

PLENTY OF FOOD TO BE HAD ABROAD

But Pay Is Low and Even French Cooking Proves Unsatisfactory

Whiting Williams is just back from France, Belgium and Germany, where he conducted a "pick and shovel" investigation of labor conditions. Williams is telling you the things he learned by working and living with European armies. These conditions are influencing deliberations of the Washington arms conference. This is the second of Williams' articles especially written for The Star.

BY WHITING WILLIAMS
"For lunch and breakfast when we worked for our captors most of us had to do this," said one of my fellow workers in a steel and machine plant at Douai, France, as he gave a big pull at his belt. "When one grew too weak to pull up his belt—well, then we buried him—with a soldier watching us."
"If we missed our work for a day we spent the next day in prison—on even less food than when we worked."

It was a good town to come to for work. Masons and laborers from all over the country were repairing the station, the great railway yards and factories which had been shot to pieces.
At our boarding house these workers accepted me as an American who wanted to learn "everything possible about makin' steel in Europe, seein' that there's no job to be got just now in America."

**THOUGHT AMERICANS
WERE INDIANS**
"You're not a real American," Jacques said to me one day. "From all the books I've read every American has a redder skin than you."
Finally I discovered that he'd been reading the novels of Fenimore Cooper about the noble Indians!

At our boarding house we paid almost two-thirds of our week's pay for about as much dirt and filth as I've ever run into. Our kitchen was in a sort of glass-covered court. Here by the pump and the piece of mirror all of us, including the landlady, washed our faces and "did" our hair.

Over in the corner of the court by the dog's bones and the garbage pail, the flies were so thick that a fellow almost had to wait for them to buzz out of his way before he could go upstairs. Just in front of the court in the dining room—it was also the barroom—we had generally to fight the flies with one hand while we fed ourselves with the other!

What we succeeded in getting past the flies was abundant but surprisingly had considering the French reputation for good cooking. We took all the potatoes we wanted into our bowls after we finished our soup—and my friends had some of the best appetites I ever saw!

**NOT FRUSTED TO
TAKE OWN MEAT**
But the landlady did not trust us to take our meat. Instead she gave us each a piece—and we all felt that she tried hard to be fair. Meat is very expensive over there.

It took pretty close figuring for anybody to have much left after paying for our "eats and sleeps." A pair of half-soles took three-quarters of a day's pay. A good pair of shoes took nearly three days' pay. The cheapest of overalls in the marketplace set a fellow back for a day and a half's earnings.

"There is too much difference between us manual laborers and the skilled workers." That was the complaint of Jean, hockeryer. "Picture yourself! Some skilled workers who sweat less than you and I, draw almost twice as much. And even how the patrons (employers) are trying to reduce our wages. How can we submit?"

I could hardly wonder that these men, living and working as they did, should figure out the situation in this way. Nevertheless, statistics show that the common laborers of France have pretty generally kept up with the 50 per cent increase in the cost of living over pre-war. Also, that they and other unskilled workers in Belgium, Germany and Britain have had more increases proportionately than the skilled workers and infinitely more than the trained professions like teachers, doctors and clerks.

Williams, in his next story, tells the human side of the workers who are rebuilding devastated France.

Strike Is Averted in Rainier Valley

There will be no strike on the Seattle & Rainier Valley railway. A compromise was reached early Wednesday between employes and officials after an all-night session.
The workers called off the strike they had announced 24 hours earlier and agreed to a cut of approximately 10 per cent. The agreement calls for the following scale of wages to April 1, when a new contract will be made: \$3, \$2 and 66 cents an hour, graduated on length of service.

NOW GETS 48 EGGS A DAY INSTEAD OF 3

**Dr. Vincent Cured His Hens of the
Laying Habit, Easily Done.**
"My egg supply has increased wonderfully. Early in January, I started using Dr. Vincent's medicine and getting about 2 eggs every other day from 70 hens. By the end of January I was getting 30 eggs a day. In two weeks more, I was getting 48 a day."—G. W. Vincent, South, Ky.
"Dr. Vincent's results, in January, prove that you can get eggs when eggs are high. It costs nothing to try. Give your hens Dr. Vincent's and watch results for one month. If you don't see a good profit besides, tell us and your money will be cheerfully refunded."
Don't miss (Chinese for egg-laying) is a scientific tonic and conditioner. It is easily given in the feed, improves the hen's health and makes her stronger and more active. It is guaranteed to get the eggs, no matter how cold or wet the weather.
Don't miss can be obtained promptly from your druggist or poultry remedy dealer, or send 50c for a package by prepaid. Burrell-Duggar Co., 214 Columbia Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

'FEMININE VERDICT' FOR BURCH



If these 10 women on the Burch jury agree as to a verdict it is unlikely that the two men—J. W. Lang and Geo. R. Baker, both retired business men—will alter their pronouncement. The women jurors are, left row, top to bottom: Mrs. H. W. Mitchell, wife of a bookkeeper; Mrs. Nellie D. Graham, wife of a business man; Mrs. W. O. Bailey and Mrs. Barbara Levy, widow. Right row, top to bottom—Mrs. W. W. Sweetland, Caroline Seymour, society woman; Marie McMullen, Mrs. Eva De Mott, wife of civil engineer. Above—Arthur C. Burch (central oval), Miss Olive Moser. Below Burch—Mrs. W. R. Bird.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Prosecutors and defenders in crime cases the country over will closely watch and appraise the verdict in the trial of Arthur C. Burch, jointly charged with Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy.

Ten women are on the jury—such a preponderance of the feminine as has not hitherto featured an important criminal trial.
What will be their reaction to variants of the "unwritten law" embodied in the charge against Burch to whom the state ascribes a motive of twisted chivalry in accounting for the death of divorced Mrs. Obenchain's fiancé?

In trying women in cases of this nature it is the traditional practice of defense attorneys to rely on male jurors who, they believe, can be swayed by chivalrous considerations. And dozens of notable acquittals testify to the merits of such psychology.
Is the reverse to be expected in the Burch trial? Has the defense

MADALYNN E ILL OVER LOVE TALE

Worried by Testimony of Cupid's Partner

BY FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Ill and worried, Madalynne Obenchain waited at the county jail today for news of what her friend, Louise M. Wilson, would tell on the witness stand at the murder trial of Arthur C. Burch.

Mrs. Wilson was to tell of the love affair between Madalynne and John Belton Kennedy, the dead man.
She was expected to tell the whole story of the romance—its flower and decline and the final break, that, according to the theory of the prosecution, led to Kennedy's murder.

**WAS GO-BETWEEN
IN LOVE AFFAIR**
Mrs. Wilson is qualified to testify as to the exact relations between the two principals in the love-affair at every stage of its existence, according to the state, for she was the go-between.

When Kennedy's parents began to interfere seriously with the couple's plans, Mrs. Wilson is said to have taken over the task of arranging meetings, carrying notes and messages, and in every way helping the lovers.
She has a beauty parlor in a local office building, and it was there, according to the state, that many meetings were arranged.

Mrs. Wilson, an unwilling witness, was subpoenaed by the state.
Mrs. Mary A. Bailey, a patron of Mrs. Wilson's beauty shop, and a friend of Madalynne, was the first witness called today.

**DREAMED KENNEDY
WAS TO BE SLAIN**
She injected a weird note into the case when she told of a dream she had relating to Madalynne some weeks before young Kennedy's mysterious death.

"I dreamed Kennedy was to be murdered," Mrs. Bailey said. "I told Mrs. Obenchain so. She wept."
"I know he is going to die," she told me. "I know I am going to be in jail. I cannot explain it all. I only sense it."

Later, at a luncheon, Madalynne told Mrs. Bailey that Kennedy had deceived her.
"He hasn't been square with me," the witness said Madalynne told her. "He was my ideal. It is so hard to be disillusioned."

PORTLAND, Ore.—George Filcraft, auto driver, reports to police that he was beaten over head with revolver and tossed over cliff by two men who had hired him to drive them. He lost \$3.

CALCUTTA, INDIA, is to have a motor vehicle show from December 19 to 24.

THERE ARE approximately 70,000 motor cars in Germany.

HARDING TURNS ON FARM BLOC

Old Guard and Cabinet Rally to Cause

BY LAWRENCE MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Under the personal direction of President Harding the "old guard" in congress and members of the cabinet have set out to smash the agricultural bloc.

At recent conferences at the White House, in which Senators Watson and Curtis and Secretary of War Weeks and other cabinet members took part, it was agreed that republican party safety in the next congressional campaign, and in the presidential campaign of 1924, depends on whipping all factions within the party into line under the distinct party leadership.

Harding, in his message to congress yesterday, gave notice that the bloc must go and that republicans must obey their party leaders and accept the legislative program their party stood back of.

Cabinet members will follow up Harding's lead in speeches in various parts of the country, assailing the farm bloc directly, denouncing the legislation the bloc stands for, and telling the public that the welfare of the country depends on the abolition of all such special groups in congress.

GROTTO PLAY MAKES A HIT

"Are You a Mason?" to Run Two More Nights

"Are You a Mason?" Some were and some were not, Monday night, when the comedy farce was given before a large, appreciative audience by the Angora grotto, at the Shrine auditorium, in their initial appearance.

Many who had seen the play many times doubted up in convulsions of laughter, as the clever amateurs placed new pep into the piles upon piles of fabrications the would-be Masons piled high upon their unsuspecting wives.

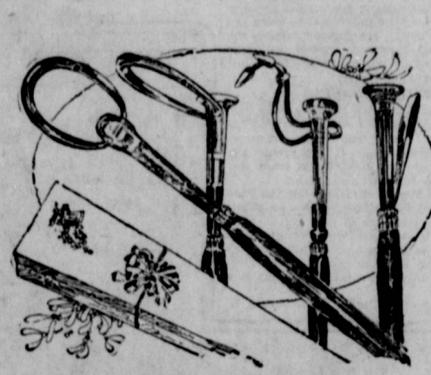
The acting of Robert F. Day, director of the play, was especially good. Eleanor Perrin Miller, playing opposite him, makes a model susceptible, haughty wife of the rich, deceptive Mr. Bloodgood. Mirth reaches its climax when Harry Drake, in the role of Fisher, impersonated Fanchon, a French girl.

The play will be repeated Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at the auditorium.

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FREDERICK & NELSON

FIFTH AVENUE AND PINE STREET



325 Women's Silk Umbrellas

High-grade Silks and Smart Styles
AT \$10.00 EACH

If you've planned to give a really-good Umbrella that is to be good-looking as well, rely upon this offering to meet your ideas—and for less than you would expect to pay.

Styles with wide grosgrain taping or narrow border in black and the favored colors, with bakelite handles in white and amber, tips and ferrules to match. Bracelet rings of bakelite, leather side straps or leather tassels ornament the handles.

A few of the styles are sketched
Exceptional values at \$10.00 each (government tax 60c). —First Floor



If Santa Should Bring a Little Dining Set Like This

little girls' tea parties would be more fun than ever. Made just like the dining table and chairs for grown-ups, in golden oak finish.

Dining Table, \$8.75
Chairs, \$2.00 each
Other Sets of Children's Furniture, Table and four Chairs, in various colors—\$13.75, \$14.50 and \$16.50. —Fourth Floor



Gift Dressings

JUST as distinctive clothing adds to one's personal appeal, or tasteful decoration enhances the beauty of one's home, so dainty Ribbons, Holiday Tissue Papers, and Yuletide Seals contribute charm to even the simplest Christmas Gift.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES, in plain Red or with Holly or Mistletoe, in all sizes and shapes, 2c to 45c.

CHRISTMAS TISSUE PAPER, in packages of twenty-four sheets. Red 30c, White 15c; Holly, 3 sheets for 5c.

CHRISTMAS BELLS, medium size at 15c dozen.

HOLLY TIE RIBBON, at 15c spool.

CHRISTMAS STICKERS AND SEALS, at 10c, 15c and 20c package. —Stationery Section, First Floor

More Than 500 Coats for Women and Misses

In the Downstairs Store

—all so modestly priced, and so widely varied as to style, that choosing is greatly simplified. Recent purchases bring scores of advance styles—among them plain-tailored three-quarter-length coats, fur-trimmed and blouse-back effects, grouped as follows:

- 25 COATS at \$12.35 each
 - 60 COATS at \$15.00 each
 - 68 COATS at \$17.50 each
 - 90 COATS at \$19.75 each
 - 67 COATS at \$22.50 each
 - 120 COATS at \$25.00 each
 - 70 COATS at \$31.50 each
 - 20 COATS at \$37.50 each
- THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE



Amethyst-color Glassware

\$1.00

THE deep, rich purple of this Glassware makes it especially appropriate for the incidental pieces that are so welcome as gifts.

Flower Vases, 10 inches high, \$1.00 each.

Fruit Compot, 8 inches in diameter, \$1.00.

Candlesticks, 7 inches high, \$1.00 each.

Cut Crystal Candy Jars

\$1.95

GRACEFUL, Colonial-shape Candy Jars with attractive flower cutting—all the more acceptable if filled with Christmas candy and ribbon-tied as in the sketch. Price, for Jar only \$1.95.



Mahogany- finish Candlesticks

With Decorated Candles

\$1.50 Each

There are five styles in these Mahogany-finished Candlesticks—and all have decorated candles.

Priced at \$1.50 each. —Aisle Table, First Floor



It's Pretty Big

But little girls and boys don't mind big Candy Canes! We have a large assortment of them, from the kind that would be "big for baby," at 5c, to real man-size canes like Dad carries, at 50c.

You'll find them in the new Candy Booth near Toytown, the Downstairs Store.



Toytown is Like a Dream-come-true to Girls and Boys

WITH dolls that talk, animals that jump or walk, trains that go and airplanes that fly, a walk through Toytown is like a trip to Fairyland for girls and boys.

And right in the midst of all the Toys that he has brought sits SANTA in his post-office, with letters addressed to every little girl and boy in Seattle.

Come in and ask him for your letter.

She Can Learn the Notes

And simple little songs and pieces on a tiny Toy Piano, and it will just be good fun, and play!

One of the very smallest pianos has 9 keys—they are \$1.50. The next size with 12 keys is \$2.25.

A sixteen-key size costs \$4.00, and a real almost "grown-up" Piano is the 22-key Upright at \$15.00. Stools are 50c and 75c—and the kind that screws up or down is \$1.25.

—TOYTOWN, DOWNSTAIRS STORE

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Men's Felt House Slippers

SPECIAL \$1.35 PAIR

COMFORTABLE, moccasin-style Slippers with chrome leather soles and soft padded insoles—practical, appreciated gifts.

Sizes 6 to 11
Just 180 pairs to sell at this low price, \$1.35 pair. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

35 Trimmed Winter Hats

Reduced to \$1.95

A SMALL group, but important in savings offered, featuring Hats for dress and sports wear—reduced to \$1.95.

100 BANDED HATS REDUCED TO \$3.95

Smart Tailored Hats in black, silky hatters' plush, with duvetyne facing of blue, pheasant, rust or sand—with straight, rolling or drooping brim—reduced to \$3.95. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Cretonne-trimmed Gift Aprons

Special 75c

SOME are in the style sketched, combining black sateen or unbleached muslin with gay cretonnes, others are in band styles, cut in novel gores or panels, with pockets and sash ties in back.

Eight styles to choose from. Special 75c. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Children's Sleeping Garments, 85c

SOFT and cozy, and easily tubbed, are these fine-ribbed Knit Sleeping Garments with fleece-lining—with attached feet and turn-back cuff tied with cotton tape.

Sizes 0 to 6 years. Priced at 85c. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Linen Handkerchief Squares

20c Each

JUST the right size for making into the thread-run Handkerchiefs of the moment, these squares of handkerchief linen in

Tan Gray White Blue
Pink Lavender
Low-priced at 20c each. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Smokers' Stands, \$1.95

THE right height to be convenient to his hand when he's seated is this Mahogany-finish Stand with glass top and holder for matches—\$1.95. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Baby Set, Special 50c

Baby Spoon and Food Pusher in Rogers & Brothers' Silver-plated ware, in lined gift box—exceptional value at 50c. —THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE

