

\$15,000,000 SPENT FOR CURB ORATORS

Eleven Thousand Now Out of Jobs—Head Traced Close to Bernstorff.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—After spending \$15,000,000 in fifteen months to win American sympathy through the media of street corner debates, Germany has abandoned her oratorical propaganda in this country.

A sensational campaign similar in scope to that which found no sympathy for the vibration here has been begun in England and Ireland, where Germany hopes to foment labor disturbances and revolution.

Eleven thousand men have been thrown out of work by the German government's decision to dispense with their paid orators and to rely upon more practical methods to make unwilling America a German ally. Only a few of these orators have gone to Great Britain to further the German propaganda there.

Bernstorff Alleged Head.
Count von Bernstorff is credited with being the directing force of this great oratorical organization, whose operations have extended over a continent. The avowed purpose of this propaganda was to promote a public sentiment strong enough to prevent the shipment of munitions to the allies. The Kaiser has been led to believe that it has converted 30 per cent of the American people to the German cause and that the money has been well spent.

Swift to see the importance of having the United States as her friend, Germany at the very outset of the war ordered the organization of a band of curbstone talkers to preach the word of "kultur" in nearly every nook and corner of this country. The only places exempted from this flood of oratory were those with a large German population. In those places, it was counted confidently, the minds of the hearers would be saturated efficiently with German ideas without the articles of paid talkers.

11,000 Talkers Enlisted.
Within a week after the beginning of the war, the oratorical organization of the German government were at work by the hundred on the street corners and in front of the bulletin boards in a score of cities. Within a month the number of these mercenary molders of public opinion had reached 11,000. There the number remained until three weeks ago. Then, without warning, several thousand were informed that their services were required no longer. A week later all but a few hundred were dismissed. Today there is not a street corner speaker in the employ of the German government in the United States.

Not one of these curbstone orators was a German. All were selected with great care by German agents for the work intended to quell the expression of public opinion in favor of the allies. They were drafted from the ranks of both the

idle and the employed. To pass muster their most essential qualifications were a knowledge of history and geography and the ability to talk and to deal with an audience hostile and turbulent enough to be termed "a howling mob."

8,000 Got \$17.50 a Week.
Eight thousand of these men received \$17.50 a week for their pro-German utterances. A few hundred received only \$15, which was the minimum inspiration for trying to teach the untutored American idea to shoot right. Two thousand received \$25 a week, and there were a dozen \$35 talkers. The faculty in this free school of instruction for the American people was composed of between two and three hundred men whose formal duties consisted of organizing and manipulating, but who could jump into the breach and uphold the German doctrine most adroitly whenever occasion required. The pay of these men ranged from \$20 to \$100 a week.

The funds for carrying on this huge propaganda were deposited in 20 banks well scattered over the country, with forty of them in this city. The headquarters of the organization was in this city, but its location was unknown to the great body of "kultur" promoters. Only a favored few among the organizers had access to its portals. But, despite the shroud of secrecy with which the directing forces of all the vast machinery was screened, the hand at the wheel was recognized as that of a person close to the counsels of the German ambassador. In fact, Count von Bernstorff was credited with being the real head of the organization and the court of last appeal in all matters relating to its operations.

FLEET SOON TO GET 3 SUPERDREADNAUGHTS
First of "Big Three" Battleship Nevada, Will Be Commissioned in January.

Three new superdreadnaughts, one a flagship, will be added to the Atlantic battleship fleet by the summer of 1916, according to a Navy Department announcement.

The first of the "big three," the battleship Nevada, will be commissioned early in January and will be commanded by Capt. W. S. Sims, recently in command of the torpedo boat fleet. Early in the spring, the Oklahoma, under the command of Capt. Roger Wells, will take to sea, and a month or so later the fleet's new flagship, the Pennsylvania, will be added.

No commander has yet been named for the Pennsylvania, but she is expected to take the flagship's place now held by the Wyoming.

The Atlantic fleet is week-ending at Hampton Roads, and about December 10 the third division and part of the second will go to Charleston, S. C., for the Southern Commercial Congress celebration there. The entire fleet will then disperse to home yards by December 20 for the Christmas holidays, and early in January will assemble for winter maneuvers at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Ashes Caused Fire.
Hot ashes caused a fire early today in a shed in the rear of 605 Massachusetts avenue northwest, owned and occupied by Charles F. Hawke. The damage was slight.

PRINCESS MISKINOFF SEEKS SEPARATION

Widely Known Society Woman and First Nighter on Rialto Files Counter Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Alinee Croker-Ashe-Gillie-Gouraud, now the Princess Miskinoff, has asked the supreme court to separate her from her fourth husband, Prince Miskinoff, a prince of the Russian Caucasus. The former Mrs. Jackson Gouraud, widely known society woman and "first-nighter" on the Rialto, fled a counter-suit in reply to the prince's suit for divorce. She alleges the Russian has become infatuated with a fifteen-year-old girl.

Prince Miskinoff, at the Holland Hotel, said the suit was filed because the princess had "an intense desire for a fantastic life—cafes, restaurants, and places of amusement."

Further, he said, he desired custody of a baby girl born April 11, 1915, which the princess in her suit does not mention. She asserts there is no issue to their marriage, which took place June 11, 1914. They have been separated since July 1, last.

The princess once gave a snake dinner and dance that caused great irritation to the late Anthony Comstock. She wrote a book that New York called a "sizzler."

Her first marriage was to H. Porter Ashe, widely known horseman. She divorced him. Henry Gillig, former commodore of the Larchmont Yacht Club, was her second. This romance, too, was short lived. Her third husband was Jackson Gouraud, who had been her secretary. Until his death in 1910, the Gourauds were known as the most original entertainers in New York. She has a daughter and a ward, Yvonne, a girl in her teens.

POLICEMEN TRAPPED IN BLAST OF FLAME

Two Just Able to Escape In Fire In Second Avenue In New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Plunging into a smoke-filled building in Second avenue, near Eighty-third street, early today to rescue a family of six, two policemen were trapped on the second floor by a burst of flame and smoke and had to lead their charges over a narrow cornice and into the window of an adjoining tenement.

Louis Zimmerman, his wife and four sons were saved.

FOUNDRY RELIEF DINNER IS ENJOYED
Vocal Solos and Choruses Enliven Annual Banquet at Saengerbund Hall.

Members of the Foundry Relief Association of the Government Printing Office made merry at their annual banquet at the Saengerbund Hall last night. There were a number of vocal solos and choruses sung by the guests. Jack McCauley entertained with a character song; William Smith sang a tenor solo, and Edward Ronan, and James Markham contributed a sketch which won prolonged applause. Prof. Glenn Ashley was accompanist.

John A. McLean acted as toastmaster and introduced the talent in rapid fire order.

William Burlingame, Joseph E. Ahern, George Loughery, Henry H. Gaylor, Charles J. Seigle, William B. Eastburn, Joseph T. Spahn, Aaron H. Noerd, R. E. Marto, W. Carey, R. L. Richardson, J. R. Chapman, J. C. Leisher, John J. McCauley, P. M. Howcott, C. F. Jarvis, Robert R. Mills, John J. Carey, William J. Reardon, Eugene Dunnigan, John H. Kilroy, Leo Collins, E. W. Brown, J. Schmidt, Walter Praeger, R. S. Holden, Thomas F. Patterson, James E. Mulligan, William J. O'Neill, Edward J. Rowan, Joseph H. Taylor, Howard L. Zell, E. L. Hickman, Ben A. Pine, H. J. Carey, E. V. Parker, F. L. Tarbox, John Babcock, P. W. Pritchett, W. A. Smith, G. W. Broese, George Le Craft, Howard H. Hinkle, Philip Addison, J. Clinton Hart, E. A. Lang, H. E. Schofield, G. G. Wilson, W. A. Wilson, Samuel H. Jacobson, H. Loeffel, John A. McLean, John J. O'Brien, Thomas P. Rooney, W. C. Foherty, Elmer Johnson, M. Fitzgerald, W. S. McAndrew, J. F. Wynkoop, Charles H. Hannon, W. B. Kelly, J. D. Marigan, J. A. Waddley, S. J. Kubel, W. H. Parker, Maurice Jarvis, S. P. Laut, Frank Jurgan, Paul H. Hines, Jr., Louis T. Schell, Thomas A. Cantwell, Frank A. Dougherty, Glenn W. Ashby.

TO EXHIBIT PICTURES OF FRENCH CHILDREN

Illustrated Address This Afternoon Will Be in Interest of "War Orphans."

The appeal for the "War Orphans" of France, to which a number of Washington people have already responded, will be renewed by Dr. Nevil Monroe Hopkins at the New Masonic Temple this afternoon, where he will exhibit a number of motion pictures showing the condition of 150,000 children in France whose fathers have fallen at the front.

In addition to Dr. Hopkins' address on "The Devastations of War," there will be brief talks by Miss Florence Schofield and Miss Elmer Fell, two English women, who came to America in the interest of the "Orphelinat des Armees," organized to care for the French war orphans. Though English by birth, Miss Schofield for many years has lived in Paris, and was in that city when the war began.

The French government gives each orphan 10 cents a day, but this is hardly sufficient for food. To educate the child an additional \$36 a year is necessary, and every person in sympathy with the movement are agreeing to provide for one or more orphans for a period of years. The local committee in charge of this work, and which has arranged this afternoon's meetings, includes Mrs. Hennin Jennings, chairman; Mrs. Frederic H. Brooks, vice chairman; Miss Harriet Patterson Winslow, treasurer; Mrs. James C. Filling, secretary; Miss Roberta Bradshaw, corresponding secretary.

2,300 Volts on Wire
No Terror to Thieves

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 5.—The Alexandria County Lighting Company has reported to the police the theft of 1,500 feet of copper wire, weighing 225 pounds, from its poles leading to the Theological Seminary. When it was cut \$200 volts was running over it. The thieves built a fire and burned off the insulation. They also cut the telephone wires. The value of the wire was about \$4.

British Trenches Shield Nuns and Girl Pupils

LONDON, Nov. 15 (by mail).—All the nuns and girl pupils in a convent school in a Belgian town near the firing line find daily refuge in the British trenches when the town is under bombardment.

Special communication trenches have been dug and the moment shells get to flying too thick the sisters herd their little charges out among the Tommies in the trenches.

London Insured Against Damage by Air Raiders

LONDON, Nov. 2 (by mail).—Twenty-four million dollars' worth of insurance against Zeppelin raid damage to municipal buildings has been taken out by London's common council. Bridges (including London bridge), school houses, etc., also are insured.

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Beatrix Fairfax, Tell Me What To Do.	If It Takes a Thousand Years,	Dance of the Goblins.
Down in Bom-Bombay.	Poet and Peasant,	Back Home in Tennessee.
Put Me To Sleep With An Old-Fashioned Melody.	Pique Dame,	I'm All Alone.
Ragtime Drummer.	Blue Danube Waltz,	Listen to the Dixie Band.
Mascot of the Troop,	The Three Jewels,	On the Good Ship Whip-Poor-Will.
Cohen On the Telephone,	The Lady Picking Mulberries,	The Thunderer March.
Happy, Tho' Married,	Spring Morning Serenade,	The Last Stand March.
Lost Arrow.	My Pretty Lena,	El Seducion.
Manana,	I'm Dreaming of You,	Les Patineurs Waltz.
My Little Dream Girl,	Song Without Words,	Sooner or Later.
Baby,	Lullaby,	Eileen, From Old Killarney.
Araby,	My Sweet Adair,	In Alabama, Dear, With You.
I Have to Stay At Home,	The Song of Songs For Me,	To Lou.
National Emblem,	The Herd Girl's Dream.	Brig-Elect March.
Washington Graves,	Paraphrase From Die Lorelei,	Young Guard March.
You'll Always Be the Same Sweet Girl,	Sea Shells Waltz,	Floating Down the Old Green River.
Wedding of the Sunshine and the Rose,	Zulma,	The Manicipation Handicap.
Little House on the Hill,	Piney Ridge,	A Little Bit of Heaven (Shure They Call It Ireland).
Settle Down in a One Horse Town.	In the Gloaming of Wyoming.	Roses Remind Me of Some One.

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PORK PUDDINGS, lb. 12½c

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BREAKFAST BACON lb. 22c