

FOOD SCARCE IN GERMANY, SAYS LETTER TO CAPE

Carl Wielpuezt Receives a Message From Brother Who Describes War Conditions.

SAYS CHILDREN ARE TAKEN TO HOLLAND

Boys and Girls are Sent Across Border to be Given Food.

German children are being sent to Holland to be fed and taken care of during the last six months, it is stated in a letter Carl Wielpuezt, the baker in Haarig, received yesterday from his brother, Paul Wielpuezt, who is engaged in the hardware business in Utrecht, Holland. These children are kept in Holland for four weeks and then sent back to their home in Germany and replaced by the same number.

This is the only way in which Holland can aid Germany in feeding its inhabitants, the letter says, as the British Government will not permit the Dutch to send foodstuff into Germany. Every one who crosses the Dutch border to go to Germany is searched carefully by the Dutch border agents to ascertain whether he is carrying any food with him.

Nutrients are not to be had in abundance, the letter states, but is a sufficient to allow an existence. Life in the large cities does not show any signs of a war, the writer says, and business is even better than in times of peace, especially the hardware and iron business.

"The Germans have undergone a vital change, since the war broke out," Mr. Wielpuezt informs his brother. "Life is being taken very serious, and everyone tries to console the other on account of the heavy losses. Many perhaps innumerable families, have suffered heavy losses of their members, and it is nearing the time when the slaughter should be brought to an end.

"The peace offer made by Germany to President Wilson did not fail on faithful soil. The Entente wants to drive Germany before making peace, but these powers should be beware that they are not beaten into submission. Should peace not be declared at this time, then the prospects are that the war will be bloodier and more barbarous than ever before.

"Holland is not suffering from lack of food, but the past six months nobody is permitted to export any nutrients at all. Everybody who crosses the border into Germany is searched carefully by the agents before he is allowed to pass. Owing to the great demand for war material, we have had a splendid business. This is what we call war profit.

"We have had a number of German children in our city. Every four weeks they are sent back to their homes and their places are taken by as many as were sent to their homes. Germany is being aided by Holland in every way possible, but the benefactors are nearly all Germans or descendants of Germans."

The letter Mr. Wielpuezt received had been opened by the British censor and its contents examined. The envelope bore a conspicuous seal showing that it had passed through British hands. The letter was mailed from Utrecht two days after Christmas and arrived here Wednesday morning.

Mr. Wielpuezt had not heard from his relatives for more than 18 months. The letter he received was in answer to one he wrote his brother, Paul, in the latter part of November. It, too, was examined by the British censor and reached its destination the day after Christmas.

The letter informed him that one of his nephews had been wounded three times, but had recovered and was put back into active service. Another nephew, who was fighting on the front of Serbia, returned home during the summer. He was not wounded during the entire campaign against Serbia, but could not stand the climate and became ill. His physical condition released him from the army.

He had almost recovered from his illness at the time of the writing and was expected to take a position in the office of the Minister of War. Mr. Wielpuezt has three brothers in Solingen, Germany, the center of the cutlery manufacture of that country. His brother, Paul, from whom he received the letter, has been in Utrecht for a number of years. His business requires frequent trips to Germany, and on these trips he gets a view of the conditions in Germany and the sentiment now prevailing among the Germans.

SMELTERVILLE TO BE ANNEXED, SAYS CITY COUNSELOR

Outlet for West End Sewer Makes it Necessary to Extend City Limits.

WILL INCREASE CAPE POPULATION 1000

Sewer to Follow Route of Cape Lacroix Creek, Knehan Announces.

An ordinance is being drawn by City Counselor Knehan to annex Smelterville to Cape Girardeau, as an initial movement in the city's plans to construct the West End Sewer.

The outline of the proposed route of the sewer takes it outside of the present city limits, Mr. Knehan said yesterday, and the plan to annex Smelterville is made necessary in order to give the city an outlet for the big subterranean passageway.

The sewer will run south from the vicinity of the Fairgrounds, taking a southeasterly course to Cape La Croix Creek, which it will follow until it passes south of the city limits and into the county. As the creek does not empty into the Mississippi River until it reaches Scott County, it will be necessary to leave the creek in Smelterville and run the sewer duct east to the Mississippi River.

It has not been decided whether the sewer will be laid under Cape La Croix or at a distance to one side. But as the route of the stream is through a valley, the city would be able to avoid tunneling through several hills by following the route of the stream.

Mr. Knehan said yesterday that the City Council has the right to extend the city limits without a vote of the people, and the passage of an ordinance will be all that is necessary for Cape Girardeau to annex Smelterville.

The annexation of the southern extremity of the city proves decidedly advantageous to the residents of that section. They will be provided with all of the conveniences that Cape Girardeau proper enjoys, such as city water, light and fire protection.

"There is a good solid street from the fire station to the heart of Smelterville," said Mr. Knehan, "and the fire engine will experience no difficulty in taking care of fires that break out in that part of the city."

It is estimated that the population of Cape Girardeau will be increased by approximately 1000 by taking in the southern extremity. It will also give Cape Girardeau about another mile square of territory.

WOMAN IS FINED FOR BOSSING NEIGHBORS

Mrs. Jane Patrick Threatened to Pummel Lady Over Correct Way of Sweeping.

An argument over the question of how to sweep a hallway brought Mrs. Jane Patrick, who lives in the Reynolds Building, on Lower Broadway, before Justice Orren Wilson on a charge of disturbing the peace of Mrs. Birdie Bell, who lives in the same house. The result of the trial was that Mrs. Patrick was fined one dollar and costs, amounting to a total of nearly \$14.

The trouble arose last Monday when Mrs. Bell was sweeping the hallway in the house. She told the Judge that the defendant wanted to dictate to her how to do the work and an argument followed during which Mrs. Patrick shook her fist at her. She said she did not want any trouble and walked into her apartment, closing the door to end the controversy.

A number of witnesses were heard for the plaintiff, and they corroborated her statement. Mrs. Patrick, however, denied that she had made any such motions as charged by the plaintiff. Her granddaughter, who was heard as one of the witnesses, told the Judge that some words had passed between the two women, but her grandmother did not seem angered while talking to Mrs. Bell.

The warrant against Mrs. Patrick was issued Wednesday night and Mrs. Patrick was notified to appear before the Justice Thursday afternoon. After finding the defendant guilty, the Judge stayed the execution of the fine for ten days. The son of Mrs. Patrick promised to remit the fine and costs within that time.

According to the witnesses heard for the plaintiff, Mrs. Patrick moved into the house a short time ago and showed a tendency to boss the place.

Weather Prophet Finds His Bride Splitting Wood

Col. Matt Morrison, Watching For Blizzards, Overlooks His Wood Pile, and Wife Takes Ax and Goes To Work.

While Col. Matt Morrison was in the observatory yesterday morning looking at his goosebone, a little cloud flitted over his honeymoon.

The Colonel has always opposed woman suffrage, because he believes that a woman's place is in the kitchen and not on the woodpile. While his bride is not a crank on the subject of woman's rights, she can chop wood with as much grace as she can sew a patch or knit a sock.

When she entered the Morrison home on South Spanish street three weeks ago as his bride, the weather prophet had a large pile of wood stacked in the yard in the rear of his home. But shortly after she arrived he ordered a blizzard. The blizzard came and the wood went, to use the Colonel's own expression. As a matter of fact, he has not predicted any pleasant weather since he took unto himself a bride, and consequently his wood pile has been steadily going down.

When the goosebone prophet became a blushing bridegroom, he quit building fires and hasn't cooked a meal since. It is only natural that he has neglected to keep in touch with the family woodpile.

When Mrs. Morrison discovered that all of the wood of "stove length" had been consumed, she took the ax and waded into a pile of slabs. The Colonel heard the report of the ax and hastened to a window to ascertain who was tampering with his wood pile. Raising the window, he shouted: "Cut that out. I've got hired hands to do that. This ain't no sweat shop."

Mrs. Morrison returned to the house and the Colonel told her he had never asked any of his wives to chop wood. "Whenever that pile get low, I'll have some of my renters chop some more. I can't get any money out of 'em, anyway," said the Colonel.

"Well, you see that the weather remains nice until we get another supply of wood," retorted Mrs. Morrison. The Colonel hastened to The Tribune office to predict clear weather for today.

ZALMA SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BY EPIDEMIC

Smallpox Sweeping Large Section South of Advance, Mo.

The schools in the Zalma School District, southwest of Advance, have been closed owing to an epidemic of smallpox among the children. The school in Zalma was the first to close. The children were dismissed shortly before Christmas, but the school was reopened after Christmas only to be again closed after a short session.

The Zalma district has four schools and only one of these has been spared from the epidemic. This is the Cox school near Zalma. The town school in Zalma, the Hall school and the James school, both near Zalma, have all been closed for some time. The James school dismissed its children for an indefinite period last Thursday and the teachers were permitted to return home. Miss Mabel Poe of Jackson, one of the teachers at the James school, returned to her home in the county seat yesterday.

Two other schools not belonging to the Zalma district have been closed on account of smallpox. They are the Ladd and Eaker schools, southwest of Zalma. The James school was dismissed when it became known that a family with three children living near the schoolhouse had contracted smallpox, and in order to prevent the disease from spreading, the children were sent home.

Smallpox made its first appearance in Poplar Bluff. One case in the Cape resulted fatally when Mrs. Lester Henson, who lived on Broadway, died during the latter part of December. She is thought to have been infected with the disease while visiting her parents in Poplar Bluff.

Logan Kinder, the Iron Mountain agent at Jackson, who was taken to St. Louis several weeks ago, is also said to have contracted smallpox. He was permitted to return home this week.

OIL MAN BUNCOED CAPE MEN, THEY SAY

M.G. Temple Asks Warrant For Arrest of W. C. Uphoff of St. Louis.

An information for obtaining money under false pretenses will be issued against William C. Uphoff, formerly connected with the International Oil Co., of St. Louis, at the instance of M. G. Temple, a local plumber. Temple applied for the information before Prosecuting Attorney Caruthers yesterday, stating that Uphoff had given him two checks drawn on the German Savings Institution at St. Louis. The checks were returned to Temple marked insufficient funds. The total amount was \$35.

Uphoff, who is also wanted in St. Louis on several charges, came to the Cape last year in an effort to sell some stock in an oil company, which had been organized shortly before he arrived. During his stay in the Cape he had Temple endorse the checks which were cashed by a hotel owner of the Cape. They were rejected by the bank and Temple had to refund the money.

Charles Blattner is said to have cashed a check for \$100 for Uphoff while he was in the Cape. This check was also returned by the bank on account of insufficient funds. Both Temple and Blattner had previously cashed checks for Uphoff, but these were honored by the bank, and for that reason they had not reason to distrust the man.

Bryan G. Pratt, who was recently pardoned by ex-Governor Major after he had been sentenced to two years in the State Penitentiary for bigamy, was the president of the oil concern for only a short time. He was ousted after the charge of bigamy had been preferred against him.

MRS. NUCKLES DIES; HUSBAND IS ILL

She is Buried in Illmo, Her Former Home—Was 72.

Mrs. Rebecca Nuckles, who died Saturday afternoon at her home in Egypt Mills, was buried Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Her former home, near Jackson, G. G. Nuckles, who is infirmly ill with Bright's disease, and her son-in-law, John W. Ross, who lives in the Cape, were not able to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Nuckles was 72 years old. Her death was caused by pneumonia. She was sick only a week having contracted a cold which, a week ago, developed into pneumonia. A week before becoming bedridden the aged woman had visited her daughter, Mrs. John Ross, of the Cape, whose husband has been confined to his bed for nearly three weeks.

The funeral services were held at the home of the deceased by Rev. Perry, and the body was taken to Farnfeld for burial. She was interred by the side of her sons, Morgan and L. H. Nuckles, who were shot and killed by the marshal of Farnfeld several years ago.

Mrs. Nuckles was 72 years old. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. John Ross, of the Cape, and Mrs. William Thompson, who lives in Memphis. The latter was called to her mother's bedside a few days before her death and nursed her until she died. She is now attending to her father whose condition is grave.

Only one son, Ben Nuckles, is left to mourn his mother's death. He was called from St. Louis when it became apparent that Mrs. Nuckles could not live much longer. He has been working in St. Louis. His wife lives in South Cape.

Mrs. Nuckles was a native of the State of Kansas. She came to Cape Girardeau a few years after her marriage and lived in the Cape for nearly ten years. The family moved to Farnfeld, but left that town after the sudden death of the two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Nuckles have lived in Egypt Mills ever since.

MILK IN WINTER

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk and better milk, with the same feed. F. F. BRAUN & BROS.

"GRANDMA" JACOBS DIES AT POOR FARM

Well-known Charity Ward Was a Familiar Figure in Cape.

Two aged inmates of the County Farm died Friday afternoon at nearly the same hour. By a coincidence both died of old age and la grippe. They were buried yesterday afternoon at the cemetery of the County Farm.

The aged people were Mrs. May Jacobs and William Munsell. Mrs. Jacobs was well known in the Cape, having lived here for nearly 20 years. She came here after the death of her husband, with whom she lived in Advance. She made her home at first with Dr. Grisham and his wife, who is now Mrs. Elligood. She has no living relatives, according to several Cape Girardeauans who knew her for a long time.

Mrs. Jacobs reached an age of 75 years. Two years ago when she became too feeble to make her own livelihood she was sent to a Baptist Home in Arcadia. Her friends of the Baptist Church, of which she was a member, collected sufficient funds to take care of the aged woman during her stay at the home in Arcadia.

She remained at the institution only a few months and returned to the Cape. Her friends then decided to commit her to the County Farm. She was an inmate for nearly a year. She was well provided for by her friends during the time she remained at the County Farm. Every week she would receive a basket of provisions from her friends in the Cape.

Mrs. Jacobs was widely known in the city. After leaving the home of Dr. Grisham she obtained the agency for a Chicago toilet article concern. Several years ago she was forced to give up work on account of her physical condition and had to rely upon the charity of her friends for support. She lived in a small house on Spring street and for a long time was cared for by the neighbors.

A week ago "Grandma" Jacobs, as she was called, contracted a cold. On account of her age, she sank gradually and died Friday afternoon. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon in a very simple manner. Several of her friends, who had heard of her death, attended the funeral, which was conducted by the Walther Bros. Undertaking Co.

Another aged inmate of the County Farm was buried yesterday afternoon by being William Munsell, who has been at the institution for nearly 11 years. Munsell was 72 years old. His death was caused by influenza and old age.

JOE PRICE TO RUN FOR POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Kage and J. A. Kinder Expected to Oppose Each Other for Mayor.

Joseph H. Price, Yeoman lodge official, and one of the well-known men in this city, announced yesterday that he would make the race for Chief of Police at the spring election. He is the first candidate to announce for an office.

It has been reported that Charles Arragard, a present member of the City Council, would be a candidate for Chief of Police, but his friends say he has not definitely decided whether to enter the contest or not.

Price and Arragard live in the same ward, and two years ago Price, who had planned to run for City Council, gave way to his neighbor, Arragard. While they are close friends, it is not known whether either would get out of the race for chief to aid the other.

While no candidates have announced for Mayor as yet, it is generally believed that the contenders will be Mayor Kage and James A. Kinder, the Good Hope druggist. Friends of both men have been urging them to make the race and it is understood they have consented, although neither has officially confirmed this report.

Capt. John L. Stout is being urged to make the race for council from the Fourth ward. If he enters the field, it is not believed that he will have an opponent. Jay Fowler, the present representative in the council from the Fourth ward, will not seek re-election, his friends say.

Miss Inez Osterloh, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is said to be improving. The attending physician believes that she has passed the crisis of her sickness and will recover rapidly.

Janitor Loses False Teeth As Torch Blows Up

Tosses Oil Can Into Furnace, Causing An Explosion Which Rocks Building—Drops Molars In Dash For Liberty.

It requires considerable speed for a man to run right out from under his teeth, but it happened yesterday when the colored janitor in the Honck building left the basement of the American store after an explosion in the furnace.

The janitor was cleaning up the basement, and in a pile of rubbish was a torch, which had been used in the Democratic parade following the Democratic victory in November. The torch can was filled with coal oil, but its contents were not discovered until after it had been tossed into the furnace.

The negro had just closed the furnace door when an explosion followed. A gust of flame burst out of the exhaust doors of the furnace and the sound of the detonation was deafening. Believing that he had accidentally dropped a stick of dynamite in the stove, the janitor made a dash for safety.

Occupants of the building did not see the janitor start, but when he reached the street, Rev. Vinard stated he was running sidewise to keep from flying.

When occupants of the building hurried into the basement to investigate they found a burning torch had been blown out of the furnace. A short distance away lay a full lot of false teeth, which the negro dropped as he started for liberty. It is presumed that his mouth was open when he left the scene, and in the scramble for safety, he deserted his molars.

LEVINSON GIVEN A FEE OF \$4,000

Knehan, After Hearing Evidence Finds Legal Service Worth That Sum.

A fee of \$4000 was allowed Attorney Morris C. Levinson of St. Louis, who represented the creditors of the Mine estate of New Madrid, a mercantile company, which was declared bankrupt by the United States Bankruptcy Court two years ago. Oscar Knehan, United States Referee in Bankruptcy, made this announcement yesterday afternoon after he had reviewed the testimony of the ten witnesses that were examined by him in order to determine the sum to be allowed the attorney.

Several weeks ago when Levinson was asked to file an account of his expenses and fee in the bankruptcy court, he submitted a petition for a fee more than \$4000. This fee appearing to be exorbitant to the creditors, Levinson was requested by Knehan to file an amended account. Levinson then added \$2000 to the original fee, amounting to a total of \$6000.

In order to determine whether this fee was justified, Knehan called on several attorneys in St. Louis and in the Cape to have them give advisory testimony as to the fee for Levinson. The sum suggested ranged from \$2000 to \$6500.

Taking into consideration Mr. Knehan said, the fact that Levinson had made numerous trips to Arkansas, Tennessee and Colorado and other States, and considering the work attached to the settlement of the estate, the services of the attorney were worth \$4000, and for that reason the fee was set at this sum.

It was due to the efficient work and advice of Mr. Levinson, the Referee said, that the creditors received as much of the bankrupt estate as will be paid out. The efforts of the attorney brought the creditors about 50 per cent more than they expected to receive. The settlement of a claim of more than \$200,000 held by the National Bank of Commerce against the bankrupt estate for \$2000 netted the creditors a considerable saving out of the estate. Approximately 75 per cent of the accounts will be paid to the creditors.

Rev. Alfred Kraemer and his bride, formerly Miss Edna Niemann, of the Cape, have arrived safely at Buenos Aires, the parents of Mrs. Kraemer were informed yesterday morning by cablegram. The couple will remain in South America for several years where Rev. Kraemer has accepted a missionary field.

W. A. Goodpasture of Sikeston was a visitor in the Cape yesterday.

NEW FIRE AUTOS CUT INSURANCE RATES IN CAPE

Companies Notify Agents Here of 5 to 10 Per Cent Reduction.

TRIBUNE'S STORIES USED AS ARGUMENT

Reports of Effective Fire Fighting Make Insurance Companies Act.

Fire insurance rates in Cape Girardeau are going to be lowered from 5 to 10 per cent, due to the city installing the new fire-fighting machine. This announcement was made yesterday by A. C. Vastorling and Ben Vinard.

It is said by insurance experts that the reduction in insurance rates will more than pay for the new equipment. Efforts had been made for years to get lower rates for the Cape, but insurance men were told that so long as the city did not provide modern facilities for combating fires, the rate could not be lowered.

When the reports reached St. Louis and other agency headquarters that the new motor trucks were giving Cape Girardeau protection from fire not surpassed in St. Louis, the companies announced that a new rate could be provided for the Cape.

While this city maintained only a team of horses and the great Cape Girardeau was listed in the fourth class by the Fire Rating Bureau, by installing the new equipment, the city has been moved up to the third class, which signifies that the facilities for fighting fires are up to date.

In fixing an insurance rate, the companies and the Fire Rating Bureau work together. They first take into consideration what arrangements a city has for combating fires, and by this means they reach a certain standard. Then each building insured is rated according to its location, the surroundings, the material used in the construction of the building and what a condition. Buildings surrounding by at least five brands of equipment, receive the lowest rate.

The rates for a policy are fixed by the representatives of the Fire Insurance Rating Bureau and the State Insurance Commission. Every city has to be inspected by the "fire raters" of the rating bureau, and his report is sent to the State Insurance Commission. The representative of the bureau and of the commission then fix the rate.

The saving of several houses from destruction by fire when the horse of Prof. Stize, on North Pacific street, burned, serve as a proof that the city has more protection against fire loss than in the past when the horse and wagon was in use. Clippings from The Tribune, relating to the most recent fire, have been sent to several insurance companies in order to effect a lower rate of insurance in the Cape.

When the Stize home was destroyed, everybody agreed that it was due to efficient work of the new apparatus that the adjoining residences were saved. R. B. Oliver Jr., wrote letters of thanks to both Mayor Kage and Fire Chief Kraft for saving his home from destruction. He said it was largely due to the work of the new fire engine that the firemen could check the configuration which threatened nearly every house in the block.

A general reduction of insurance rates will be certain for every building in the city, both residences and mercantile buildings.

MRS. BURFORD CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Mary E. Burford, mother of Mrs. Edward D. Hays, is reported to be in a critical condition. She has been in ill health for several months, but her condition became critical in the last few days.

Mrs. Burford lives with her daughter, who is the wife of Probate Judge Hays. Owing to her advanced age it is feared that she will not recover.

Mrs. Hays was confined to her bed for several weeks, suffering from an attack of rheumatism and tonsillitis, but has regained her health.

PRESIDENT WILSON VEToes THE IMMIGRATION MEASURE

Special Dispatch to The Tribune. Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson for the second time today, vetoed the Burnett immigration bill, which recently went through both houses of Congress.

It is believed that an effort will be made by advocates of the measure to pass it over his veto. There is doubt, however, that two-thirds of Congress can be induced to vote for the bill.