

FAMINE MORE TERRIBLE THAN WAR RAGES; SAYS U. S. PICKING POCKETS OF RUSSIA

BLACK WINTER IN CENTRAL EUROPE DECIMATES PEOPLE BY THOUSANDS EVERY DAY

Appearance of People Horrible to Behold After Hunger Bloat Begins—Eat Vegetables to Exclusion of Albumens

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London, Jan. 11—Central Europe is in the midst of its blackest winter in history. Famine, cold and disease are decimating once happy populations at the rate of hundreds, sometimes thousands per day.
Millions are starving slowly. Their appearance is horrible to behold. They are not drying up into skeletons, like the famine victims of India and Armenia. These Polish, Russian and Austrian sufferers have "starvation dropsy." It is brought about by almost complete absence of albuminous elements and fats in food and the eating of unusual quantities of vegetables—grass even—after which these hordes, marked for death, drink enormous quantities of water. A terrible bloat results.
In these "terror-stricken lands" babies are born to parents who have not a single rag of garment with which to clothe them; they are wrapped in pieces of paper and perish from cold.

To travel through Central Europe is a nauseating experience especially to an American. The memory of famine districts can never be eradicated.
It's a series of startling visits to orphanages and refuges where scores of babies—many of whom will never walk because of aggravated rickets that twist little legs into corkscrews—drag themselves about filthy corridors like stricken animals.
Here are two astounding features of this heartrending picture: First, is the outward cheerfulness of suffering nations where there is still hope that next month will see an improvement in their pitiable situation. Secondly, the reverence with which millions speak of America, where all dream of going and which all regard as the only "Land of Promise" left in the world. Because from America come food and funds for feeding nearly 2,000,000 children in the worst stricken lands of Poland, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

RED MENACE IN HUNGER LANDS IS ELIMINATED BY RUSSIAN EXAMPLE

Two years ago statesmen of France and England feared general Bolshevik revolutions in the hunger lands. Today this fear is practically vanished. The object lesson of starving Russia under Red rule holds forth no hope to the hungry of Poland and Austria.
Danger may exist in the form of a Red invasion engineered by the Red Rulers at Moscow; but this threat is generally considered quite remote.
Poland, where the Americans are feeding 900,000 children daily, has seen further unheard of increases in the cost of living. Prices have generally increased 4,000 per cent. Wheat flour alone has advanced 20,000 per cent, according to official reports. Central Lithuania is a most wholly without food.
Vienna however is by long odds the sorest pressed capital of Central Europe. Once the proudest most luxurious city of the continent it is today in a state of miserable pau-

perization, dying rapidly. Its fate, according to general prediction, is that of becoming an Entente Colony.
Today 2,000,000 Viennese are cut off from their traditional sources of food. With worthless Austrian kronen the Viennese cannot buy from the plentiful food stocks of Serbia and the provinces of Jugo-Slavia from where, for centuries, the Vienna people secured fats and grain. In 1914 the kronen was worth twenty cents in American money. Today one kronen is worth a quarter of a cent.
Strange diseases have made their appearance in this once gay capital of the Hapsburgs. Hundreds suffer from brittle bones, which break at the slightest jar. Thousands have irritated ulcerated stomachs from eating vegetables—especially cabbage—and can digest only the most nutritious foods such as milk and wheat bread, both commodities beyond the reach of any except the ultra-rich.

FROM THIS CHARNEL HOUSE COMES BRIGHT RAYS OF GENIUS UNDIMMED

Strangely enough in this charnel house of Vienna; where the ashes of Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Johannes Brahms and Johannes Strauss are buried, the musical tradition has not been starved out—though it seems only a question of a few more months before the endurance of the big musical colony is finished—the works of these great composers are still played in heatless opera houses.
And Lehar, whose "Merry Widow" delighted all America, has produced another wonderful operetta "The Blue Mazur" which is even more melodious, dreamy and wistful than the "Merry Widow."
Meanwhile the gas supply of Warsaw and Cracow has been shut off because of the coal shortage.
Always the Bolshevik military pressure menaces the safety of Poland from the East. To prevent swift occupation of the entire country and the disappearance of the Polish State from the map of Europe, Poland is forced to maintain an army of 500,000 men. This is a heavy drain on the state's resources. But this army of half a million is one of the principal mainstays of European peace.
Throughout the length and breadth of Poland, according to official gov-

ernment reports here, typhus and famine are raging worse than any winter in history. Typhus fever was brought Westward from the far away Ural Mountains and the dark provinces of Russia, when the Czar's millions over-ran Poland in 1914 on their futile attempt to reach Berlin.
Since 1914 suffering from typhus has been indescribable. While only about seven per cent of Polish sufferers die from typhus, the mortality among Americans and Europeans who contract the disease is eighty per cent. For this reason the Western European powers, France and England especially, realize the danger of a typhus-ridden Poland to the remainder of Europe.

FLORIDA CASTS UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR COX-ROOSEVELT

Tallahassee, Jan. 11—The Florida presidential electors met in the office of the governor yesterday at noon, and after casting their unanimous vote for James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt for president and vice president elected W. V. Knott, of their number, as messenger to convey the Florida vote to Washington. G. B. Wells of Plant City was elected as alternate.

HARDING YIELDS TO DEMANDS FOR SIMPLE CEREMONY

CALLS OFF ELABORATE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR INAUGURATION

OPPONENTS STILL WATCHING PLANS

Thousands of Letters Poured Into Capitol Protesting Against Lavish Expenditures

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Washington, Jan. 11—President-elect Harding requested abandonment of all plans for elaborate inauguration ceremonies on advice of friends in the senate, it was learned today.
Republican senators close to Harding called him on long distance and told him that the Borah resolution prohibiting further inauguration appropriations and the use of public building for a proposed ball would come up in the senate today and probably would be adopted. In addition the agitation against inaugural expenditures in both house and senate was mentioned.
Harding agreed with what his advisers told him, it was said, and in addition expressed the belief that abandonment of the elaborate plans would be an excellent example of economy with which to start his administration.

Calls It All Off.
The result of the long distance conferences was a telegram to E. B. McLean, chairman of the inauguration committee in which Harding suggested "complete abandonment of all plans for an inaugural celebration." He said the "impression of extravagant expenditures and excessive cost would make a very unhappy participant" and added that it is "timely and wholesome to practice the utter denial of public expenditure where there is no real necessity." McLean announced Harding's wishes would be carried out.
By Harding's act on the plans for the most elaborate inauguration in years were suddenly changed to plans for one of the most simple.

Protests By Thousands.
The people of the country, even to its remotest corners have been pouring into the mail thousands of protests against lavishment at the expense of taxpayers. Since Senator Borah brought the matter up a week ago and conducted a losing fight on the appropriation of \$50,000 to pay expenses at the capitol, men and women have been writing in daily increasing numbers. Senator McNary of Oregon got a protest signed by 900 citizens in his state. Senator Borah's office can't begin to read all the mail on the subject. Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional arrangement has been flooded. Nearly every senator has, and likewise many members of the house. The protests come from everywhere, clearly indicating that the whole country wants a simple and economical inaugural.

LEWIS TO DEFEND TITLE

(By United Press.)
New York, Jan. 11—Strangler Lewis, heavyweight wrestling champion and Earl Caddock, former champion are to meet here in a title bout January 24, according to Promoter Jack Corey. Terms were not made known but it is understood that both grapplers will work on a percentage basis.

NAVY BALLOONISTS LAND AT MATTICE TAKE TRAIN EAST

GREAT CELEBRATION ATTENDS RAGGED TRIO AS THEY STAGGERED IN

SUFFERING WAS MOST INTENSE

All Landed With Summer Underwear On Where Thermometer Was Down Below Zero

(By United Press.)
Mattice, Ont., Jan. 11—American naval balloonists, Lieutenants Kloor, Hinton, and Farrell arrived here this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock. They were great bundles of rags and furs, thoroughly exhausted, but still game and of the same American spirit that kept them alive during a trial through which few men have ever passed.
They were given a tremendous welcome out here on the frontier. This little village has trebled in population during the last few days. Newspaper men, movie camera men, relatives, government officials, from both the American and Canadian governments and the curious who wanted a first sight of the men as they were literally spewed from the maw of a frozen hell.
On their arrival the men were provided with clothing, a hot meal and prepared to make their way to the east.

Kloor Wires His Parents

(By United Press.)
Crotley, La., Jan. 11—(Copyright by United Press)—A message from the frozen north—a message of good cheer to relieve the worries of father and mother—was received in the sunny south today. With its coming joy emanated from the home of Lewis P. Kloor, father of Lieutenant Kloor, one of the three American balloonists who returned from the wilds of northern Canada. Young Kloor, in describing the hardships endured by himself and companions declared that their suffering was almost unbearable. "It was hell and misery," he said. They landed on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 14. The cold was deadly. "I had on my summer underwear," said Kloor. "We could only walk for about two hours at a time. We would then build a fire to keep from freezing."
Then Kloor told how they found an Indian who could not speak English, but through signs they made him understand they were lost. The Indian led them to Moose Factory.

CLARENCE JONES KILLS C. MOOTEN NEAR HAWTHORN

Gainesville, Jan. 11—Sheriff Ramsey received word last night that Clarence Jones a farmer residing west of Hawthorne, had shot and killed G. W. Mooten, a fisherman of that section. The sheriff this morning dispatched Deputy Sheriff Tom Ridgell to the scene of the trouble and a phone message from the deputy later in the day stated that Jones was in his custody. A coroner's jury is being empanelled and an inquest will be held this afternoon.
From what little information that could be learned over the phone, it is said that Mooten went to Jones home yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock, carrying his shotgun along with him. A dispute followed and Jones shot Mooten four times with a 12-gauge automatic shot gun, loaded with buck shot, which resulted in the instant death of Jones.

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKS O'CALLAGHAN BE DEPORTED

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11—The State Department today asked Secretary of Labor Wilson to deport Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork. The State Department refused to waive the passport regulations in this case.

WEST POINT GETS STAR

Washington, Pa., Jan. 11—Edgar Garbisch, captain and star of last year's Washington and Jefferson football team, has been appointed to the United States military academy and will enter next July. He will be candidate for the football team.

METHODIST PLAN TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH IN 1921

COMMITTEE NAMED TO SELECT PLANS AND DETERMINE PRICE

TO BUILD ON LOT REID AND FOURTH

Dr. Sibert Strongly Advises Beginning—Money Can Be Secured at Low Rate of Interest

At the annual meeting of the board of Stewards of the St. James Methodist church last night it was decided to begin immediately making preparations for the construction of a new church edifice to be located at the corner of Reid and Fourth streets, on property now owned by the church. A committee was named to secure plans, fix upon the cost and a campaign will be designed to finance the enterprise.
Rev. J. L. Sibert, the new pastor, strongly advised going ahead at once, citing that several churches had been built during his pastorate in various cities, and that in one instance the church only had \$29 in the treasury when work was begun. This was at Kissimmee, where one of the handsomest Methodist churches in the state was erected.
"It all begins with the laying of the foundation," said Dr. Sibert. "The membership becomes interested the minute ground is broken, and will not be content until the roof is on and the church is dedicated. The question of money does not enter into it. I never saw a church construction program fail or halt yet for a lack of funds. The general conference board is prepared to see that no congregation lacks for funds where there is the spirit and we have everything necessary to begin with here."
The church owns two lots, either suitable for a church, the one at Reid and Fourth streets being most popular, and undoubtedly, will be the spot where the new edifice will be located. The lot where the present church is located is most desirable for residence purposes, and will command a good price, which would be applied to the construction price of the new church. The church also has a considerable sum of money in the treasury with which to make a start.

DANIELS ADVISES AN AGREEMENT TO GOVERN BUILDING

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11—Secretary of the Navy Daniels before the House Naval Affairs Committee today, advised President-elect Harding to call a conference of all the nations for the conclusion of an agreement if the United States is not to become a member of the League of Nations immediately, he said. Until that conference secures a world agreement there should be no cessation in shipbuilding Mr. Daniels said.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO TAKE BOAT AT AUGUSTINE JAN. 21

St. Augustine, Jan. 11—President-elect Harding, with Mrs. Harding, will arrive at the Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, on January 21, when they will meet Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen and Mrs. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, and join them on their house boat Victoria for a cruise down the East Coast of Florida. Upon his return President-elect Harding will remain here the greater part of February in conference with some of his party.

KERENSKY IS ORGANIZING ANTI-BOLSH MOVEMENT

CALLS ON ALL FACTIONS TO UNITE TO HURL LENINE FROM POWER

WILL WIPE OUT ALL AGREEMENTS

Provided He Can Stop America From "Picking Pockets of a Prostrate Nation"

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Paris, Jan. 11—Russia must be saved from being looted by voracious American capitalists, Alexander Kerensky declared today in an exclusive interview.

With this objective, the former premier called for all the anti-bolshevik factions to rally to him to hurl Lenin and Trotsky out of power.

The United Press correspondent was received in a hotel room which, littered with charts and maps, resembled an army headquarters. There Kerensky was in conference with anti-bolshevik military experts and statesmen. "Foreign capitalists who acquire long term grants in Russia from the soviet government are picking the pockets of a prostrate nation," Kerensky exclaimed, turning a moment from the task of planning the anti-bolshevik campaign.

"I am organizing here in Paris a civilized government for Russia—an exile administration, you might call it. I have called in all the anti-bolshevik leaders. We will overthrow the soviets."

To End All Trade Agreements
"One of our first acts upon regaining power will be to make a clean sweep of all soviet trade agreements." This includes the Kamchatka concessions granted the American syndicate, headed by Washington D. Vandenberg of Los Angeles. Kerensky said foreign capitalists with unparalleled voraciousness were bent upon looting the natural treasure houses of Russia. Only a major military victory over the bolshevik will save Russia from these exploiters, he said. He expressed confidence that the military plans he is making will surprise the world when their full force is revealed (Continued on Page 6)

WOMAN IS HELD IN BIG PAYROLL THEFT AT MIAMI

Special to the News.
Miami, Jan. 11—With the arrest by the police yesterday of Mrs. Mae Crews and H. C. Evans, the number of arrests here in connection with the theft of \$72,000 from the paymaster of the U. S. destroyer Satterlee at Norfolk, Va., reached a total of five. The man and woman are being held as material witnesses against Hal W. T. Meyers, Merwin Ashmore and J. H. Quigley, who were arrested here several days ago.

It is alleged that Meyers, who was a clerk in the office of the Satterlee's paymaster, signed a receipt for the \$72,000 which was sent to the destroyer for payrolls, on the eve of a cruise of several months, and that he and the other two men stole the money and came to Miami.
Ashmore and Quigley were arrested on December 31 at the local express office when they called for baggage that contained several thousand dollars, said to be a part of the stolen money, and Meyers was arrested here the following day.