

SPECULATION IN COPPER COINS BECOMES A PUBLIC EVIL IN PARIS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
 PARIS, Aug. 27.—Traffic in copper coins which frequently has been denounced during the past two years is still going on in France. In a great many stores, tobacco shops, groceries, bakeries and meat markets, at ticket offices of transportation lines and places of amusement, sous and double sous are taken in all through the day and evening, and none given out if it can be avoided. Subway and tramway employees have even refused to sell tickets unless the passengers offer the exact change. Theater and moving picture box offices are also collectors of coppers.

M. Hudelo, the new prefect of police, made a round of Paris in the subway the other day. He was required to furnish coppers for his

tickets after offering a franc silver piece. At one station the ticket seller refused in his presence to make change for a wounded soldier who offered a two-franc piece. M. Hudelo passed in his card and ordered that the ticket be delivered, whereupon both the ticket and the change were forthcoming.

"So you had the change. Now you may go to the office and get your pay. You are discharged," said M. Hudelo, whose authority extends to all employees of public services.

The prefect was called upon to make his own change at the ticket offices of moving picture shows also, but a little talk with the manager in each case developed the fact that change was not lacking in the cash drawers.

The result of his investigation was a circular to commissaires of police,

calling upon them to enforce the regulations and prosecute every person speculating in copper money, and to send to police headquarters the names of every employe of any public service refusing to make change without a plausible reason.

There has been a regular market for coppers at the Place Gambetta, where subway employes and other collectors bring sous and double sous in rolls and dispose of them at a bonus of 10 per cent. The buyers get back the premium they pay for this small change and make an additional profit of 15 per cent, through illicit exportation to Switzerland. Though French paper and silver money is at a discount there, copper money, curiously enough, passes at par, which has provoked the systematic traffic that the police propose to stop.

HOW A FLOCK OF GEESE SAVED BRITISH DETACHMENT FROM DEATH

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
 WITH BRITISH FORCES IN SALONIKI, Aug. —This is the story of how the geese of Kale-Zir gave the warning and saved a British detachment.

When the Bulgars left their native fastnesses and came down into the plains, their advance was halted by a certain famous river and a historic lake. A British company was holding the upper lake, for it was divided into two parts connected by the river. The company was charged with responsibility for the upper lake and five miles of the connecting stream as far as Kale-Zir. They had absolute command of the lake, thanks to the motorboats, and a crossing there was inconceivable, but the river flowed through a maze of reeds and swamps and forests, most parts of which appeared absolutely impenetrable from the British side. A feeling of comparative safety pervaded the British camp.

Then one evening the orderly officer set out from the camp on his bicycle to visit two outposts on the river nearly two miles from the camp. It was very dark. As he neared the sentry he heard the movement of wings, and distinguished flock after flock of ducks flying from their night rest among the reeds.

"Looks odd," he remarked to the sentry. Then, to a sergeant, "I'll take one man, sergeant, and we'll cycle down the path and have a look."

The path ran a quarter of a mile along the marsh and then died an abrupt death in a stifling fence of reeds. The officer and his orderly dismounted and listened. They could discern over in the swamp a long line of men in single file.

Back at the picket post the orderly sent a man to warn the camp, while he remained behind to keep the enemy raiders under observation.

The raiders were 200 strong, under

command of a German officer. They kept to the path until just before it came into a clearing. Then they halted and prepared to attack. They got into a loose sort of open order and came on quickly. At that moment the British officer fired four shots. Immediately a light over the British camp appeared. The glare was dazzling. There was a moment's silence and then a roar of fire. It was a complete surprise. The raiders were bunched close, and must have had fifty casualties in the first fusillade. They made no attempt to resist, but flung everything away and made for the maize fields.

The first person picked up was the German officer in charge of the enterprise, who had been hit in the thigh. Altogether there were 25 dead and 58 wounded, while 35 more surrendered during the morning at different places and more kept giving themselves up for several days. Probably not more than five or six ever got to the Bulgar lines.

LIFE AT CAMP LEWIS BY A NEWSPAPERMAN

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 26.—Life at Camp Lewis is described in a letter from Kendall K. Kay, a San Francisco and Eureka, Cal., newspaper man, now a member of E Company 16th Infantry.

"Gradually," says Kay, "the boys are being eased into the idea that they are in for intensive training of the highest degree and occasional references to the value of present skill or studies upon arrival in France leads to the inference that no moss will grow under our feet here.

"The method in which the officers set about to teach us makes it as easy as possible. The outdoor drills and physical exercises, coupled with cold showers in a snappy atmosphere,

tends to harden up one wonderfully.

"The officers are as fine a set of men throughout as was ever assembled. They are well trained and gentlemen, all. They constantly impress upon the men that they are glad to answer questions at all times.

"The food is fine. Today's dinner of steak, creamed onions, boiled potatoes, fine bread and a dessert—properly cooked and sufficient in quantity—made all smack their lips after six hours of almost constant activity. There is not a grouch in the barracks.

"There is always something doing for everybody, from Rainier's wonderful snow-clad bulk glistening like marble under the first rays of the rising sun, down to the little details of barracks life."

CHAMPION AVIATOR KILLED IN THE AIR

LIEUT. VOSSE FALLS IN A FIGHT BEFORE HIS FIFTIETH ADVERSARY.

(By Associated Press.)
 AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.—Lieutenant Vosse, the leading German aviator, has been killed in an aerial fight with his fiftieth adversary, according to a report received here from Berlin. Vosse was considered the greatest German airman after Baron von Richthofen. He was credited in German official reports with having brought down forty-two enemy machines up to September 10.

SUBMARINE SURVIVOR ENLISTS IN THE NAVY

Herman L. Dupree, 20 years of age, from Birmingham, Ala., walked aboard the U. S. S. recruit in Union Square at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and said he wanted to enlist in the United States navy. While he was being examined by Surgeon J. J. Kaveney he casually remarked that he had the experience of submarine

gun fire during the past summer. Dupree had shipped from Portland, Me., last June on the Norwegian tanker, Kongsli, bound for Rotterdam. On the return trip in the third week of August, out four days from the coast of Rotterdam at 5:30 in the morning, three shots were sent across the bow of the tanker. Dupree said:

"Where was she built?" he asked.
 "Baltimore," was the reply.
 "What kind of a crew have you?"
 "Mixed—Danish, Swedes and Norwegians."
 "Any Americans?"
 "None."

According to Dupree the captain of the tanker asked for a tow and he was told that an English cruiser would be along in the morning. The next day the cruiser came along, but paid no attention to the men. It being a rule of the British admiralty not to pick up lifeboats. After floundering in the rough sea with no rations but a few biscuits and very little water, the men finally landed at St. Nazares, France.

Dupree has been three years at sea, having shipped from Norfolk, Va. He was educated in the public schools at Birmingham. He was sent to the training station at Newport.

NINE MILLION TONS OF SHIPPING IN A YEAR

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Within little more than a year the United States will have an ocean-going merchant fleet of over 1,600 ships aggregating 9,200,000 tons, the shipping board announced today.

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GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR 1916

The bureau of mint, treasury department, and the geological survey, interior department, have issued the following joint final statement of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1916. As indicated in the new year's estimates of the mint and survey the joint figures on the final returns show increases in the production of silver:

	Gold	Silver	Fine Ounces	Value*
Alabama	7,400			
Alaska	16,124,800	1,266,317		833,900
Arizona	4,092,800	6,680,252		4,394,600
California	21,980,400	1,936,910		1,274,200
Colorado	19,185,000	7,551,761		4,967,900
Georgia	20,400			
Idaho	1,058,200	11,570,399		7,611,500
Illinois		5,782		3,800
Maryland		153		100
Michigan		759,068		499,300
Missouri		128,869		84,800
Montana	4,328,400	14,946,054		9,240,100
Nevada	5,064,700	12,682,067		9,009,600
New Hampshire		935		600
New Mexico	1,350,000	1,729,817		1,138,000
North Carolina	23,000	1,738		1,100
Oklahoma		606		400
Oregon	1,901,500	221,887		146,000
Philippine Islands	1,514,200	17,643		11,600
Porto Rico		600		
South Carolina		309		
South Dakota	7,471,700	210,100		138,200
Tennessee		5,700		61,700
Texas		664,319		407,000
Utah	3,859,000	13,545,802		8,911,000
Vermont		300		1,300
Virginia		508		300
Washington	580,600	294,516		193,700
Wyoming	20,200	3,407		2,200
	\$92,590,300	74,414,802		\$48,963,000

*Based on the average New York dealers' buying price of silver per fine ounce for the calendar year 1916, viz: \$0.65784.

FIVE MEN HELD FOR DRAFT BRIBE

BUSINESS MEN OF MISSOURI INDICTED FOR INFLUENCING SELECTIONS.

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 26.—Five men, including a member of the county draft board, were indicted here yesterday on charges of attempted violations of the selective draft law. Four of the men were released on bonds of \$10,000 each and given 30 days in which to plead to the charges, while the fifth, A. J. August, a wealthy merchant, is ill at his home.

TEXAS GOVERNOR OUT OF HIS JOB

FERGUSON REMOVED AND DEBARRED FROM EVER HOLDING OFFICE.

(By Associated Press.)
 AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 26.—James E. Ferguson was formally declared removed from office as governor of Texas and barred from hereafter holding any public office "of honor, trust or profit," by the adoption in the senate high court of impeachment of the majority report of a special senate committee. The majority report recommending only removal from office had been defeated. The vote on the adoption of the majority report was 25 to 3, with one pair and one absent.

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