

HUN PLANS FOR ALIENATION OF BELGIANS FAIL

Germans Thought To Win The Support Of Flemish In Move To Divide Nation.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, May 25—From a Belgian who has escaped into England after three years of captivity in German prison camps, the Belgian legation here has received interesting details of the clumsy efforts of the German conquerors to alienate the Belgians of Flemish extraction from their countrymen of Walloon descent, as practiced among Belgian prisoners in Germany.

The project, which has been described as stupidly conceived and executed had its birth, the advisers say, in the dreams of the Pan-Germanists who would set up in northern Belgium a Flemish state that would assume the status of a German protectorate.

The first advances were made toward the Belgians of Flemish extraction confined in the prison camps. They were segregated and forwarded to other prison centers where they were treated with some degree of kindness in an effort to win their support in establishing the new state. All measures calculated to win over the prisoners failed miserably, said the legation's informant, and the groups remained indissolubly Belgian.

PLAN DESCRIBED.

Parts of the letter describing the German intrigue follow:

"The plan of the Germans was to concentrate all the Flemings in the camp of Gottingen, to give them privileged treatment under the supervision of a civilian, Professor Stange, of the Gottingen University, and to induce them to join the activist movement aiming at the separation of Belgium into two political states, Flanders falling under German direct or indirect control.

"In the court of July, I decided, with a few companions, to volunteer for Gottingen in order to counteract the enemy's intrigue. We found there Professor Stange and a few of his activist disciples hard at work. Stange was practically the commander of the camp. We were treated with great consideration by the centries, the system of blows and threats was suspended and we were much surprised to be addressed as 'Herrschaffen'."

FEW 'CONVERTS'

"The 'converted' men were only a very small minority including some students and artists. Happily the new regime allowed the patriots to speak out and to unmask the traitors. Our work was made considerably easier through the interference of two members of the 'Council of Flanders,' Borius and Weert. Their interference stamped Stange's Flemish activity as a purely German maneuver and one by one the prisoners ceased to attend the Club 'Fleurbaey'."

"At the same time the regime in camp changed entirely. The 'Herrschaffen' were again 'Schweinhude' and a new commander was sent to the camp. The civilian had failed in his mission and the military exerted its former power with a vengeance.

"Most of the Flemings at Gottingen, (nearly 10,000 passed through the camp) were sent to various commandos. The number of Stange's conversions among the Flemish prisoners might be almost a hundred. Even the fear of being sent to a salt mine did not induce more than one man in a hundred to lend a patient ear to separatist propaganda."

RED CROSS GETS \$278.69 THROUGH BOOTHS ON STREETS

A total of \$278.69 was collected by the women in the Red Cross booths on the streets Friday according to Chairman N. L. Daney Saturday morning. The totals for each team follow: Mrs. Koops, \$41.41, Mrs. Bowman \$18.90, Mrs. Mendenhall \$18.94, Mrs. Porter, \$140.85 and Miss Grant, \$58.52.

Chairman Daney also announced that the best efforts of the committee to secure nine men who were willing to give \$500 each in response to the challenge issued by O. C. Ewart resulted in securing only seven subscriptions, but that Mr. Ewart mailed in his subscription Friday, notwithstanding the fact that his challenge was not met.

ROY GAINS DIES

DANVILLE, May 25—Roy Gains, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gains, died Friday night after an illness of one week of typhoid fever. Mrs. Gains is in a serious condition with typhoid fever.

MASTELLER HERE TO GO TO CAMP SHERMAN ON MAY 27

Carl H. Masteller, who has been employed in a shell factory at Beaver, Pa., returned home Friday and will leave for Camp Sherman with Knox county selects May 27.

WOMEN MAKING GOOD IN PLACES FILLED BY MEN

Wisconsin Box Manufacturers Find Girls Can Replace Males In Many Lines Of Work.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] MARINETTE, Wis., May 25—The shortage of men for work in the lumber production industries in the north, has caused a box manufacturing company here to turn over a large proportion of its work to women. Fifty girls have been employed to operate various machines and from the reports of the management the work is being performed as quickly, accurately, and efficiently as when men did the work.

In several places the girls work at the same machine with men, performing their duties without slowing up the production in the least. In the assembly room men insert pieces of wood to be sawed and girls clear the machine from the other side. In the room where bottling cases for beverage companies are made, girls put the partitions together and the men place iron bands about the two ends of the cases. Although the women are new to this work, upwards of 1,000 cases a day are being turned out. In the printing room, where the name of the company for which the boxes are being made is stamped upon them, men feed the press and girls clear it.

In several places in the factory the work is such that it has been turned over completely to the girls. In one part of the assembly room girls place the hinges, locks and springs on the boxes without the assistance of men. In other places the work is such that men still have a monopoly. The handling of heavy logs as they come from the woods and the cutting of the logs in the saw mills is too heavy for other than the strongest men.

In the work the girls have all been protected from danger as much as possible. In many cases the girls are sisters or daughters of the men at the factory and the morale is said to be excellent. The girls themselves are enthusiastic about the new work.

AIRPLANES AND BOMBS TO BRING WAR TO AN END

English Officer Declares Enemy Can Only Be Conquered By Using His Methods.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LIVERPOOL, May 25—The way to win the war is to keep on bombing Germany until she cries "enough," writes a Liverpool army officer from the front in a letter to his home newspaper.

"You at home," he adds, "do not realize how great is the air superiority of the Allies on the West Front. The means of finishing off the campaign is to create such a feeling in the German towns that the population will rise and demand the ending of the war. I know Germany well, and the bullets are real cowards at home. I believe that most of the German soldiers are sick of fighting and when they find out how much more effectively we are air-raiding than they; then will come the finish.

"I notice that in a raid on London recently, 16 bombs were dropped. Do you realize that in our air report on Tuesday night it was stated that we had dropped over 700 bombs? England has been slow in starting, but she is going to be terribly effective in the air, and from what I hear, the Americans are presently going to give us all a wonderful demonstration of how air-raiding should be done.

"Ruthlessness is the only thing a German appreciates and fears, and the Americans are planning to show it to him."

FORMATION WORK OF U. S. FLYERS NOW PERFECTED

Aviators In Training In Texas Provide New Spectacle To Interest Civilians.

DALLAS, Tex., May 25—The aviators have given Texas another spectacle. Formation flying which now is being practiced in all the aviation camps, is so "different," so impressive and so thrilling to witness that it has overcome the ennui with which the average citizen has viewed a sky flecked with individual aviators, and the epidemic of "arched neck," which was common when the aviators first came south to practice, again threatens.

There is something about the appearance of airplanes in formation, each flyer rigidly keeping an exact distance from the other, that impresses one with the feeling that these men actually have control of the air. The single airplane may respond to conditions in the air, rising and falling to take advantage of the atmospheric situation, but in formation flying, each must maintain his proper place, and the sight of a fleet of machines, flying in a triangle or in a square, causes the realization that conquest of the air had advanced to a point heretofore unrealized.

The formation flying usually starts in the evening, at about the civilian dinner hour, when the air is generally quiet. This adds to the worries of the housewife because when there is a fleet of war planes just over the house, dipping, turning, rising and soaring in perfect unison, no normal son, daughter nor husband or father is going to "come in to dinner." The total number of cold meals eaten in Dallas alone since this new development in the process of developing American aviators, would startle statisticians, housewives say.

Most of those who are now perfecting their skill in formation flying are "bombers." Aviators on this duty must travel in groups, guards flying at the side, before, behind and above the planes which carry explosives to be dropped upon the enemy. The leader usually flies much higher than the others in the party, not only for the advantage of the additional vision his height will give, but also so as to be able to dart down upon any enemy plane which undertakes to break up the party.

The scout planes travel alone and the aviators who will adhere to this branch of the service are not so much in need of skill at formation flying. Neither is the artillery control branch nor the contact patrol, which latter branch must perfect itself in flying low to report the position of its own and enemy troops during the progress of a battle.

Training in all branches of the flying service is highly specialized now and the concentration school at Camp Dick is filled with men who have completed their ground school training and are awaiting to be assigned to a flying school as soon as there is room for them.

The student aviators have become a part of the community life in many Texas cities and are much liked.

LIBERTY GRANGE TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY

County Agent Anderson Secured To Give The Address

County Agent S. L. Anderson will give an address to the Liberty grange members on June 7 when, at 8 o'clock in the evening, a flag day meeting will be held and a program given. The address will be given after the following program:

Roll call; subject: "Conservation."
Recitation, "Here Comes the Flag."
—Lloyd Dalrymple.
Reading, "Sketch of Betsy Ross;
History of Our Flag"—Burgess Cochran.
Recitation—Indus McKinstry.
Recitation, "The New Style Patriot"
—Dana Harper.
Solo—Harry Blue.
Recitation—Mary McElwee.
Recitation—Milford Cochran.
Music will be furnished by the grange choir and orchestra.

COWS KILLED

CENTERBURG, May 24—Two cows, belonging to Daniel Trimmer, who lives near here, were struck and killed by a train Thursday afternoon.

MISS WOLVERTON TO BE GRADUATED FROM C. S. G. ON JUNE 6

Miss Harriet Crosby Wolverton of East Gambler street is named as one of the girls who will be graduated from the Columbus School for Girls at Columbus on June 6, according to the Columbus Dispatch which carried the names of those to be graduated in its Thursday's edition.

On Saturday evening, May 25, "The Lost Silk Hat" and "The Tents of the Arabs," two plays by Lord Dunsany, will be presented by the girls, Miss Wolverton having a leading part. The commencement proper will be held on June 6.

STORES CLOSE; HONOR SELECTS

Public Celebration Planned When Boys Leave

WILL MARCH TO TRAIN

Merchants Inaugurate Plan To Give Public Recognition Of Boys' Service

Retail stores in this city will be closed Monday from 10:30 to 12 o'clock in order to do honor to the Knox county boys who will leave for Camp Sherman. The contingent leaving Monday will be composed of 124 men, the largest number yet called to the colors under the selective service law, and local merchants have arranged to close their places of business and accompany them to the train.

Relatives of the men leaving will be provided transportation from the public square to the railway station if they notify Fred J. Lawler of their desire, a number of automobile owners having volunteered their services for this purpose.

The leaving of the selects Monday will take on the form of the first public celebration Mt. Vernon has indulged in in honor of the boys called to the colors.

FARMERS WOULD USE CONVICTS IN HARVEST FIELDS

Michigan Agriculturists Request State To Parole Prisoners To Raise Food.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LANSING, Mich., May 25—The solution of Michigan's problem of producing greater crops with less available man power may come through the gates of the state's penal institutions. Hundreds of requests have already been made to prison authorities by farmers who ask that prisoners be paroled in their custody to help produce the food to win the war.

The state parole board is understood to be favorable to the plan. By paroling prisoners to responsible farmers who will pay them a fair wage it is felt that the labor situation may be in part at least improved and that the prisoners may be benefited.

The prisoners themselves look with favor upon the plan. Many of them, it is pointed out by officials, are in prison because they forsook country life for that of the city and made a failure of the change. Then, too, high farm wages and the accompanying comforts of clean living quarters and fresh farm produce to eat prove effective lures.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS PROBABLE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, May 25—Although congress had prepared to pass revenue legislation before adjournment, it appeared today that an agreement would be reached to postpone action and that a special session might be called after the November elections.

GIVEN WRIST WATCH

Charles O'Bryan was presented with a wrist watch by Miller Brothers Saturday. In whose employ he has been for the past four years, O'Bryan goes with the Knox county selects to Camp Sherman May 27.

COOKS IN NAVY KNOW HOW TO CONSERVE FOOD

Conservation Measures Effective At Great Lakes Training Camp For Jackies.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] GREAT LAKES, Ill., May 25—The commissary department at Great Lakes Naval Training Station has entered enthusiastically into the campaign for conservation.

As a means of conserving fats, Navy cooks and bakers will hereafter utilize the excess fats in fresh meats in place of considerable quantities of lard which have been used in the past.

An order covering the subject has been issued to all commanders-in-chief commanding officers, and commanders, by Samuel McGowan, Paymaster-General, U. S. Navy.

Upon receipt of this letter, Captain William A. Moffett, Commandant at Great Lakes, issued an order to the various officers concerned, in which he said:

"In view of the obvious importance of the prevention of the waste of food the Commandant directs that all officers and men at this Station give their hearty co-operation to the end that the instructions specified in the order of Paymaster-General McGowan, be fully complied with in spirit as well as in letter.

With the issuance of this order also came a copy of the order from the Paymaster-General.

PAROCHIAL AND TWP. SCHOOLS MAKE GOOD WAR STAMP SHOWING

Rev. Mulhane Reports Sales Of Over \$500; Other Schools Over Top

Two interesting war savings school reports were given out on Saturday morning by W. E. McCormick.

First was that of the parochial schools, which shows purchases of stamps to date to the amount of \$522.46. When the school campaign opened, the Rev. L. W. Mulhane told the committee that he would use his best effort to sell \$500 in stamps before the summer vacation.

"It is highly characteristic of Father Mulhane," said Mr. McCormick. "In this, as in all civic and patriotic matters, he does not only what he says he will do, but more." The sales by month of the parochial school were as follows: January \$82.40, February \$82.60, March \$41.50, April \$83, May \$232.96; total \$522.46.

Another fine report was that of the Clinton and Elmwood township schools for the school term, which follows:

Clinton school—188 pupils, stamps bought \$623.05, quota \$215.55; over, \$447.50.
Elmwood school—99 pupils, stamps bought \$452.26, quota \$138.04; over, \$407.22.
Fairview school—31 pupils, stamps bought \$34.25, quota \$37.50; under, \$3.25.
Total stamps bought—\$1,242.56.
Total quotas—\$391.09.
Total above quotas—\$854.72.
Total over quotas with under quota subtracted—\$854.47.

LOYAL W., PACER, IS BEING TRAINED HERE WITH OTHER STEPPERS

The fast pacing stallion, Loyal W., 2:04½, owned by R. B. Wilson of Fredericktown, is now in the stables of D. O. Hutchins here and will be trained for the track along with Mabel Axworthy, 2:26½, and Lady Axworthy, 2:29½, who also belong to Wilson. Loyal W., while being driven by Frank Hedrick in Columbus last year, went lame just as great things were expected of him.

CITY OFFICIALS GET INVITATIONS TO FIRE PREVENTION CONGRESS

Invitations have been received here by the mayor, chief of police, chief of fire department and director of public safety to attend the Fire Prevention congress at Columbus June 11 to 14. The meetings will be of a patriotic nature and the speakers of the opening session are Governor James M. Cox, Mayor Karb of Columbus and Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson.

CUPOLA SPARKS START FIRE; HOLE BURNED IN ROOF OF RESIDENCE

A fire caused by sparks from the cupola of the Cooper foundry Friday afternoon burned a hole in the roof of the home of Mrs. W. M. Mouroe, 303 North Sandusky street. The firemen were called and soon extinguished the small blaze. Little damage except that to the roof was done.

TRIES FORGING LOCK

After Arrest Boy Admits Entering Garage And Stealing Goods

After entering the Harris garage in West High street twice and attempting a repetition of the act for the second time, a 16-year-old boy was placed under arrest by the police Friday night after they were called to the garage by Harris, whom they found holding the boy for them.

Harris said the boy was tampering with the lock on the garage.

After the boy had been turned over to the juvenile court, he admitted having entered the garage twice before and also admitted that he had on the two other occasions secured in all, material and tools to the value of about \$50. All of the stolen goods was recovered.

The juvenile court has not acted in the boy's case yet.

DANVILLE, May 24—Mr. and Mrs. William Larimore left for Chicago Friday to spend a week with their son, Harley.

SUGAR SHORTAGE MENACING U. S.; MUST CONSERVE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] PHILADELPHIA, May 25—The great "food administration figure" has been defined in a statement issued by Jay Cooke, 3rd, local food administrator.

"Eat less candy this summer," says Mr. Cooke in his heart-to-heart talk with women. "The less sugar you eat the more slender and graceful you will become. Besides, you are conserving food elements for our Allies and fighting the Hun while you stay at home.

"There are hundreds of thousands of children and young people, of both sexes, in Philadelphia, who can display their patriotism only by acts of self-denial. I suggest to these young people that they display their patriotism by cutting down their allowance of candy, chocolate sundaes, bon-bons and the various luxuries manufactured almost entirely from sugar."

The new sugar rulings, according to Mr. Cooke, have been designed solely to give the housewife and the canner an opportunity to put up a large quantity of fruits this summer.

"The fact is," said Mr. Cooke, "that the sugar situation is not at all encouraging, and I anticipate that some stringent rules may be promulgated after the canning season is over."

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