silver, etc., the acanthus leaf, oval medallion, festoon of flowers, the arm or fan, are distinctive features. On one lovely round silver cake basket the festoons are draped over a pierced border, with chased urns at intervals. The graceful curved handle is caught up by charming ropes of flowers.

ANTIQUE Oriental rugs are so difficult to obtain that Fritz & La Rue, 1109 Chestnut Street, are to be congratulated upon having several genuine Khorassans. One, a fine old 13x22-ft. rug, has the entire field covered with minute flowers in greens, reds and blues, in which the "Herati" Persian interpretation of the fish design is clearly discernible. Crossing this diagonally, forming two large diamonds, are plain satin-like bands of wonderful Khorassan red, which magically transmute the rug into something alive,