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CHARGE OF STAFF INEFFICIENCY IN FRANCE

Lord St. Davids Scores British Headquarters

LIVES LOST THROUGH MUDDLING

British Officers Play Too Much Bridge and Have Too Many Women Visitors.

London, Nov. 16.—Charges of incompetence and neglect of their work were brought against the British Staff in France by Lord St. Davids in the House of Lords this evening when he asked the Government whether his attention had been called to the reports alleging that during the recent fighting there had been many complaints as to failure of the staff work.

Lord St. Davids asserted that men had been added to the staff for no military reasons, when they ought to be in the trenches, and that he had been told that the British headquarters staff was five or six times as large as that of General Joffre, the French commander in chief. It had been stated, he continued, that women visited headquarters in France, and he asked whether the government defended their presence there.

The people, said Lord St. Davids, were sending their sons out to fight under the direction of men who were living at headquarters in vast numbers, and could not get early to their offices because they were up late playing bridge.

"It is about time," said Lord St. Davids, "that the men were given a fair chance. More than once the troops have broken the German lines, but owing to bad staff work the whole thing fell through. Many lives have been sacrificed, owing to muddling in high places."

The Marquis of Crew, lord privy seal, replied that the allegations that success at Loos had been missed, owing to the failure to bring up reserves at the right time, was the subject of an inquiry between the highest authorities that could be invoked.

Lord Newton, who said he was unable to disclose the number of the British staff, defended it, as did also Viscount Haldane, the ex-Secretary for War.

Lord Haldane said that Lord St. Davids had launched his attack without adequate information.

"It is true," he said, "that the country has suffered, owing to the want of an organized general staff. Nevertheless, there has been evolved a general staff of the highest order. To say that the work of the staff is very far from the truth, as for Field Marshal French, he is up at 6 o'clock in the morning."

Lord Crew said that from his knowledge of Field Marshal French he thought it exceedingly unlikely that he would submit to having persons forced upon his personal staff. He added that unless women had business at headquarters, they ought not to go there.

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FOR BENNINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPEMENT AND BETTERMENT

Department Edited by Secretary Willard Bartlett of the County Association.

Long Life.

W. W. Spence died in Baltimore recently at the age of 100. He was a prominent banker. He gave credit for his long life to the careful care which he gave his body.

A New York Philanthropist known as the Life Extension Institute will actually undertake to prolong your life and it is not a fake, either. Hon. Wm. H. Taft is chairman of the board of directors and a large proportion of the best physicians on the continent are on their reference board.

How? By promoting periodic health examinations for the purpose of detecting disease in its incipency, when proper treatment by the family physician can check or cut it, and by spreading information regarding the prevention of disease, the improvement of health and the requirement of physical fitness.

Keep-Well Leaflets deal with special phases of personal hygiene and right living. The Bennington County Improvement Association has secured a small quantity of these Keep-Well Leaflets. While they last they will be sent to any one in Bennington County at cost, one cent each. Address the County Improvement Association, Bennington. List is as follows:

Care of the Mouth and Teeth
Setting-Up Exercises
Posture
Albuminuria
Underweight
Hygiene at Middle Life
Prevention of Degenerative Diseases
Constipation
Overweight
Care of the Eyes
Prevention of Colds

Below is a selection from one leaflet:

Posture
There is a present day tendency to "slouch" or "slump" especially among young people. Rounded shoulders and relaxed abdominal walls are often the principal causes of serious nervous maladies, especially a certain form of neurasthenia accompanied by the "blues," Protrusion or "falling" of the stomach, abdominal organs, or pelvic organs, and constipation are also due to faulty posture.

The normal relations of organs are disturbed and the proper circulation of the blood is prevented, faulty habits of walking, standing and sitting.

An erect posture, whether standing or sitting, deep breathing and exercises to improve the tone of the abdominal muscles will prevent much ill-health.

In standing, the heels should be well apart and the toes pointed straight ahead, chin in, chest out, abdomen in.

In sitting, the easiest position is with feet (not legs) crossed and the body resting on the full length of the thighs.

Awkward, hunched up positions that impede the circulation are to be avoided especially for prolonged periods as when reading.

Among simple exercises recommended for strengthening the abdominal muscles and restoring the organs to normal position are the following:

Lie flat on the back and rise to a sitting posture; squat until the thighs rest upon the calves of the legs.

Lie flat on the back, head downward on an inclined plane (an ironing board upturned will do) and make a bridge at intervals by arching the abdomen and resting on shoulders and heels.

Deep Breathing by the Abdominal Method.
Deep breathing as ordinarily practiced by use of chest muscles is often very fatiguing and sometimes irritating to the throat.

The abdominal method is less fatiguing and is more effectual than the chest method in developing the diaphragm, the great muscle of respiration, and in favorably influencing the circulation.

Abstract from Keep-Well Leaflet published by the Life Extension Institute of 25 West 45th St., New York City, in connection with their educational and Standard Health Service.

WEATHER FORECAST
For eastern New York and western Vermont fair, tonight and Thursday, some what cooler tonight.

AUDIENCE ENJOYS MOUNT ANTHONY MINSTRELS

Black Face Entertainment Fills Opera House

EXCELLENT MUSICAL FEATURES

Bones and Tambos Made Big Hit of Evening—Many Encores for Olio Numbers.

From the moment that Prof. Frank Hurley raised his baton for the overture, until three hours later Dean Martin in the guise of a Bennington postmaster had read the last local hit from a mail-bag of post-cards, an audience which packed the opera house to the S. R. O. signs, enjoyed the minstrel entertainment provided by Mt. Anthony Lodge of Masons, last evening. The motto of the show was: "When You See a Head, Hit It!" and the verbal battling average in craniums black-listed Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner to the class of bean-beggers and pill-rollers. Incidentally some exceptionally good music was interspersed, and the snappy manner in which the whole program was rendered raised it from the class of the average amateur performance into a production of notable merit.

The house was filled at 8.15 and the entertainment was prompt in starting. The curtain arose on 35 men in two semi-circles, chosen possibly for their exceptional good looks, with the imposing Dr. F. S. Braley in the seat of honor as interlocutor, and the fun started when Phil Endress led on the bones and tambos with a pantomime supposed to be a dance, but more accurately described as a creditable attempt on the part of eight men in blackface to climb a flight of invisible stairs with music as an excuse.

Mr. Endress, who missed his calling in the cigar business, "broke the ice" and let the water run into the rear of the postoffice, followed by a good story which explained why the authorities were reconstructing the walk in that locality for exactly that reason. The head of the Board of Health was the second skul which got the shillalah, which necessitated a sentimental ballad by Joseph L. Pellerin, so well rendered that Mr. Pellerin was encored twice.

J. J. Whitney, Jr., next executed a negro song and e-log which likewise brought an encore, followed by Roy Clum in his inimitable yoddlie song, "Silver Moon." H. Harry Sharpe had to break into Mr. Clum's fourth round of applause with some secrets of the conviviality enjoyed on the recent Board of Trade trip to Brattleboro but someone in the audience, fearing he might go too far, threw a four-pound cabbage at his rash intentions which so frustrated Mr. Sharpe that he went behind the scenes immediately and placed it in his overcoat pocket in order to forestall any possibility that E. B. Patterson might hurl it back into the audience and thus break up the show.

Ralph W. Sherwin at once stepped in the breach and thwarted any further fusillade of vegetables by a Charles Chaplin dance with aggravations by the orchestra, which necessitated Interlocutor Braley calling on Channing Fletcher for a baritone solo to restore the equilibrium of the entertainment.

E. B. Patterson made the hit of the evening with a conciliatory reminiscence of a marital episode in which he was recently interested and his famous coon song "Going to Jerusalem" delivered in a most alarming and sonorous voice. During the refrain, taken up by the chorus, Mr. Patterson got exceptionally hilarious and performed an original dance, somewhat of a cross between a Stony Indian Sun-Rite and a dignified Irishman walking on hot bricks in his stocking-feet.

Herbert Small's bass solo, "King of the Vikings" won him two rounds of applause followed by aspersions on William H. Willis ten cylinder automobile by W. J. Loneragan. A. R. Rickett and M. R. Nichols also contributed inappreciable insinuations on local celebrities which prompted Mr. Endress to break forth in song, taking as his subject the subject of his meditations his brother's Ford automobile, and demonstrating that a Ford car can run on anything from Cuticura soap to its own reputation.

During the finale someone behind the scenes allowed J. B. Hannon to break loose in costume tied to an eight-inch dog, resembling a weiner-wurst sausage,—the dog, not Mr. Hannon, Interlocutor Braley tried to

3,000,000 FACING STARVATION IN BELGIUM

Women and Children Sadly in Need of Clothing

MUCH SUFFERING INEVITABLE

Relief Commission Appeals to America for Food and Wearing Apparel Materials.

Unless Americans are generous beyond any previous performance those of people in Poland, Russia, Serbia, Belgium and France will die from cold and starvation the coming winter. Probably the worst conditions will be in Serbia and Poland where the work will be organized later.

Just now a special effort is being made in behalf of Belgium and northern France and the following appeal is being sent broadcast over the United States:

Over three million souls in Belgium and Northern France, mostly women and young children, must be clothed and shod by Christmas. If the garments and shoes for these destitute people are not forthcoming at once, their sufferings during the winter will become desperate.

Such is the keynote of an urgent appeal issued to the people of the United States by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. The New York Committee have received from Mr. Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the Commission, the following statement:

"It appears to me that it is necessary for us to go frankly to the American people and ask them to clothe the destitute in the occupied areas of Belgium and Northern France during the coming winter.

"There are nine million people in these areas and of these over one-third are now either wholly or partially destitute and are today receiving their food either wholly or partially with out payment.

"As you know we have set up economic measures based on the ability of a portion of the population to pay for its food which, with the contributions of other countries, enables us for the present to find the bare minimum of food supplies for the whole nine million people, but we have no reserves with which to provide clothing for the destitute. We now plead for help on their behalf.

"Even if these nine million people had money they could not import clothes, or the raw materials with which to manufacture them, through the blockade into an area under military occupation. While the better classes have some clothing with which they can get along, the destitute are composed of the working classes which naturally had little reserves of clothing when the war broke out. The only additions they have received since then have been the generous contributions from America, Canada, and elsewhere. By Christmas time all the clothing which we have in our various establishments will be exhausted.

"It is a certainty that the undue exposure of underfed men, women and children to the bitter winter will greatly increase mortality. The clothing for these people can be provided only if we receive gift supplies for the purpose. We must depend upon the American people.

"We have arranged that the cost of transportation of clothes from any central point in the United States to Belgium and Northern France and of the distribution will be paid for out of funds which have been especially provided so that the whole American contributions will reach the destitute with out one cent of deduction.

"In the matter of the character of clothing for these people, we are surrounded with a multitude of difficulties. In the first instance the drastic sanitary arrangements made by the Governments through whose territory we must pass make the introduction of second-hand clothing especially in the areas of the operating armies where the want will be greatest, practically impossible.

"We therefore must ask frankly for new clothing and more particularly for unmade material. Not that the destitute in Belgium and Northern France are not intensely grateful for second-hand clothing, but as a matter of necessity, we are forced to ask only for unmade stuffs.

"It must be borne in mind that those for whom we appeal are living under almost total industrial paralysis; that many millions of them are idle, and that the cry we have from

ALLIES CROSSED BULGARIAN LINE TWO WEEKS AGO

Big Battle in Progress Near Strumitza Today

BULGARS CLOSE IN ON PRILET

Have Succeeded in Separating Northern and Southern Armies of Serbia.

Saloniki, Nov. 17.—A big battle is in progress near Strumitza today. The Bulgars are engaged on a long line with the British and French forces. The allies have been inside the Bulgarian frontier for a week. Strumitza is their objective point.

Athens, Nov. 17.—Dispatches received here state that the Bulgarians entered the Buzina pass today.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—By the end of the week trains will be running over the Oriental railway from Belgrade to Constantinople, it is predicted.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 17.—As an offset to the anxiety caused by the complicated situation in Greece, which it is hoped Lord Kitchener and Denys Cochin of the French Cabinet will be able speedily to straighten out, great interest has been aroused here by a dispatch received last night from Vienna by way of Zurich, according to which British and Italian troops are endeavoring to reach the battlefield where the Serbians are awaiting them, but does not say from what point they are expected.

An official announcement comes also from Saloniki that General Sarraill, commander in chief of the French Army in the Balkans, reports that a thirty-six-hour battle on the Cerna River, in Southern Serbia, resulted in 20,000 Bulgarians being repulsed along the whole line with very heavy casualties. Not one French gun was lost.

The Bulgarians have been heavily reinforced both in Central and Southern Serbia. They are pushing a flanking movement which has driven the Germans out of Babuna Pass, have captured Krushovo and are now six miles east of Filip, according to a dispatch received last night. They are also again opposing formidable forces to the French at Gradsko and along the left bank of the Cerna.

SEVENTEEN DEER KILLED

At Least That Number in Southern Half of County.

A light fall of snow in the mountains, combined with a comfortable temperature and many hours of afternoon sunshine has made ideal weather for the deer-hunters of southern Vermont this week, and from the two hundred or more hunters which are estimated as tramping the surrounding forests, first reports of success are commencing to drift in.

The first report of deer killed came from Pownal where Charles Pratt shot a buck near Mason hill Monday morning and later Raymond Bates secured a doe in North Pownal. The first report of a successful shot by anyone that went out from the village was brought in by Louis Moore, who went out Saturday and returned this morning reporting he had shot a 200-lb doe in West Dover.

The first buck reported was killed in Arlington yesterday by Fred Montgomery, while Myron Cole of the same town brought down a doe yesterday. Hunting in the three Shaftsbury's has so far proved excellent, Clark Saunders, Edward Beagles, Grant Bronson and John Stone securing sizable specimens, as well as the Boupion Brothers of South Shaftsbury. In East Arlington the fortunate deer-hunters thus far have been Bert Park and son Cecil, George Andrew and R. Shuffleton. In Green Mountain Valley Ernest Harrington and Elmer Stratton secured does in West Arlington Fred Hayes and Frank Hoyt each brought home the venison.

Up to Wednesday noon this made seventeen deer reported killed in the southern half of the county.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA