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[Correspondence of Associated Press.] KOENIGSBERG, EAST PRUSSIA, April 3.—Thousands of persons homeless, thousands of buildings burned to the ground and hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars' worth, of damage done—such is the toll of the Russian invasions of East Prussia, which culminated recently in a raid on the little city of Memel, in the northernmost corner of the province.

Hard on the heels of the most recent invaders, an Associated Press correspondent recently toured East Prussia—or that part of it which at one time or other had been held by the Russians.

From the German-Russian border, which is fifteen miles to the northward of Memel to Bialla, far to the south, and for miles inward from the curving boundary line, there now lies, in place of a one-time prosperous agricultural section, an almost desolate waste, punctuated here and there with half-ruined communities.

Less than seventy-two hours after the Russians had wrecked the town of Memel, and only to leave it—and 171 of their number dead—when German reinforcements arrived, the Associated Press correspondent reached the isolated community to find it a veritable city of fear.

Along every road within miles of Memel hundreds of wagons filled with fugitives were hurrying with what they could be taken to their homes. Their numbers were added to the thousands who earlier had fled in similar fashion, and now are quartered all over Germany.

Along a line of 150 miles as the crow flies, and for a distance varying from five to fifty miles inward from the Russian border, there now remains only a succession of ruins. The East Prussian authorities estimate the number of fugitives driven out at about 200,000, the number of horses taken at 100,000, the number of cattle at 150,000. The extent of the property damage, however, is impossible even to guess. That it will run into the millions is altogether likely.

The same authorities appear to have proceeded with conservatism. Wild tales of atrocities have been discounted from first to last, and in many cases have proved to be the products of excited imagination. Careful investigation, nevertheless, has established beyond much doubt, according to German statements, that thousands of women and children have been carried off to Russia, and that civilians have been killed and outraged.

Black East Prussia to-day presents, not the appearance of Belgium, with its shell-riddled towns, but a succession of devastated towns, all but devoid of inhabitants. The extent of the damage varies only in degree—from Schirlandt, the City of the Dead, to Memel, the City of Fear.

Members, Appointed Under Authority of Last Congress, Choose Temporary Officers.

COMMITTEE WILL MAKE STUDY OF AERONAUTICS

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Members of the advisory committee for aeronautics, appointed by President Wilson under authority of the last Congress, met here yesterday to organize and discuss the scope of work which they will undertake.

In addition to experts from the governmental departments, the committee includes four university professors, thoroughly conversant with the needs of aeronautical science. Aeronautical experts in the army and navy see great possibility for the development of flying in the defense arms of the government as a result of the co-operation of the newly created committee.

Brigadier-General George P. Scriven, chief signal officer of the army, was chosen temporary chairman, and Naval Constructor Holden C. Richardson, temporary secretary.

With organization effected the committee will proceed to direct a scientific study of the problems of flight. It probably will be placed in charge of an aeronautical laboratory to be established later, and will superintend research and experiments in the army aviation school at San Diego, Cal., the army aviation center at San Antonio, Texas, and the naval aviation school at Pensacola, Fla.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GIVES 1,418,212 GARMENTS

ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND, April 24.—The Rockefeller Foundation, has provided Dutch headquarters here, has provided necessary Belgians in their own country with no fewer than 1,418,212 garments.

Among the Belgian refugees in Holland it has distributed over 300,000 pieces. The foundation has also looked after the welfare of the Belgian refugees in the Dutch camps by providing them with employment. Sewing classes have been formed in thirty-five camps and 415 sewing machines have been placed at the disposal of the women, 3,000 of whom are engaged in making clothing for their fellow-sufferers from the war.

WHO PAYS?

The Pursuit of Pleasure By EDWIN BLISS

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(Continued From Yesterday.)

Some specially acute torment must be reserved for the window dresser of a great city's shops. By caravan and boat and rail, by camel, ibex, mules, and horse come the treasures of the world into his cunning hands. Camp, mountain and desert are scoured, and the lives of their wild, free inhabitants sacrificed that his window may be adorned. Lofts and factories stifle human lives without stint that the window dresser may secure the throng. Artists and sculptors contrive enigmas of rare beauty that the creations dear to femininity may the more enticingly be shown off. "Come," says the window dresser to the world, "here I offer you that which will bring back fickle lover or indifferent husband, the color to show off the sparkle in your eyes, to make charming that which is now a defect."

And of the thousands who listen to the voice from behind the plate glass, but few may buy the article, while the rest purchase only Envy, Misery, Grief, Dissatisfaction.

It was a particularly charming pair of slippers, and the identical shade of ribbon she desired that caught and



Her Father Commands Ruth to Remove the Gay Hair Ribbon and Slippers.

held Rita Deane's eyes. Of course, she had seen them out of the question. Since earliest remembrance her father had drummed into her pretty head that personal vanity was the deadliest of sins. A heathen soul might be saved from hell with the money those slippers or that ribbon would cost. And, besides—Mrs. Sharpe, the Rev. Deane's housekeeper, held tightly to her arm.

She repeatedly, Rita fumbled the money in her purse. Yes, she had enough—just enough. She looked again into the window and hot rebellion seized her.

She lifted her eyes to another window on the seventh floor of the great office building across the street, where James White, her fiance, transacted the affairs of his huge estate. She could see him dimly, pacing up and down in his office, now and then glancing at a letter in his hand—a letter from her father forbidding him the house.

Again she turned to the window. Some sudden impulse of insurrection frothed within her soul, something which seemed apart from her real submerged self, yet a something which delighted her.

"Look!" she cried, excitedly, pointing toward the end of the line of blocked traffic.

Curiosity won. As Mrs. Sharpe's iron fingers relaxed upon their grip, Rita Deane's feet glided swiftly inside the doors of the shop. It was a full five minutes before she returned, innocently assuming an air of injury at the housekeeper's reproaches for her disappearance. She had not thought of appearing any worry. She was merely looking in the windows to pass away the time. Lie upon lie she put upon her soul, unashamed of the deception, delighted at the gullibility of Mrs. Sharpe. The slippers and the ribbon hidden beneath her little jacket more than made up for any punishment that could ever be hers.

Once in her own room she studied her reflection in the mirror, surprised to find that the sins had left no mark upon her pretty face. She had really expected to find some marked change, to be able to trace there bold, desperate lines of wickedness.

Cautiously, a bit fearfully, she loosed the masses of her hair from their tight braids, binding them with the splendid ribbon, revelling in the effect its contrast worked in her appearance, the way it set off the beautiful coloring of her face, instead of broadening it, the toning down of the high color which youth and health had painted upon her cheeks. And then she slipped her feet into the dainty slippers.

Carried away with her delight, with this new sensation, this realization of her charms, her feet—those beautifully shod feet—began to perform strange capers, began to steal away her sense of caution. They moved in gaily, spirited steps, ever faster, until the dancing girl seemed more like a festive wood-sprite, imprisoned in the house of gloom, than the daughter of a clergyman. Round and round she whirled, pivoted, poised, touching the dingy carpeting disdainfully, as though the air itself might prove substantial enough to support one so light and graceful. And always, always were her eyes upon the slippered feet, fastening themselves there, furnishing a glutinous quantity of painum to her vanity-starved little heart. And then—a hand fell upon her shoulder.

The hand left her shoulder. She dared not to meet the look she knew was upon her father's face. She recalled a sermon he had preached only the week before upon vanity and the evils to which it led. She remembered the terrible expression upon his face, the fanatic gleam in his eyes as he fastened them upon his congregation, transfixing individual members, his glistening picking out accusingly every bit of adornment they wore, scolding them, condemning them.

(Continued To-Morrow.)

Miller & Rhoads

"The Shopping Center"

Smart SUITS For All Occasions!

This is "Suit Time," the time when every dressy woman realizes she must have that most popular of all outer garments—A SUIT—for Spring and early Summer! Those with thoughts of "a New Suit" should make no definite plans towards the realization of their ideals until they have seen our wonderful assortments of styles and shades—Suits for Sport, Dress and General wear—all of which are marked in our characteristic right-price way!

Taffeta Silk Suits

For Summer—Three Special Prices:

\$27.50 \$29.50 \$32.50

New models—just received for this week's special Suit exhibit! Plain and trimmed styles, with full flare skirts, some of which are plaited! Popular colors. These are just the Suits you've been waiting for. Be sure and see them.

Women's and Misses' Suits

Nobby Styles, taken from Higher-Priced Lots.

Reduced to \$12.50

About seventy-five Suits—many styles, as there are mostly but one of a kind—but they are smart, nobby styles, and they embrace all the fashionable shades and MOST EVERY SIZE! Originally they were much more, but, for quick clearance, all are now \$12.50. You must see these Suits—they're BARGAINS!

New Cloth Suits

Spring and Summer Styles—a Special Lot

Reduced to \$19.75

ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE SUITS, which merit the consideration of every one desiring a smart, stylish Suit for a woman or a young miss! The materials, the colors, the styles—all are just what are wanted now and we're sure you'll like. Special at \$19.75.

New White Suits

FOR SUMMER WEAR, we are showing some very smart Suits of white serge or gabardine, made up in either plain "Prince Chap" or fancy effects. The prices range from \$27.50 to \$35.00.

High-Grade Silk Suits

All our very finest Silk Suits have been specially priced recently, the new schedule being \$35.00, \$39.50, \$45.00 and a few of them \$50.00 and \$60.00. Arrange to see these Monday. Second Floor.



New Trimmed Millinery!

Will \$5, \$15 or some in-between price be the cost of your new hat?



Will you not honor us with a visit, especially to inspect these wonderful new Hats? Priced from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Special Sale of Untrimmed Hats, 98c

A fine lot of these, consisting of Swiss and Milan Hemp Sailors, Tricornes, Turbans, etc., in newest and best colors; also white and black. Regular \$2.50 values at 98c each. MILLINERY DEPT., SECOND FLOOR.

The New Blouse Fashions!

Are accurately mirrored in the numberless smart models displayed in the second floor department.

The collection includes both French and American-Made Blouses and represents everything that is chic, as well as the simpler designs that will appeal to the more conservative tastes.

Especially dainty and smart are the new Blouses of fine French crepe (known generally as "Georgette"), with their adornments of lace or fine embroidery, many with accentuations of contrasting color and some in the becoming black-and-white effects that may with equal propriety be worn in or out of mourning.

There is also a very comprehensive assortment of eminently good-looking Sport Blouses, featuring the mannish silks and silk crepes, as well as the wanted linens and cottons.

Between these two price-extremes—

\$1.00 to \$9.95 each

—there are wonderful Blouses to harmonize with every taste. Included are a number of models we have JUST RECEIVED. Second Floor.



The April Sale of Men's Furnishings

Have you been to the "Men's Corner" to examine some of the EXCEPTIONAL VALUES now here?

The sale of seasonable goods—such qualities at such prices—is unusual! Read this partial list and come Monday:

MEN'S SHIRTS—A really handsome, well laundered Shirt, the fit and workmanship of which we guarantee at \$1.15 Or 5 for \$5.00.

The largest and most varied line of Soft and Stiff Cuff Shirts we have ever shown at \$1.00

Soft Cuff Shirts, of high grade madras, at60c

Small lots of former \$1.50 and \$2.00 Stiff Cuff Shirts reduced to \$1.15

Also high grade Percale Shirts, stiff laundered cuffs; special.50c

MEN'S COTTON HALF HOSE, of a grade you'll like, in all the subdued colors; half dozen, 50c; per pair.11c

FULL FASHIONED PURE SILK THREAD HALF HOSE, high spliced heels, double soles and heels; a regular 50c hose (in tans only); special, pair32c

BELTS—The Leathers "Elasto" 50c Belt, stretches to conform to every movement of the body; they're priced here at.30c

UNDERWEAR—High Grade Check Muslin Union Suits for men, "athletic" style50c

HANDKERCHIEFS—Men's Shamrock Weave Handkerchiefs, also Colored Initial Cotton Handkerchiefs, 3 for25c

Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, of fine cotton, 6 for.30c

All-Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 17c value, for.12 1/2 c

Colored Long-Initial Cotton Handkerchiefs, value 75c box for 50c

NECKWEAR—One lot of Men's 25c and 50c Silk and Knit Four-in-Hands, priced 3 for 25c; or, each.9c

One lot of 50c Silk Four-in-Hands, priced at.25c

BOYS' PONGEE PAJAMAS, in white, cream and solid colors, all sizes.60c

Boys' Fine Grade Knit Union Suits, summer weight, priced.25c

BOYS' SHIRTS—All the Boys' Stiff Cuff Fancy Shirts are marked.25c

First Floor.



The Best of the New Novels

"A Girl of the Blue Ridge." \$1.35 net. By Payne Erskine

The appealing of a lovable girl's development among the ignorant, lawless people of the North Carolina mountains.

"Amarilly of Clothes-Line Alley." \$1.00 net.

By Belle K. Maniates. A story that radiates cheeriness.

"Still Jim." \$1.35 net.

By Honore Willise. A ripping story of the big outdoors. A story that would suggest "Barbara Worth," if it were not utterly different.

"The Life-Builders." \$1.35 net. By Elizabeth Dejeans.

Who is the more conservative, man or woman, when it is a question of home and marriage? This is the theme of this clean and earnest romance.

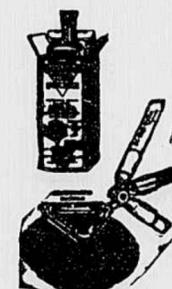
"The Flying U's Last Stand." By B. M. Bower. \$1.30 net.

Author of "The Ranch at the Wolverine," "Chip of the Flying W.," etc.

"Hepsey Burke." \$1.35 net. By F. N. Westcott.

A Sister to "David Harum." By the brother of the man who wrote the original. Basement.

Large Wizard Polish Mop and 50c Size Bottle Oil, Special 98c



98c for a regular \$1.25 Polishing Mop and a large bottle of Wizard Furniture Polish—enough to last for 6 months—is a genuine treat to housekeepers at this time of spring cleaning.

Every Mop guaranteed to the last thread against any mishap or defect. A previous offer of this kind went in a few hours. Do not let this one pass by without taking advantage of it.

Other Famous Wizard Products

WIZARD FURNITURE DUST CLOTHS—These Cloths are chemically treated and can be washed to the last thread without raveling. They are large size cloths, and cost only 25c.

WIZARD CARPET CLEANER—Will brighten and add life to your rugs; 2 size pkgs., 10c and 25c.

WIZARD MOP CLEANER—The only preparation made to wash any oil mop without rubbing, nor injury to the mop; a wonderful preparation; 2 size pkgs., 10c and 25c.

Monday Specials in Cut Glass

Cut Glass Tumblers, set of 6, 59c

On genuine blown lead blanks; assorted patterns, in floral or grape designs; straight or bell shape. Monday special, set of 6, 59c.

Cut Glass Baskets, 50c and 75c

And very pretty Baskets they are! Of the latest floral cut design, on a very clear blank; you're sure to want one of them. Better get yours early, for they'll go fast at these special prices—50c and 75c each.

Cut Glass Bud Vases, Special \$1

The latest craze! And these are so pretty. There is only a limited amount of them, in two shapes; exquisite floral patterns on blown or heavy lead blanks. Special, \$1.00. Basement.

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