

GERMANS FEAR FOOD SHORTAGE AS WINTER OF WOE APPROACHES

Marie Brown Declares Stories of Ample Supply Are Untrue; Food Cards Limit Rations Except For The Elect of The Army

PEACE PRAYERS UNANSWERED

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Since I have come back I have seen a number of newspaper notices that Germany claims her crops this year are plentiful. This is not true. Even before I left the people were in despair because of the shortage of crops to what they had expected there.

DED DREAD THIS WINTER. The children who have been on the farms these last few summers are learning fast. The women are learning, and so far as growing things are concerned, Germany will be in better shape next summer than she is this year.

PEOPLE DON'T QUESTION. Naturally, the German people wish the end of the war could come soon, but they are not so sure of the idea of suffering everything if necessary before the end comes, so long as Germany is left supreme.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS. In telling Americans of the restrictions governing the buying of food, sometimes it is hard to make them understand just how severe those restrictions are.

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MISS HOPKINS AT ELDON NOVEMBER 7

Eldon, Oct. 20.—The Women's club will have Miss Mariel Hopkins, home demonstration agent for Wapello county, and a graduate of Ames, instruct on conservation of food once each month.

FORM OIL CORPORATION. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 20.—Formation of a \$20,000,000 oil corporation, to be known as the Hale Petroleum Co., was announced by S. H. Hale, president of the new company.

ELDON RED CROSS ELECTS OFFICERS

Eldon, Oct. 20.—At a meeting of the Red Cross Thursday evening the following officers were elected: Dr. S. H. Sawyers, president; Mrs. E. H. Finney, vice president; Miss Sylvia Crow, secretary; Ed J. Moore, treasurer.

HOOVER INSTRUCTS MISSOURI MILLERS

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 20.—Herbert C. Hoover's food control act forbids the licensed miller or elevator dealer from selling seed wheat in excess of 15 per cent higher than the government basis of wheat prices.

LAND FOR HOSPITAL

Shenandoah, Oct. 20.—The 240 acres of land adjacent to the city limits, comprising a bulk of the gift to a memorial hospital by Mrs. Katherine Hand, brought \$65,040. The price per acre was \$271. The farm was purchased by Lum Warren.

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WAR WORKERS WILL CONFER

Y. M. C. A. TO HOLD MEETING IN HOTEL OTTUMWA TUESDAY TO LAY PLANS.

Attorney General Hagner, Charles A. Rawson, chairman of the republican state committee, and W. M. Parsons, state secretary of the Iowa Y. M. C. A., will be the chief speakers at the conference called by T. Henry Foster at the Hotel Ottumwa Tuesday, October 23, at 12 o'clock, noon, for consideration of important matters in connection with the war work of the Y. M. C. A. and its relation to the soldier and sailor boys in the United States and overseas.

Invitations have been sent to over 150 representative men in Wapello, Jefferson, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren and Wayne counties and to over 150 men in Ottumwa.

The Y. M. C. A. is trying to make camp life bearable for the boys in the trenches and make army life more pleasant, taking the place of the home and the club during times of peace. Because of this vital and close connection between the boys of the army and navy and the Y. M. C. A. this conference will be of direct interest to men in every part of the above named counties and to men in Ottumwa.

ATTEND OTTUMWA MEETING

Eldon, Oct. 20.—A "get-together" meeting of all the auxiliaries to the O. R. C. was held in Ottumwa Friday night. Those from here attending were Mesdames Webster, Seward, Chumley, Eastan, Craig, Hughes, Shives and Elyart.

OVERIDE MAYOR'S VETO

Ira Grove, Oct. 20.—By a vote of four to one, the Ira Grove city council passed a paving resolution over the veto of Mayor W. J. Anderson.

The new district includes about thirty blocks and will bring in practically all of Ida Grove that was not paved last year. K. C. Gaynor of Sioux City was retained as consulting engineer by the city.

MOTHER'S MIND BROKEN

Ida Grove, Oct. 20.—Mrs. William Linke of southern Ida county, was committed to the Cherokee hospital for the insane. Her condition is due to the shocking death of her two-year-old son in the machine shop on the farm and fell against the sharp edge of an anvil, so that his throat was cut and he soon bled to death.

FATHERS AND SONS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Chariton, Oct. 19.—Principal F. K. Williamson of the Chariton high school, gave a banquet Wednesday night to the "Fathers and Sons" and a number of citizens at the high school building. One long table was arranged in the hall in the basement which was beautifully decorated by the high school, teachers with autumn leaves and foliage.

CHILD WELFARE AGENT MAKES TALK

Mason City, Oct. 19.—Bad environment, bad heredity, and mental deficiency were pointed out by Bird T. Baldwin in an address here before the State Charities and Correction conference as the greatest cause of juvenile delinquency.

PROMOTION FOR IOWAN

Camp Cody, Oct. 19.—B. E. Manville of Iowa City, who offered his services as business manager of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., has received an important promotion.

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ZEPPELINS RAID COAST OF ENGLAND

Big Airships Renew Attacks On Eastern and South-eastern Cities, Killing Twenty-Seven Persons and Wounding Fifty-three.

SEVEN GREAT CRAFT ENGAGED IN RAID. London, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and fifty-three injured last night in a Zeppelin raid on the eastern and northeastern counties of England.

LONDONERS SEEK SHELTER. The people hurried to the subways and other shelters which were soon filled. The omnibuses, however, continued running.

MONEY LOSS IS SMALL. The following official announcement was made: "In last night's airship raid the casualties in all districts were: Killed, twenty-seven; injured, 53. There was some material damage to houses and business premises."

DEFY BRITISH DEFENSES. [Associated Press Summary] Just when it appeared that the Germans virtually had abandoned the use of the Zeppelin for air raids on England because of effective defense that had been established against them, another Zeppelin fleet has penetrated the eastern and northeastern counties and reached at least the edge of the London area.

TWO LOST LAST YEAR. The Germans lost two of their big airships on November 23 of last year when a raid was being attempted and thereafter all through the spring, summer and early fall of this year air-planes have been used almost exclusively for these death dealing visits.

SEVEN CRAFT IN RAID. An East Coast Town in England, Oct. 20.—Seven or more Zeppelins crossed the east coast at about 8 o'clock last night, four going in one direction and three in another. At 3:30 o'clock one Zeppelin passed out on the homeward journey. This airship dropped six bombs at 11 o'clock and three at 11:15. The noise of its engines was heard for twenty minutes.

BIG TOWN TRAINMEN WANT WAGE INCREASE. New York, Oct. 20.—In addition to demands recently made by passenger trainmen on eastern railroads for increased pay, "The Big Four" brotherhoods will ask for higher pay soon for the freight and yardmen, according to unofficial reports circulated in railway circles here today.

CHURCH WANTS STUDENTS.

Ames, Oct. 20.—Closer affiliation among Iowa Presbyterian churches in lending support to the work being conducted among the students at Ames and Iowa City is expected to result from educational boards appointed for that purpose at the state synod in session here.

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ROBBERS' CAR HAS BEEN FOUND

MACHINE USED IN KAHOKA BANK HOLD-UP IS NEAR MID-DLETOWN.

Kahoka, Mo., Oct. 20.—The car owned by William Elwell and taken by the "Yeggs" when they robbed the Clark County Savings bank at an early hour Tuesday morning, has been located at Middletown, Iowa, a small town eight miles from Burlington. Mr. Elwell and Marshal Theodore Blum left for Middletown to identify and claim the property. The Missouri license tag had not been removed.

The railroad agent at Middletown was able to furnish a fairly good description of the men. There were three in the party, two tall and one short man. The men are reported to have bought tickets, two for Burlington and one for Galesburg.

TWENTY-FOUR BARGES BUILT

FLEET TO BE TOWED ON LOW WATER STRETCHES HAS GREAT POSSIBILITIES. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 20.—A fleet of twenty-four barges, to be towed by the four steamboats designated for navigation on the low water stretches of the upper Mississippi river, is to be built by the United States government, according to an announcement made in Washington by Edward F. Goitra of St. Louis.

Goitra has been in Washington for ten days in conference with government officials regarding the proposed fleet. The fleet will cost \$3,335,000 and is expected that it will be in operation by next April.

CHILD'S AMAZING VITALITY. Logan, Oct. 20.—Notwithstanding that the rear wheel of a loaded wagon was crushed under the body of a 3-year-old child of Mrs. J. P. Ashcraft, in the cornfield southeast of Logan yesterday afternoon, the child still lives, and aside from the bruises on the head and body the doctor could discover no ill-effects of the accident.

ELDON

The final drive in the food conservation cards will be finished soon in Eldon. This city is leading all other towns or cities of Wapello county, according to population.

Miss Mariel Hopkins gave a lecture on food substitution at the library to the women of Eldon and vicinity. The women were very enthusiastic and are looking forward to Nov. 7 when she comes again this time to demonstrate food substitution at the high school building in the domestic science room.

Van G. Hollen is at the Harvard Radio School, Cambridge, Mass., and reports he likes the work fine. He enlisted in the navy and has passed two examinations which entitles him to become a scholar at the Harvard radio school.

W. W. McBlain was hostess to the women of the Methodist church at the parsonage Thursday afternoon. A missionary program was given followed by a social time. Light refreshments were served.

RETS RICH ON IOWA LAND.

Nevada, Oct. 19.—George Sampson, section foreman for a quarter of a century, classes Iowa land as an A1 investment and has recently purchased a quarter section of land south of Kamrar, for which he paid \$251 per acre. He has always invested his savings in Iowa land and now owns over 500 acres valued at better than \$100,000. Sampson has been employed on the section at Kamrar for many years, the most of the time as foreman, and has become a capitalist, regardless of this lowly vocation.

MANY STARS EXPECTED.

Iowa City, Oct. 19.—That from 1,200 to 1,500 visitors may be expected in Iowa City next week when the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa holds its fortieth annual session here is the confident belief of the local committees of Jessamine Chapter No. 135 of this city, in charge of the arrangements for the meeting.

HOOVER URGES SELF-DENIAL

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20.—Formal warning was issued here this afternoon on instructions from the office of Food Administrator Hoover, that a sugar famine is upon the country and that the moment of America's first self-denial in the matter of food has arrived.

The warning states that manufacturers using sugar in their products are closing down and that thousands of persons are threatened with temporary loss of employment. Individuals as well as dealers are called upon to do with the absolute minimum of the product. It was announced that as the Atlantic states have the greatest scarcity that beet sugar from the west will be rushed first to that section.

AMERICAN TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED; 70 DROWN

German U-Boat Claims First Victims From United States War Forces; Antilles, Homeward Bound, Is Blown Up and Sunk.

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SINKS ALMOST INSTANTLY. Relief was general in official circles over the fact that the vessel had met her fate while homeward bound and not on the way over with a large number of troops aboard. Had the successful attack been delivered while the Antilles was on her trip to France, the loss of life probably would have been appalling. She was struck in a vital spot and plunged below so swiftly that but comparatively few could have survived.

DANIELS' STATEMENT. Secretary of the Navy Daniels authorized the following statement last night in regard to the loss of the Antilles: "The department is in receipt of a dispatch from Vice Admiral Sims, which states that the S. S. Antilles, an army transport, was torpedoed on October 17, while returning to this country from foreign service. This vessel was under convoy of American patrol vessels at the time.

The torpedo which struck the Antilles was not seen, nor was the submarine which fired it. The torpedo hit abreast of the engine room bulkhead, and the ship sank within five minutes.

One hundred and sixty-seven persons out of 237 on board the Antilles were saved. About seventy men are missing.

All the naval officers and officers of the army who were on board the ship at the time were saved, as were the officers of the ship, with the exception of the following:

Walker, third engineer officer. Boyle, junior engineer officer. O'Rourke, junior engineer officer. The following enlisted naval personnel were lost: Kinsey, E. L., seaman, second class; next of kin, Thomas M. Kinsey, father, Water Valley, Miss.

Hunt, J. W., seaman, second class; next of kin, Isaac Hunt, father, Mountain Grove, Mo., E. No. 2, Box 44.

Ausburn, C. L., radio electrician, first class; next of kin, R. Ausburn, brother, 2800 Louisiana avenue, New Orleans, La.

Wagon, H. F., radio electrician, third class; next of kin, Mrs. W. L. Seger, mother, Rutland, Mass.

There were about thirty-three of the army enlisted personnel on board, of whom seventeen were saved. The names of the missing and of the merchant crew of the ship cannot be given until the muster roll in France of those on board has been consulted.

As soon as the department is in receipt of further details concerning the casualties they will be made public immediately.

MINISTER IN ARMY WORK.

Davenport, Oct. 19.—Rev. Frank Cole, the popular pastor of St. John's M. E. church, has returned from Chicago where he completed arrangements for going to France and England under the auspices of the National War Work council of the Y. M. C. A. He will report in New York on the morning of November 2 and expects to sail shortly thereafter.

HORSETHIEF CAUGHT.

Logan, Oct. 20.—Diligent efforts on the part of Sheriff M. D. Myers resulted in the arrest of an alleged young horse thief. The lad taken gave the names Frank Gobie, Jesse Jerome, Clarence Rohrbach, his age 21 years, and his home, Pennsylvania. Immediately after his apprehension, the lad admitted his guilt. Fugitive status of this crime is not so stringent now as it used to be in Harrison county.