

WOMEN AND BABES OF AUSTRIA STRICKEN BY FAMINE WHICH THREATENS THE ENTIRE NATION WITH ANNIHILATION

Cardinal Piffli, Archbishop of Vienna, Paints Piteful Word Picture of Suffering in His Country—Declares Every House in Capital Today Is One of Sorrow—Babies and Children Dying Slow and Painful Death He Says.

Editor's Note—Austria faces immediate famine. Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary for foreign affairs, declared in the British parliament yesterday that there is barely enough food in Austria to last out the week. The supreme council in Paris, after Chancellor Bismarck pleaded for aid for his country, decided to ship a great quantity of wheat to Austria at once and declared that only through America's assistance could a great catastrophe be averted. Following is a graphic description of conditions in Austria, by the best known churchman of that country.

By CAMILLO CIANFARRA
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Rome, Dec. 17.—Famine strides through Austria, crushing innocent women and babies and threatening the entire nation with annihilation. One of the greatest catastrophes in history is imminent and can only be averted through prompt aid of Austria's erstwhile enemies.

This was the word picture painted today by Cardinal Piffli, archbishop of Vienna, in describing conditions in his country. In an unimpassioned manner he told of the suffering and hopelessness which were being brought upon Austria, once the most powerful nation in the world and now only an obscure state, politically and economically at the mercy of the allies.

The cardinal made no effort to gloss over the fact he believed the peace terms imposed upon Austria were largely responsible for her present condition. An economic union with Germany, he said, was imperative if Austria continued as an independent state.

SITUATION DESPERATE.
"While our economic situation is desperate, as a nation we are crushed forever," Cardinal Piffli said. "Under the treaty, Austria can not live. The enormous injustice done my people will fill many a page in history and one day it will be written.

"First of all, the compilers of the treaty made an enormous blunder in depriving a nation of six million inhabitants of the means of living. As constituted at present, Austria can produce only enough to feed its population for three months. The mines left us do not even furnish sufficient coal to heat our homes in the coldest months of the year.

"Every house in Vienna is now a house of sorrow in which you will find disheartened women suffering from cold and hunger and emaciated babies dying a slow but certain death from lack of nourishment. The older children are dying a slower but no less painful death. I speak for these in-

nocents. They must be saved. **MIDDLE CLASSES SUFFER.**
"Next in point of suffering are the middle classes. The new order and changed economic conditions have deprived thousands and thousands of families of the chance of making a decent living. They have been reduced to a precarious existence in any manner that may present itself and most of them have been compelled to burn their furniture to heat their homes and cook the little food they have.

"Our coal mines have been given to Czecho-Slovakia, our land to Serbia and Hungary, without considering that this meant paralysis of Austria's industries and starvation of her population. An economic union with Germany is imperative if Austria lives as an independent state."

Asked what immediate steps he would suggest to relieve the situation, the cardinal replied:
"The combined effort of the whole world is necessary. Austria is just entering the severest winter in her history. The country is completely empty of food and the little that is available is sold at fabulous prices. A thousand wealthy families have emigrated to nearby countries, sacrificing the larger part of their fortunes.

"I have the greatest confidence in the generosity of the American people. When I saw the allies failed to act, I suggested sending several delegations to the United States to explain our situation and raise funds. Several days ago I wrote to Cardinal Gibbons, requesting him to ask President Wilson to facilitate the work of these delegations which are now en route. Our only hope now is America."

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD
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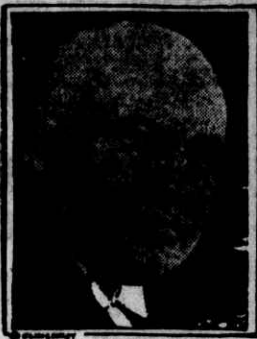
the city. Unless the boy found shelter, there is but little hope of finding him alive, according to the officers, as Tuesday night was extremely cold and it is doubtful if a child could survive the elements if caught out.
The child had been in Boise but a short time. He left a note on the table in the dining room, informing his aunt he was going into the hills. He did not return last night and when he did not show up today at noon, the aunt, who is working, became alarmed and requested the sheriff to make a search.

1920 MODEL BOMB.
Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Special Agent Kelly of the Southern Pacific railroad found a bomb on the track near here. When pierced by a rifle bullet it revealed some very good whisky.

FRANKLIN LANE PLANS LEAVING CABINET SOON

Secretary of Interior in Statement Says Contemplates Resigning but Hesitates Adding Burdens to the President.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Interior, Lane, contemplates resigning from the cabinet but has not sent his resignation to President Wilson or discussed it with him, Lane said in a formal statement today.



FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary of the Interior

Lane's statement was issued following reports that he had laid his resignation before the president and that he wishes to leave the cabinet because of differences with the president and other cabinet members.
The statement follows:
"With reference to my talk of resignation, I have not sent it to the president nor even written it, but I do contemplate going out of the cabinet and have withheld talking to the president about it because I did not want to add to his burden or worries at this time, nor do I know when the time will come when I can. This is a full statement of all the facts. I have thought it unkind to say anything to the president about the matter and that any mention of this now by any one would be a needless annoyance to him."

Lane has been secretary of the interior since President Wilson's first term inauguration. At various times there have been rumors that Lane had split with the president, but administration officials declared his statement today was a complete answer to those rumors.

The reason Lane wishes to resign, it was learned today, is that he finds the salary of a cabinet officer insufficient for his needs. This was the reason given by former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and other cabinet members who resigned recently. Lane, it is understood has a very attractive offer to enter private business.

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clares that the Mexican government believes "a complete exposition of the Jenkins case in its best justification and will prove its legality."

The note adds that the supreme court will decide which of the Mexican courts is competent to continue the case.

The bare statement by the American government that Jenkins is innocent of perjury can hardly be accepted as sufficient proof for a Mexican tribunal, the note contends, and declares that Jenkins' innocence "must be completely established by legal process."

"The Mexican government cannot accept this view as reason for cessation of the case," the note said. It suggested the information received by the United States regarding the case "may lack impartiality" and cannot be accepted by the Mexican courts, adding that "the Mexican government is in no position to admit that American citizens should be judged according to information rendered to the state department."

The note concludes with the hope that this case "shall no longer disturb friendly relations between the American and Mexican peoples."

COMMITTEE ON
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Of course, we will have to take a chance on President Wilson accepting or rejecting whatever settlement we succeed in making.

HITCHCOCK SILENT.
Hitchcock declined to outline in detail his own views concerning the sort of compromise that would be acceptable to the president or to Democrats generally.

"It would be unwise to lay down any definite compromise program at this time," said Hitchcock. "For the treaty's opponents would seize upon it and attempt to compromise it."

Senator Underwood, who has taken the lead in advocating compromise, made it plain in his first statement on the subject since the White House statement that he is for treaty ratification even if it involves leaving the league of nations covenant out of the pact.

Underwood said that although an official conciliation committee was not appointed, the sentiment of senators will be carefully sounded on various proposals.

Senator Knox, who on Saturday offered the proposal referred to by Underwood, said today he will make one more effort soon to get unanimous consent for its consideration and if that is refused will ask that his resolution be referred to the foreign relations committee.

A FAIRY TALE
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—H. Yamaguchi, owner of a chain of Japanese hotels, by wireless reserved a suite of rooms in the Palace hotel. Twenty-five years ago he was a window washer at the Palace.

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DRIGGS MAN IS
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Mr. Walker is 35 years of age. He was brought to Idaho by his parents when but three months of age from Utah and has been a resident of the southeastern section since.

HAS BANK EXPERIENCE.
He has been vice president and cashier of the First National bank of Driggs for some time, and is also interested in the Farmers State bank at Teton, which he organized about two years ago.

Mr. Walker's first banking experience was obtained under Mr. Boverman at St. Anthony. He has been in the banking business for 10 years. At one time he was manager of the Yellowstone flour mill at St. Anthony, and was associated with other business interests in that town.

The new commissioner will be formally sworn into office sometime today, and will take up his work at once. He announced that there would be no change in the personnel of the office staff, Captain D. F. Banks continuing as director of the bureau of budget and taxation and James Munro as chief examiner.

Mr. Walker's wife and four children will join him later and they will make their home in Boise during his term of office.

ONLY MILLIONAIRES CAN AFFORD THIS
New York, Dec. 17.—Five New York millionaires refuse to be homeless.
Like thousands of others here they sought in vain a place to live. They're going to build a six million dollar apartment house, principally for themselves.
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St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—Walter Rees inhaled a drunk. He said he was sober when arrested, but after ten minutes in the hospital ward he was as drunk as the others.

Have you seen the new Overland speed cars?—Adv.

New Serial—"Hand in Hand Again," sequel to "Till We Meet Again."

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