

SWAY OF GERMANY IN POLAND FILLS PEOPLE WITH HATE

Promises of Political Reforms Are Broken; Marie Bonini Brown Finds Polish Capital a City Disillusioned and Suffering

POLES DRAFTED BY GERMANY

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The only city I visited while in Europe, that had belonged to another country and had been occupied by the Germans, was Warsaw, Poland.

I found there a greatly disillusioned people.

"Where is the Polish king the Germans promised us?" they were asking. "Where is our freedom?"

"Where are the better conditions we were to have had?"

And they still were asking that when I left. I was in Warsaw two weeks, visiting a Polish girl friend of mine.

Everybody there was thoroughly disgusted with German rule, and they had had it only a short time.

"Bad as the Russian rule was," they said, "at least we did not expect anything better from the tsar. But we relied on German promises. The Russians at least let us speak our own language."

"When the Germans occupied Warsaw they forbade any person to speak the Polish language. Everybody had to speak German and those who did not know it had to learn it. Children and aged people were not excepted."

Every Polish book was confiscated. Even the bible had to be in German. The people had to pray in German.

"It almost seems like praying to a strange God," the woman said at which I burst out laughing.

"I don't want to tell their name, as they still are there and I am afraid trouble might be made for them. I know the German way of finding people and, even here, in free United States, I can feel the fear of the German militarism."

HIGH COST OF LIVING. The cost of living was terribly high in Warsaw, although they had far more to eat there than in Germany. It was in Warsaw that I paid \$14 for a pair of satin shoes.

The only food cards issued in Warsaw were I was there, were for potatoes and bread. Other things, you could buy as you wished.

But no person was permitted to send anything into Germany—that is, no person but German soldiers. The German officers bought up great quantities of food, articles of dress, and other things and sent them to their wives and families in Germany. But the woman with whom I stayed, had a daughter in Germany, and she was not permitted to send her anything at all.

In Warsaw, the Germans did not live in the houses of the conquered Poles, but in hotels.

The worst evidence of German occupation I saw there was the sending of young Poles to the German army. You would talk to a man one day and that evening he would disappear. You never would hear of him again.

One family I knew had two sons, the elder a violinist, the younger a student. One day the student disappeared. A long time afterward, the father received a letter, written on rough wrapping paper, "I am safe," the letter said, "but don't try to answer this or find out where I am and don't tell any person you got this."

POLES BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED Before the Germans came to Warsaw.

RESUME DRIVE TO SAVE FOOD

CAMPAIGN FOR PLEDGE CARDS WILL BE RENEWED WHEN LOAN PUSH IS OVER.

An intensive drive for food conservation pledges will be resumed the week of October 23 to November 4 after a lapse of a week in order that this movement will not interfere with the Liberty Loan campaign.

The enrollments in the campaign for food conservation will be the yard stick by which the patriotism of each state can be accurately measured, according to a communication from Daniel Reed of the U. S. food administration received by Mrs. Hutchison.

"Backing the boys who have mobilized to fight for the honor of our country," says Mr. Reed, "there must be an army of 23,000,000 families committed to the creed, 'Food Will Win the War.'" and he further appeals to every patriotic woman, individually and collectively, to aid in the work of the food administration.

YOUNG MABRY PROMOTED. Albia, Oct. 16.—Hamilton D. Mabry, son of J. C. Mabry of Albia, has made a good record in his country's service. He is but eighteen years old, and after three months in the Marine Corps, has received two promotions. It required only three weeks for Hamilton to gain his first promotion to the rank of acting corporal. This position he held at the time of being appointed to the radio division.

BURLINGTON SHORT ON COAL

FUEL DEALERS THERE CONFER WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS—OTHERS OFFER.

Burlington, Oct. 16.—Burlington coal dealers yesterday held a meeting with the Des Moines county fuel advisory committee at the Commercial Exchange rooms in this city. Dealers explained that there is a shortage of fuel and that only portions of orders are being delivered. The shortage is the result of the delay of the government in fixing the price of fuel, they say.

The Des Moines county fuel committee is composed of Frank Millard, Thomas Gregson and Frank Canny. They have been selected to work with C. A. Webster, state fuel administrator.

MT. PLEASANT WORRIED. Mt. Pleasant has reported a shortage of fuel, which has been found to be real. Burlington dealers have been appealed to aid in supplying coal.

The Burlington men have been having all they can do to supply the local demand, so that but little can be done for Mt. Pleasant householders, it was reported.

FT. MADISON HIT, TOO. Ft. Madison, Oct. 16.—The coal situation in Fort Madison is assuming a serious aspect and, according to the local dealers, is liable to become severely critical at any time. Practically every one of the six or seven dealers in Fort Madison are without coal, and back orders are being filled in proportion to the needs of the consumer. The shortage is predominant in both the hard and soft varieties and orders are being taken only for future delivery. Some of the dealers have been without coal for one or two weeks and are yet in a quandary as to when shipments, long since ordered, will arrive.

VETERAN EDITOR GOES TO REUNION. Fairfield, Oct. 16.—George H. Frasher, the veteran editor of the Jefferson County Republican, was the happiest man in Jefferson county Saturday and Sunday, for the editors of the Fairfield Ledger and the Daily Journal have volunteered to issue the Republican this week, thus allowing the aged veteran to attend the big reunion at Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Frasher took part in all of the memorable siege of Vicksburg and was a prisoner in Andersonville for several months. When the state of Iowa guaranteed the money to send the Vicksburg veterans to that big jubilee, Mr. Frasher had planned to go. Several months ago he turned over the business of the paper to his son, John B. Frasher, and thought to take life more easily, but the son was called to his country's service and is now at Camp Dodge, while the aged father had to once more assume active control of the paper.

Although furnished with transportation by the state, Mr. Frasher thought it would be impossible for him to attend, as there was no one to leave to issue the Republican this week. When the Journal and the Ledger editors heard of his predicament they at once offered their services and the Republican will go to its readers on time this week, while Mr. Frasher is enjoying himself on the old battle grounds.

FRENCH POPULAR STUDY AT CAMP. Iowa City, Oct. 16.—French is proving to be by far the most popular study at the Des Moines cadet camp, according to O. E. Klingaman, the state university extension head, who has charge over all the educational work at the great camp. One week after the beginning of the work in this field, over one thousand men were enrolled in French classes, and it will not be surprising if the number is increased to many times this number when the men of the first draft enter camp and get into the swing of their new life.

And it's practical French that the boys are learning. Two sittings were present with Pres. S. H. Burkhart, the state university's department of romance languages, when he mapped out the courses. The men should be taught a vocabulary of a few hundred words which will enable them to find their way about in any part of France, he thought, and they should have such a knowledge of written French that they will be able to read French newspapers.

GARBAGE CANS FOR SALE. Des Moines, Oct. 16.—The city of Des Moines has \$4,000 worth of garbage cans for which it has no use.

A mix-up in the purchasing department caused Louis Anshur, city purchaser, to place an order for 2,000 cans for the use of the health department. The council had not authorized the purchase and when the order was discovered an investigation disclosed that the health department had no immediate use for them it was decided to cancel the order. It was too late and the cans arrived yesterday.

GET CHINESE SPECIMEN. Grinnell, Oct. 16.—The Botany department of Grinnell college has just received a second shipment of plant specimens from China, collected by Miss Margaret Moninger, who graduated from Grinnell in 1913 and who is now doing missionary work at Kweichow on the island of Hainan, China.

A third shipment of specimens is on the way and Professor Conard of the botany department is planning an extensive herbarium of Chinese plants which will form a very valuable addition to the department. Miss Moninger is also making collections for the University of the Philippines.

FLAGS IN WINNISHIEK SCHOOLS. Decatur, Oct. 16.—Superintendent Miller is arranging to place an American flag on every schoolhouse in Winnishiek county. Some time ago a man at Cherokee died and left a large fund the interest to be paid for supplying all schools in the state with flags. Mr. Miller will require fifteen flags and has already placed twenty-seven. The others will follow soon.

CLOSE IN WAPELLO. Wapello, Oct. 16.—Wapello, Louisiana went dry by a safe majority the night was close in the city of Wapello. Here the vote favoring the amendment was defeated by three.

Master of State Grange Boosts Liberty Bonds

Balfour, Oct. 16.—A. B. Judson, master of the Iowa state grange, has issued a letter to members urging them to purchase Liberty Bonds. He says:

"The government is not asking the people to contribute a single cent, but is offering an absolutely safe investment at a reasonable rate of interest."

"The farmers of this country have cheerfully responded to every call made upon them. In response to the request of the agricultural department the farmers have raised the largest crop ever produced in the United States—a crop that with present prices will add millions of dollars to the resources of the American farmer. Therefore, let us show our patriotism by investing at least a part of our surplus in Liberty Bonds."

"I would earnestly request that every grange in the state organize bond selling campaigns in every neighborhood. Appoint committees to make a thorough canvass of each community soliciting for Liberty Bonds. If your grange has any surplus funds invest them in government bonds. It will be a credit to your grange and to your community."

FAIRFIELD BIDS FAREWELL TO VETS. Fairfield, Oct. 16.—There was a large crowd at the Rock Island depot Sunday evening in Fairfield to see the soldiers go away, but it was a merry crowd, for the men who went were veterans of the Civil war, and they left on a pleasant journey to attend the grand jubilee celebration at Vicksburg, Miss. They were guests of the state of Iowa, those who participated in the memorable siege of Vicksburg, and despite the fact that the youngest one of the crowd was seventy years old and the oldest eighty-five, these veterans were happy as children going to a picnic.

Jefferson county will probably be as well represented as any county in the state, for about twenty-five veterans from here will attend.

Among those who left Sunday evening were the following: George H. Frasher, Fairfield; Joseph Summers, Fairfield; Theodore S. Walters, Fairfield; John H. Downard, Fairfield; John H. Miller, Fairfield; Ross Wheatley, Fairfield; David Metzler, Fairfield; S. S. Crane, Fairfield; A. C. Smith, Fairfield; Harvey Maxwell, Fairfield; William Hufstodler, Fairfield; John W. Schaefer, Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gantz, Fairfield; Samuel B. Turner and son, A. C. Turner, Fairfield; Elliott P. Taylor and son, Clifford Taylor, Gosport; C. B. Campbell, Abingdon; Josiah Martin, Libertyville; Henry Scheiber, Lockridge; Gus A. Smithberg, Lockridge; James Evans, Batavia; L. W. Shaw, Batavia; John Forney, Batavia.

These veterans expect to reach Vicksburg Tuesday morning, remaining the week out as the guests of the state.

UNION PACIFIC TO SPEND TWO MILLION. Council Bluffs, Oct. 16.—Announcement was made today that the Union Pacific railroad has completed plans for work in Council Bluffs to start next spring to cost \$2,000,000.

A new forty-stall roundhouse and the complete reconstruction of the immense railroad yards with gravity switch lines, are among the chief items of improvement.

Several million yards of earth is to be brought here from Nebraska, and an enormous fill will be made in the yards paralleling the main line to the Missouri river bridge to give the company needed yard room.

A new freight house of great size is included in the plans.

CAMP DODGE MEN BUY LIBERTY BONDS. Camp Dodge, Oct. 16.—Officers and men of the cantonment camp here have raised \$150,000 for the second Liberty Loan.

The taking of subscriptions was started last week by Colonel Eberly of the military police, and of the \$150,000 now subscribed, \$117,000 was raised.

The Denver ambulance company, comprised of 126 officers and men, hold the record of the camp, having taken a \$100 bond for each officer and man.

Men and officers of the Three Hundred and Fifty-second infantry came next as a unit for the raising of funds, having subscribed \$81,000.

ELECTRIC CURRENT RATES INCREASED. West Liberty, Oct. 16.—Electric current from the municipal plant in West Liberty, has undergone a ten per cent increase in price to the cash customer since October 1. City officials say the increase is made imperative because of the high price of coal. The ten per cent discount was established more than three years ago, after the plant had established a nice surplus at its former rate, and the customer who paid his bills promptly—enjoyed the benefit.

MISSOURI BISHOP HONORED. St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 16.—Cannon White, rector and sub-dean of the angelical cathedral in this city, has been elected lord bishop of New Foundland.

MILK TRUST CHARGE URGED BEFORE JURY. Chicago, Oct. 16.—Evidence upon which the indictment of officers of the Milk Producers' association will be sought probably will be completed by the Cook county grand jury today. Federal, state and county officers are continuing their investigation into the workings of the associations which is charged with price-fixing, the most tangible results said to be the increase in the price of milk to Chicago consumers to 13 cents per quart.

PREACHER'S LOYALTY BRINGS RESIGNATION. Sheboygan, Wis., Oct. 16.—Because he would not quit preaching pro-Americanism without any reservation the Rev. David Thomas has severed his pastoral relation with the First Congregational church of Sheboygan. Sheboygan is the Wisconsin manufacturing city that took an official vote last spring on the direct issue of loyalty to the government. The election was disguised under the color of a test of the city's desire for peace or

AGENCY. Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy left last Friday morning for Cedar Falls to attend the wedding of a relative.

Mrs. Wayne Reighard and son of Pennsylvania visited last week at the J. O. Reighard home. They left Friday for Nebraska to visit relatives.

Miss Edith Jones was shopping in Ottumwa Saturday.

All ladies in this community are invited to the home of Dr. Reed Wednesday afternoon to sew for the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newell have returned from Laconia where they spent a few days with Ed Beardon and family.

Mrs. C. H. Shearer visited over Sunday at Mystic.

Miss Bertie Comegys of Oklahoma City, Okla., is visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Coreva Connelly has returned to Fairfield after spending Sunday with home folks.

BANDITS MAKE RAID ON MEXICAN TOWN. Mission, Texas, Oct. 17.—Seemingly reliable reports have just reached here of a bandit raid at Grangeno, a Mexican village on the Rio Grande, a few miles southeast of Mission. Nothing concerning casualties has been learned here. The firing could be heard plainly at Madero City.

Christmas Mail For Men "Over There" Goes Nov. 15

Recognizing the unusual significance of the coming Christmas tide to the military, naval and civilian forces of the United States abroad, who will undoubtedly be recipients of numerous gifts from friends and relatives at home, the federal postoffice department has made special arrangements to effect timely delivery of all "Christmas" parcels addressed to the American expeditionary forces overseas.

In order that the department may realize its cherished purpose to place in the hands of the absent ones these tokens of friendship and esteem on Christmas morning patrons of the service are requested to faithfully comply with the postal requirements.

Without the hearty co-operation of mailers this extraordinary service can not be adequately performed. The local postoffice, Postmaster C. W. McCarty announces, stands ready to do all it can to attend to the packages mailed by Ottumwa friends and relatives of the men "over there."

MAILING PREPARATIONS. Owing to the unusual distance this mail must be transported, the handling and the storage it must undergo, it is absolutely necessary that all parcels be covered with wrappers of sufficient strength not only to resist pressure of other mail contained in the sacks in which it will be inclosed, but to withstand the weight of other sacks of mail, which in the long transit may be piled upon each other.

Many combination packages will probably be made up by including miscellaneous articles, candies and soaps. The contents of such packages should be tightly bound, in order that the several articles may not be loosened in transit, damaging the parcel itself or causing damage to the covering of the parcel.

Soldiers' Christmas boxes should be inclosed in substantial containers. Candles in thin pasteboard boxes should be inclosed in wood, tin or corrugated pasteboard. Sealed packages of candy, cigars, tobacco and toilet articles in simplest mercantile form may be inclosed within parcels without affecting the parcel post classification.

Sharp pointed or sharp edged instruments, such as razors, knives, etc., must have their points or edges protected so they can not cut through the coverings and damage other mail or injure postal employes.

Cakes, plum puddings, and similar delicacies should be packed in substantial tin containers or equally resistant receptacles, whether sent as separate packages or inclosed with other matter in a combination package.

HOW TO WRITE ADDRESS. Parcels must be fully, correctly and legibly addressed and conspicuously marked, "Christmas Mail." The recipient's name, street, city and other organization, followed by the words, "American Expeditionary Forces," should appear in the address.

In the upper left hand corner the name and address of the sender should be placed. The address should be written in ink. In case a tag is used, the name and address of the sender and the addressee should also be written

on the wrapper of the parcel for use should the tag become detached.

RATES OF POSTAGE. All parcels must be fully prepaid by stamps affixed at the rate of twelve cents for each pound.

Patrons are cautioned against placing Red Cross stamps or stickers, other than postage stamps, on the address side of the packages, as such matter is thus rendered unmailable. In the use of Christmas stickers care should be taken not to seal the parcels with them, that is to fasten the ends of the wrapping paper with them, for sealed parcels are unmailable at the fourth-class rate of postage. If they are sealed this way the office is compelled by law to return them or to hold them for postage, thus causing a delay and possible disappointment. Fasteners or stickers, which resemble postage stamps, are not permissible on the outside of any mail matter.

PERMISSIBLE ADDITION. In addition to the name and address of the sender, which is required, it is permissible to write or print on the covering of the parcel or tag or label attached to it, the occupation of the sender and to indicate in a small space by means of marks, letters, numbers, names or other brief descriptions, the character of the parcel, but ample space must be left for the full address and the stamps. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Please Do Not Open Until Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes" and the like, may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such a manner as not to interfere with the address, or the card inclosed in the package. Books may bear simple dedicatory inscriptions not of a nature of personal correspondence.

MAILING OF BOOKS. The rate of postage on parcels of printed books, weighing eight ounces or less, is one cent for each two ounces. Books weighing more than eight ounces are subject to the parcel post rate of twelve cents a pound.

PERISHABLE MATTER. Parcels containing perishable matter should be withheld from the mails unless it is absolutely certain that the contents will not deteriorate within six weeks from the date of mailing.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES. The principal articles classed as unmailable are intoxicants of all kinds, poisons, inflammable materials including friction matches, or compositions which may kill or injure another or damage the mails.

Parcels for the expeditionary forces abroad may not be registered or insured.

MAKE SMALL PARCELS. Owing to the great demand on transportation space, the families and friends of soldiers are asked to make their packages as small as possible—preferably not to exceed ten pounds in weight—as small parcels will have to be given preference in shipment, in order to accommodate the greatest number of persons.

If patrons are in doubt about any other information on the mailing of their parcels to the soldiers overseas they may be enlightened by calling at the postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Abegg, 320 North Marion street, have returned from a brief visit in Chicago.

In Memoriam

Isaiah Boone Ranes, son of Arthur M. and Mary A. Ranes, was born in Davis county July 10, 1850, and died October 4, 1917, at the age of 67 years, 3 months and 24 days of age.

Mr. Ranes was the eldest of a family of nine children, all but two sisters of whom preceded him in death. The sisters who survive him are Mrs. Armonie Armon, who made her home with him, and Mrs. Martha Smith of Des Moines.

The deceased spent all his life except a few months spent in travel, on the farm where he was born. He is survived by his sisters and several relatives. He was tenderly cared for by his sister and niece, Mollie Armon, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Sherman chapel Sunday, October 7, at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Alva Huff. Interment was made in Point Isabel cemetery.

Farmer C. Grooms. Farmer C. Grooms was born in Bidwell, Iowa, June 1, 1870, where he lived until he was at age. He was united in marriage to Miss Libbie Brown on February 13, 1895.

June 11, 1912, he was married to Miss Maude Gray of this city. To this union was born a daughter, Lavann, who, with her mother, survive him. In the year of 1901 he was united with the Methodist church at Chillicothe, Iowa.

Five weeks ago he was stricken with typhoid fever and passed away at St. Joseph hospital Friday, October 5, at 3:30 o'clock, aged 47 years, 4 months and 6 days.

Besides his wife and baby he is survived by four brothers and one sister, David Grooms of Chillicothe, Harvey Grooms of Christiansburg, Ben Grooms of Charles City and Mrs. Emma Cuntre of this city.

The funeral services were held at the South Side Baptist church Sunday October 7, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Prewitt. Interment was made in Ottumwa cemetery—Contributed.

HELP SOLDIERS' FUND. Grinnell, Oct. 16.—Fifty dollars has been contributed thus far to the Soldiers' Liberty fund by the women of four cottages of the Women's Quadrangle at Grinnell college. L. L. Dickerson, formerly head of the college library, is now at Fort Hill Okla., home, devoting his entire time to this work.

VAN BUREN DRY BY 600. Keosauqua, Oct. 16.—Van Buren county voters gave the prohibitory amendment a majority of 600 in the special election held yesterday.

COUNTY VOTE SHOWS LEAD OF 657 FOR DRYS

Prohibitory Amendment Is Given Majority of 20 In City of Ottumwa; Center Township Wet By Three.

WAPELLO COUNTY VOTE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Total 3,485 2,828

Wapello county voters carried the prohibitory constitutional amendment by a majority of 657 in yesterday's special election, according to the complete returns made to the county auditor this afternoon.

The total vote in favor of the amendment, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the state of Iowa, was 3,485. There were 2,828 votes cast in the county against the amendment.

CITY "DRY" BY 20. The city of Ottumwa carried the amendment by a majority of 20. There were 1,747 votes for it, 1,727 against it. The first and sixth wards were the only city precincts which went wet. The drys noed out in the second by one and maintained a lead of twenty-five in the fifth precinct.

Center township defeated the amendment by three votes, the eighth and ninth precincts, which are outside of the city of Ottumwa, were both in favor of the defeat of the prohibition.