

DAMAGE FOR RUINED FORESTS ASKED FOR

Agricultural Land Will Have to Be Planted With Trees Also to Restore Humus.

NEW SOIL MUST BE MADE

Claim That German Forests Should Be Demanded to Furnish Lumber for Rebuilding.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—"Germany will find that France will insist upon Germany's paying in lumber for the casualties of the French forests which were destroyed during the war," declared P. R. Riddale, secretary of the American Forestry association, who has just returned from a tour of the allied countries. Mr. Riddale went to Europe to investigate forest losses in France, Belgium, Italy and Great Britain so that the American Forestry association might determine the extent of the damage and how the American could help to replace the destroyed forests of Europe by presenting forest seed to the various governments.

Forests and Fields Ruined.
"In northern France many of the forests," he says, "have been so badly damaged by shell, shrapnel and fire, or so badly cut out for trench timber, fuel wood and other supplies for the contending armies that they have been virtually destroyed. They can be restored only by replanting. The agricultural land along the battle front have been so torn to pieces by shell fire that it is no longer serviceable for agriculture and, like the devastated forests, will have to be planted with trees so that in years to come the shell holes may be filled by gradual erosion and the humus of the soil restored. The replanted forests may be cut down and the land worked over and returned for agricultural use."

"The peace delegates are now having prepared data upon the losses in the French forests, and France expects to present upon a large amount of cutting in the German forests so that she may be provided with lumber for reconstruction purposes as a part of the indemnity which Germany will be required to pay for the damage which has been inflicted."

Other Claims Pressed.
"Italy, Belgium and Great Britain will make similar requests for they, too, have suffered forest losses, and they, too, need lumber in large quantities and believe that Germany should supply it to the extent of her ability," Mr. Riddale expects that the American Forestry association, by securing large quantities of forest seed next fall, will be able materially to assist America's European allies in restoring their forests.

THREE WEEKS' BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$335,000

Up until closing time Saturday permits had been issued from the city building inspector's office this month for the erection of \$335,000 worth of buildings. Given this early in the month permits issued aggregated a total of almost equal to that of February which was \$351,338.

Only one permit was issued Saturday, George M. Schluck will erect a residence at 1224 West Brady to cost \$2,000.

FRENCH WARSHIPS UNDER U. S. ADMIRAL'S COMMAND

NEW YORK, March 22.—The cruiser Gloire, the last of a fleet of five French warships sent to American waters early last year and placed under command of Vice Admiral Albert Gleaves to have a part in the conveying and protecting of American cargo transports left here last night for France. The unheralded departure of this cruiser, carrying Rear Admiral Groult, the commanding officer of the fleet, brought to a close a little known incident of the great war which reflects the unity of action between the allied powers and the United States.

While American soldiers were fighting in France under the direction of a French generalissimo and American warships were operating in the North sea under direction of the commander of the British grand fleet, five French cruisers, the Gloire, Montcalm, Comde, Marcellin and Dupet Thomsen, had their base in American waters and were under direction of the commander of the American convoy and transport forces. The duty of these French ships was to take their turn with American war vessels in the conveying to the bay of Biscay, American ships carrying supplies for the American army and while on this duty one of them, the Dupet Thomsen, paid the supreme price, finding a victim to a German submarine last August as she was approaching her port of destination.

The close of the war resulted in the immediate recall of all but the flagship Gloire, which received orders to return this week.

REVEAL TELEGRAPH ABUSE COMMON IN FRANCE

PARIS, March 22.—How the telegraph service of France was operated during the war has just been revealed by an official investigation made by a committee of the chamber of deputies which was appointed to inquire into war contracts. The report shows that the "telegraphic controls section" of which M. Tannery was the head, and Captains Georges Labrousse and Pierre Lenoir the active members, was responsible for scandalous abuses.

M. Tannery, the report of the commission declares, admitted that on an average of 40,000 dispatches daily were held up in the Paris office and the majority of them were never delivered. The rest of the dispatches were delivered only after great delay. The dispatches held up were thrown in a waste basket and destroyed when the accumulation became too great, the officers never informing the senders or the addressees what had happened to the message.

Austrians Again Tell Charles to Depart

COFENHAGEN, March 22.—The Vienna government has once more notified former Emperor Charles that it is desirable that he quit the country, but no pressure has been brought to bear to force him to leave, according to telegrams received here from the Austrian capital. It is declared that the maintenance of a court at Eckartsau, which it has been said former Emperor Charles would hold, is contrary to the new constitution adopted by the national assembly.

Bible Students in Atlanta Prison for Circulating "Finished Mystery"



J. F. Rutherford and six associates.

Editor The World:
J. F. Rutherford and six of the officials of the International Bible Students' association, now serving a 20-year term at the Atlanta penitentiary, are shown in above picture. These men are charged with willfully interfering with the prosecution of the war as a result of the circulation of "The Finished Mystery."

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that this book was German propaganda. A review of this trial would show that this phrase does not appear once in the record. Here is a letter from the mayor of Sapulpa, which is right to the point:

"To Whom It May Concern:
I have read 'The Finished Mystery' and I am sure I could not find a syllable in it that would permit to pro-Germanism."
(Signed) J. WADE BONE, Mayor of Sapulpa.

Judge Harlan H. Howe, in sentencing these bible students, said: "A man preaching religion usually has much influence, and if he is sincere he is all the more effective. This aggravates rather than mitigates the wrong they have done." From this it is observed that sincere adherence to their religious belief caused these men to receive a 20-year penitentiary sentence—even being denied bail pending a decision of their case by the higher courts.

Judge Howe, recently wired Mr. Gregory, the retiring attorney general, recommending their sentence be commuted. Judge Howe's letter confirming the wire stated that he desired to be as lenient now as he had been severe, and justified the severity of the sentence by his belief that the president would release them when the war was over. He said he desired to make an example of these men.

Judge Wright of Sapulpa was formerly associated with Mr. Rutherford in the practice of law. Following is a letter from him as to his character:

Mr. C. F. Doby, Sapulpa, Okla.
Dear Sir: Complying with your request for a statement of my knowledge of the character of Joseph F. Rutherford, president of the International Bible Students' association, now confined in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., together with seven of his associates on conviction for violation of the espionage law, by the publication of certain of the posthumous writings of Pastor Russell, will state:

I have known Joe Rutherford for the past 30 years. He was born and reared on a farm in Morgan county, Missouri. He worked his way through school, learned stenography and became a reporter of the 13th Missouri judicial district. Later he began the practice of law at Booneville, Mo., and continued in that practice until he took the lecture platform under the direction of Pastor Russell. During his residence in Booneville Mr. Rutherford was a consistent and conscientious Christian and enjoyed the respect, esteem and confidence of all who knew him. I was associated with him in the practice of law for some time and can personally bear witness to the high moral character of the man.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) LUCIEN H. WRIGHT, District Judge.

We call attention to the petition being circulated all over the United States, urging the president to pardon these sincere Christian men. If your name is not already on that petition, call 1235 or 5641 and enroll yourself on the side of justice.

"The hail (hard distressing truth) shall sweep away the refuge of lies." (Isa. 17.)

TULSA BIBLE STUDENTS

CATHOLICS TO HOLD TWO-WEEKS MISSION

Address to Parishioners Issued by Pastor of Holy Family Church.

A two weeks' holy mission service will be conducted at the Holy Family Catholic church, beginning at 10:30 a. m., March 30. The Right Reverend John G. Herring, pastor, makes the following statement in regard to these meetings:

To all the Catholics of the Holy Family parish is addressed the admonition of St. Paul, "For which cause I admonish thee, that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee." 1 Tim. 1, 6. There is no better time, no more appropriate season to attend to this than in the season of the mission. It is a time especially adapted to and for the purpose of reviving in us the faith and its practices.

The mission is for every Catholic a time for taking a spiritual inventory and of settling the accounts of our soul and making a trial balance and thus to find ourselves confronted by the status of our spiritual business in cold figures, figures that no one can ignore.

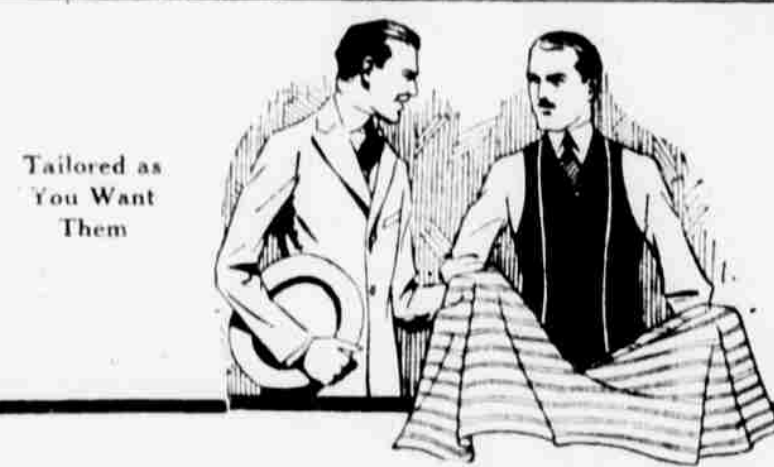
The Catholic fathers are coming here as expert accountants in these spiritual matters, and they are to give each one the needed assistance. Thus, no matter how intricate your business of soul may be or howsoever twisted your conscience account book, they will calculate it for you in the minutest detail and with most precise and concise accuracy. They will give you the rules to work by and it will resolve itself into a simple and easy matter to have all things in perfect accord and in scrupulous exactness for the approval of the Master—the Lord Jesus.

Let everyone, therefore, be urged by a holy zeal for his soul and the salvation thereof to attend this mission and to avail himself of all the graces.

Heed the exhortation of St. Paul: "Brethren, we do exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped. Behold now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

To all Catholics of Tulsa and vicinity we again extend an invitation to all parishioners of the Holy Family parish we extend a most urgent appeal to attend all exercises and to be apostles for the mission and thus to try to encourage others to be present. All are to come: good and fervent Catholics, easy-going Catholics, backsliders, and, if there be such in this community, renegades; all are to attend and make their peace with God.

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