

FRENCH MAKE GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST HOSPITAL METHODS OF GERMANS

Two Thousand, Six Hundred Soldiers of France, Prisoners, Returned—Charge Careless Investigation to Be Made

Wounded to Be Sent Home in Special Trains Under Guard—Scarcity of Food May Play Part.

By HENRY WOOD
Paris, March 30.—Open charges are now being made in Paris that the German military surgeons have made a more frequent use of the knife at the expense of legs and arms of French prisoners than modern curative science might have rendered necessary.

Two thousand six hundred French prisoners, whose mutilations are so serious that they can never serve again as soldiers, are now being returned to France from Germany. Against this number France has only 1,000 mutilated Germans to return.

While a certain number of these on both sides are rendered incapable of further service on account of blindness, yet the great bulk are suffering from the loss of arms and legs. Not only the difference in the total figures but also the disproportion between French and Germans of those who have suffered amputations is what has aroused in France first indignation, then suspicion and finally open charges.

Is an Open Demand.
"Have all amputations that have taken place amongst French prisoners in Germany been really necessary?" is the demand now going up. Amongst an equal number of French and German wounded in the German hospitals, where Germany has had every possible interest not to render unfit for further service a single German soldier more than was necessary and where such consideration has not existed on behalf of the French, have the latter had the benefit of all the curative science that was unquestionably exercised on behalf of the former? This is another thing which France is openly demanding.

In addition, French surgeons are pointing out that surgery as practiced in France is distinctly of the "conservative" type. A member is never sacrificed that can in any way possibly be saved. Even in the military hospitals where the latter have been filled with the enemy's wounded this principle has never been abandoned. But what France wants to know is that even if German surgeons as a rule are followers of this method—was it applied with the same impartiality to the French wounded who fell into the hands of the Germans as it was to their own.

To Hold Investigation.
Great light is expected to be thrown upon this subject when the French wounded finally arrive from Germany. A thorough investigation will then be made both by French surgeons and government officials, and if suspicions which are now openly voiced, appear to be verified, France will submit the situation for international consideration.

Up to the present moment Germany has shown the most alertness in preparing for the exchange of these soldiers. Whether or not her scarcity of food is responsible for this is not known. The entire number of 2,600 are now gathered at Constance, Switzerland, where arrangements have just been completed by the Swiss government for their transportation into France. This will begin next week.

Soldiers to Be Exchanged.
The German mutilated soldiers who are to be exchanged are now being gotten together at Lyons. They will not number over 1,000, as the French insist that through the care of the French surgeons hundreds of German wounded were saved from amputations or other operations that would have rendered them unfit for service. Those, however, for whom there was no chance, but whose lives at least were saved, are now being taken to Lyons with every possible care from the military hospitals at Bourges, Roanne, Limoges, Saint-Yrieix and other points. When the entire number is assembled the exchange will begin.

Amelia F. Barr, the novelist, despite her 85 years of age, is still busy with her pen.

POLK TO VOTE ON OPTION

Petition, Signed by Twenty-Five Per Cent of Voters, Already for Auditor Election on May 24.

MAY CLOSE SALOONS NOV. 24

That the voters of Polk county will, on Monday, May 24, be given an opportunity to express their preference in the matter of extending the liquor license, was the gist of a report announced Monday by the county optionists there.

The required petition signed by twenty-five per cent of the voters of Polk county, is now in the hands of the committee, and will be filed with County Auditor Welte on April 7. The auditor will then, it is expected, set the time of the election for the date mentioned.

If the saloons are voted out, every third parlor in Crookston and East Grand Forks, the only two wet spots in Polk county, will be forced to close shop not later than November 24, six months after the voting. Six of the Crookston saloon licenses expire on July 1. These would be required to close doors on that date, should the county go dry.

The committee in charge of the county option forces said yesterday that from April 7 a real fight will be carried on in Crookston, East Grand Forks and Polk county generally against the saloons.

Meantime the saloonmen and their friends don't propose to let the election go by default. If the present plans do not miscarry, they will put up a vigorous fight against the efforts of the optionists to make Polk county dry.

HUFFMAN-O'LEARY PIANO CONTEST RIVALRY KEEN

Keen rivalry is being shown in the piano contest of Huffman-O'Leary and as the race now stands No. 139 with a vote of 7,284,505 leads the contestants are as follows:

1, 339,864; 2, 104,414; 3, 7,000;
4, 122,896; 5, 307,000; 6, 172,000;
7, 192,000; 8, 207,000; 9, 17,000;
10, 317,000; 11, 200,414; 12, 239,000;
13, 12,000; 14, 292,749;
15, 192,000; 16, 252,749; 17, 298,896;
18, 277,325; 19, 327,698; 20, 7,000;
21, 227,645; 22, 32,000; 23, 27,000;
24, 19,000; 25, 23,000; 26, 184,345;
27, 27,000; 28, 194,435; 29, 221,885;
30, 317,772; 31, 90, 313; 32, 414;
33, 102,000; 34, 5,005,875; 35, 138,330;
36, 172,685; 37, 115, 169; 38, 965;
39, 22,000; 40, 243,000; 41, 123, 102,415;
42, 240,675; 43, 130, 7-284,050;
44, 131, 220,000; 45, 312, 000;
46, 134, 272,000; 47, 282,000;
48, 289,414; 49, 21,000; 50, 156, 127,845;
51, 159, 186,745.

AMERICANS TO VISIT GERMAN PRISON CAMPS

By CARL ACKERMAN.
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Berlin, March 30.—Germany has agreed to throw open her military prison camps for inspection by an American commission. United States Ambassador Gerard made this announcement today.

England, it is understood, has accepted the same offer and trips of inspection will begin immediately upon the arrival of the commission in Europe.

Ten Americans will constitute the commission. They will visit 47 prison camps of the Germans and every effort will be made by the German authorities to see that their probe of conditions of military prisoners is free and not hampered in any way.

Alfred Moritz, who has spent the past several days in Bemidji as the guest of his parents, left yesterday afternoon for Dakota points. Moritz recently accepted a position with the Republic Tire company, traveling in Montana and Dakota territory. He plans to make his headquarters in Bemidji.

PUPILS COMPETE TONIGHT

Much Interest Being Taken in High School Declamatory Contest—Prizes for Winners.

MUSIC TO FEATURE PROGRAM

Much interest is being taken in the inter-class declamatory contest which is to be held in the assembly hall of the high school building this evening. Each class is to be represented by two speakers. The judges of the contest will be County Attorney Graham M. Torrance Dr. E. H. Marcum and Mrs. E. F. Netzer.

Cash prizes amounting to \$15 will be awarded as follows: Five dollars each to winners of the serious and humorous readings and two dollars and a half to each of the second prize winners. The Northern National bank has provided \$10 for prizes and \$5 will be taken from the door receipts.

Class songs and yells have been selected by the classes and each grade will endeavor to encourage its representatives. Miss Clarice Coult has had charge of the program. Following is the program: Song—"Stein Song"—Boys' Glee Club. "The Doctor's Last Journey"—Leonora Ryan. "Selmy Morrow's To Home"—Marion Segal. "The Soul of the Violin"—Dorriett Davids. "Fin de Steele"—Will Walker. Duet—"Oh, That We Two Were Mating"—Edith Erwin and Margaret Newton. "A Harvest Mascot"—Lucille Young. "Mince Pies"—Edwin Simons. "The Race Question"—Charles Hayeraft. Solo—"Kerry Dace"—Myrtle Neumann. "The Return of Regulus"—Daniel Galney. Song—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia"—Boys' Glee Club. The program will start at 8 o'clock.

HOTEL LOAN NOW \$9,125

Committee Within Striking Distance of Amount Needed and Balance Expected to Be Secured on Time.

40 HAVE AGREED TO SUBSCRIBE

With forty firms and individuals having subscribed the amount now secured for the Cochran summer hotel totals \$9,125 and the committee is confident that the balance of the \$10,000 needed will be raised before the time limit expires.

During the past week \$1,125 has been subscribed for, the following taking notes for various denominations: For \$250 each, Gamble-Robinson Bemidji company and Bemidji Box company; for \$125, Dr. E. H. Marcum; for \$100 each, Pioneer Publishing company, W. R. Mackenzie, C. W. Jewett, Hoganson Brothers and Attorney A. A. Andrews.

Thirty-four subscribers have taken notes for \$250 each, one for \$125 and five for \$100.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of advertised letters "UNCLAIMED" at Bemidji postoffice: Men—American Auto Supply Co., The Benson, Nels, Box 107, Brown, Mr. Harry, Brown, Mr. Bert R. W., Haugen, Mr. Martin, Hagen, Mr. Krist, Helton, Mr. Fred, Louz, Mr. Fred Jr., Major, Mr. B. H., McCormick, Wm., Olson, Tom, Rude, Mr. O. O. Shega, Mr. John, Stald, Joe, Womew—Brown, Mrs. Mamie, Cosgrove, Miss Ada, Klein, Mrs. Fred, Nell, Mrs. Ellen, Nelson, Miss Kristina, Newman, Miss Leo, Orhsin, Mrs. Besie, Randal, Mrs. Ida.

Henry Sand of Cormant, town clerk, was in Bemidji yesterday on business.

ITALY'S RELATION WITH AUSTRIA IS NOW AT LAST STAGE

German Emperor and Franz Josef Hold Secret Meeting at Which Situation is Discussed.

WOULD SURRENDER TRENITINO

Doubtful Whether Other Nations Will Acquiesce With Making Italy Mistress of Adriatic.

By J. W. T. MASON.
New York, March 30.—The recent suggestion in this column that the German Emperor would visit Franz Josef before the Italian situation led to war is confirmed by reports from various European news centers that the two monarchs have just had a secret meeting.

The situation, therefore, between Italy and Austria must now be approaching its final stage. It is probable, in fact, that Austria has tentatively agreed to surrender the Trentino to Italy, but that the future sovereignty of the Istrian Peninsula is now the subject of closing negotiations.

Brought No Pressure.
Emperor William, while being ready enough to see his ally surrender the inland Trentino district to the peninsula kingdom, cannot have brought any considerable pressure to bear on Austria to relinquish the Istrian coast.

For Austria to do this would be to make herself practically an inland empire and thus mark her certain decline.

There seems to be reason to believe that differences of opinion exist among Italians concerning the advisability of going to war to secure Istria if Austria is willing to purchase Italy's neutrality by surrendering the Trentino alone. Private reports are circulating in Europe that the king of Italy is opposed to going to war for the sake of reclaiming the Istrian coast, with its principal ports of Trieste, Fiume and Pola.

Appears Improbable.

It is doubtful whether the other powers would acquiesce at the peace conference in making Italy a complete mistress of the Adriatic. A balance of power in the Mediterranean and its tributary arms must be maintained after the war ends, just as it has been in the years that have passed. It is improbable, too, that neutral nations would regard with indifference the transfer of Austria's ports to Italy. Trade considerations undoubtedly will cause serious objections to be made. If Italy, therefore, rejects Austria's offer of Trentino, and enters the war with the Allies to increase her loot by the addition of Istria, it is possible her sacrifice may turn out to have been in vain.

SUBMARINE MAY BE TOMB OF CREW

Washington, March 30.—That the submarine F-4 may prove to be the tomb of the crew and that it will never be known what accident befell her is feared here. Searchers for the craft who believe that the location of the vessel has been determined, found that the F-4 was resting at the bottom of Honolulu harbor in waters ranging from 45 to 60 fathoms deep. With this condition naval officers say that she can never be raised.

A diving bell is being built under the supervision of W. C. Parks, civil engineer, to aid in finding the F-4 and it is expected that this will be ready sometime today. This bell is a fifty-four inch iron pipe, seven feet long and fitted with glass port holes. It is planned to lower the bell, with an observer inside and connection by telephone to a vessel above.

Naval officials said that hope had been abandoned for the rescue of the twenty-one men aboard the submarine. They say their work now is one of recovering the bodies and getting what salvage there may be in the vessel, which apparently is believed to have been wrecked.

TO HOLD APPLE CAMPAIGN

Slogan to Be "Eat Minnesota Apples" is Plan to Be Inaugurated by Extension Department Soon.

CLUBS OF STATE TO ASSIST

"Eat Minnesota Apples." Such is the slogan of a state-wide campaign to be inaugurated soon by the Extension department of the Minnesota Agricultural college to save the big crop of apples which apple specialists believe will be produced this year. No general waste of fruit, such as occurred two years ago, is to be permitted if it is possible to prevent it.

The campaign is to be a constructive one, according to R. S. Mackintosh, who is to be actively engaged in pushing it. Lectures, demonstrations and circulars will be employed in interesting growers in spraying, pruning, thinning, picking, grading, packing and marketing the fruit, so as to provide the public with good apples.

Through the State Horticultural society, County Horticultural societies, Agricultural Development associations, Farmers' clubs, Commercial clubs, Federation of Women's clubs, Housewives' leagues and other organizations, an attempt will be made to interest persons in using Minnesota apples.

An efficient force of apple specialists will be employed during the entire week of the Minnesota State Fair, September 6 to 11, demonstrating to the public the means by which good apples can be produced and marketed in the state. A large commercial apple display, comparing the various varieties grown on a considerable scale in Minnesota, will also be shown to permit consumers to determine their preference.

Nor is this all. A list of the reputable apple growers of the state will be prepared by the Extension department, so that persons desiring to buy apples may obtain them without the expense of personal investigation. This list will be sent to any firm, clubs or individuals asking for it. In this way the college hopes to act as a connecting link between consumers and producers.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT GERMAN CRUISER EITEL WILL INTERNE

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—Covers from all the guns were removed this morning on the converted German cruiser Prinz Eitel Frederick which is ported here. This is taken to indicate that the vessel's armament will be removed and interned during the rest of the war. The period allowed for the vessel to either intern or leave port expires tonight, it is reported. The United States battleship Alabama arrived off Virginia Capes at six o'clock this morning.

RUSSIAN LOSSES SAID TO TOTAL 10,000 IN THREE DAYS

Berlin, March 30.—The Germans declare that the Russian losses during the last three days of fighting along the borders of Poland total over 10,000 killed, wounded and missing.

TO SEND DELEGATIONS.

Northome, International Falls, Cass Lake, Remer, Walker, Crookston and several other places are expected to send delegations to the Elks meeting which is to be held here Thursday night, at which there will be initiation and installation. A. H. Jester will have charge of the social session.

Accepts State Position

Earle Bailey, son of S. C. Bailey, left this noon for Duluth, having accepted a responsible position with the land department of the state auditor's office. Until recently he was employed as timekeeper at plant No. 1 of the Crookston Lumber company.

What will be the largest reinforced concrete arch bridge in the world is now being built at Langweitz, on the Chur Arosa railroad. It will have a 160-foot rise, and 330 feet between abutments.

Queen Elizabeth of Belgium has pawned her jewelry for \$250,000.

ALLIES RESUME FIRE ON DARDANELLES FORTS

Constantinople, March 30.—Turkish war officials issued the following statement this afternoon: Russian warships are again operating off the Black sea entrance at Bosphorus. Huge shells are being hurled at the outer fortifications, but the fire is feeble and no serious damage has resulted. At the Dardanelles straits the Anglo-French fleet has resumed its shelling of the Turkish forts with insignificant results. A Turkish airship bombed a British warship lying off the coast.

PRESENT PLAY THURSDAY

Pupils of Junior High School Will Appear in Splendid Program—To Stage "Little Women."

MISS ETHEL HALL IN CHARGE

With a play entitled "Little Women" as the chief feature, a splendid program will be given by the pupils of the junior high school Thursday afternoon. The affair is being prepared under the direction of Miss Ethel Hall, principal of the department.

Following is the program which will be presented: Song, "Dance of the Fairies," junior high school; paper, Biography of James Whitcomb Riley, Mrs. M. Deaire; reading, "Out to Old Aunt Mary's," Gladys Getchell; song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," Boys' Glee club; reading, "The Old Man and Jim," Dean Miller; reading, "When the Old Folks are Gone," Charles Rako; piano solo, (selected), Ella Norrie; reading, "I Ain't Going to Cry No More," Summer Whiting; reading, "Our Hired Girl," Ruby Wheaton; paper, "Review of Louise Alcott's Book, 'Little Women.'"

Cast of characters for the play, "Little Women": Meg, Emma Goltz; Jo, Myrtle Madson; Amy, Evelyn Kirk; Lurise, Holly Lord; Beth, Florence Severson; Mrs. March, Alice Witting; Hannah, Marie Annette; Mr. Lawrence, Irl Malone.

EXPECT ALL ENGLAND TO GO DRY DURING WAR

London, March 30.—All England may go dry. At a cabinet meeting this afternoon a proposition was thoroughly discussed to make England "dry" during the war. This proposed action is sanctioned by Chancellor Exchequer David Lloyd George. It is reported that the cabinet will either put a restriction on drinking or force the country into total prohibition. Authorities consider that the government has the power under a defense of the Realm Act to enforce a dry order. England is the only nation now engaged in this world-war thus far that has not recognized that King Alcohol is its most eternal enemy. Russia is now practically dry and France has stringent rules against weakening its soldiers by indulgence in alcohol.

TODAY'S DOINGS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

St. Paul, March 30.—Former Governor John Lind appeared before the senate judiciary committee this afternoon and protested against the George Sullivan bill to authorize state banks to act as administrators for estates.

The Demegre bill, demanding that lawyers pass the state examinations before being admitted to the bar was passed today.

The senate finance committee recommended that state department appropriations be decreased \$464,171. The Christinson bill abolishing the advisory commission of the Walker sanatorium passed the house.

NEW HOUSE FOR LABOR.

Dallas, Texas, March 30.—As the fruit of nearly two years' agitation, a labor temple is going up at Dallas. A site was purchased at Federal and Masten streets and ground was broken for the foundation on March 17. The plans call for a structure costing about \$50,000, consisting of three stories and basement. Club rooms and social features will be emphasized in the building.

MRS. MOORE IS APPOINTED.

St. Paul, March 30.—Mrs. Lyman Moore of St. Paul was this afternoon appointed to succeed Mrs. Higbee as a member of the state board of woman's visitors by Governor Hammond.

Attorney and Mrs. Thayer C. Bailey left this noon for Duluth where they will spend several days.

COUNCIL FAVORS ORDINANCE FOR GARBAGE DISPOSAL

First Reading Heard by Aldermen Last Evening—Authorities to Enforce Plan as Outlined.

REJECT BIDS ON FIRE TEAM

Street Committee Proposes to Extend Rural Highway Down Lake Shore From Lunn Farm.

Members of the Bemidji council approved of the ordinance, proposed by the joint clean-up committee of the Woman's Study club and the Merchants' association and drawn by J. J. Russell, city attorney, at the meeting of last evening, providing a law regulating the storage and removal of garbage.

The aldermen listened to the first reading of the ordinance with much interest and the opinion appeared unanimous that such a set of regulations should be adopted. The ordinance provides that between April 15 and the first of November of each year all residences, hotels and restaurants be required to provide water-tight, covered receptacles for garbage and that the cans be emptied at certain intervals, perhaps twice a week or oftener as necessity may require.

Will Be Given Notice.

Every resident will be required to have garbage removed and when this is not done notice will be given, permitting twenty-four hours for the removal. Then the health officer will take charge and order the garbage removed, the cost being assessed to the property. Violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$150 or not more than thirty days in jail.

The collecting will be done by a person to be employed by the board of health, and applicants will apply by bids. It is believed that the collecting will be done at a very small cost. The collecting will cost the city nothing.

Committee Was Present.

Mrs. E. E. McDonald, Dr. G. M. Palmer, C. E. Battles, Dr. E. A. Shannon and Thomas Swinson, members of the ordinance committee, were in attendance at the meeting last evening.

While but little objection was made to the ordinance last evening it is believed that several amendments will be offered at the meeting to be held in two weeks at which the second reading of the ordinance will be made.

Team Not to Go.

But one bid was received by the council last night for the purchase of the fire team, this being rejected, as were bids for wagons and sleighs now used by the department.

Plan Lake Shore Road.

A report of the street committee was read recommending that the state rural highway, now built to the city limits, be extended through the Lunn farm, down the lake shore past Grand Forks Bay to Doud avenue and past the City Park and normal school grounds. The city engineer was instructed to investigate the costs of such a road.

George Stein, city clerk, was instructed to purchase dog tags and a tax will be placed on all dogs this spring. A dog catcher, who will work under directions of the chief of police, will be employed.

PLUMBERS "TRUST" APPEARS.

Des Moines, March 30.—Attorneys for the 36 master plumbers of mid-western states, convicted on February 24 of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in Federal court here, appeared before Federal Judge Pollack and filed motions for new trials and made their arguments claiming errors of the court. It is expected that Judge Pollack will act upon the motion soon.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



Some Lamps



By "HOP"



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