

## SELL TAPESTRIES TO BUY BREAD

Austrian Government Wants  
50,000 Tons of Flour—  
Bread Now Only 20 Per  
Cent. Wheat.

Vienna, Nov. 25.—(Associated Press by mail)—When by purchase, gift and inheritance the House of Hapsburg acquired the 900 or more tapestries comprising the most superb collection in the world its members hardly foresaw that some day they would be pawned to buy bread for a succeeding republic.

The Reparations Commission having given its consent, the government is now trying to raise enough money on these tapestries to purchase 50,000 tons of flour against the imminent exhaustion of the supply on hand. The bread ration has been reduced to 20 per cent wheat flour content, with 80 per cent cornmeal and 30 per cent rye. The bread that can be said of the resulting bread is that a very hungry person can eat a little of it.

It is understood that a movement is on foot for the organization of an international syndicate to advance the required amount of cash. The plan contemplates that the tapestries pledged will be carefully selected from the various schools represented in the collection and these in part or in whole will be put on exhibition in the great cities of Europe and America.

For some months the finest of these weaves have been on exhibition in the Belvedere Palace here, exposed for the first time to the public. Always they have been kept either in the Hofburg

## DEVELOPMENT AT GRAND FALLS

Most of the time at the afternoon meeting of the provincial government held here yesterday was taken up with a discussion of the development of water power at Grand Falls. All of the members of the government, with the exception of Hon. Dr. J. E. Hetherington, were present, as was Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Commission. Philip T. Dodge and G. F. Underwood appeared before the government as representatives of the International Paper Company, owners of the water power rights at Grand Falls.

Another delegation, consisting of F. W. Tweedie, J. W. Brankley and George Watt, appeared before the government and requested a grant for the Agricultural Society of Chatham for the purpose of holding an exhibition in 1921.

Although no official announcement was made in regard to the development of water power at Grand Falls, Mr. Dodge said after the meeting that he did not think that anything would be done by his company for some time yet. He said that it would be a very expensive undertaking as it would cost approximately \$15,000,000 to develop power and erect a mill. The matter, however, still was in abeyance, Mr. Dodge said.

## DIES IN FIRE IN ARMY HOSPITAL

Psychopathic Patients in Walter Reed Institution Saved With Difficulty.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Alvin Messenger, a sergeant in the Seventh Coast Artillery, was burned to death in a fire which swept the four psychopathic wards of Walter Reed Hospital, and a number of other patients were slightly injured. The fire was confined to these wards, which are not connected with the hospital proper.

The hospital authorities say that Messenger's violation of the rule prohibiting smoking cost him his life. It is believed that he threw a lighted cigarette or cigar near some inflammable materials which ignited the bed clothes. The fire was traced to his room and evidences were found that he had been smoking. Messenger arrived at the hospital last night from Panama. The hospital officials are inclined to believe the fire was purely an accident.

An early report that several other soldiers were missing proved incorrect, as all of the patients were accounted for when a check was made except Messenger.

The clothing of three war surgeons was almost burned from their backs in their absolute disregard of danger in removing their charges. One surgeon is reported to have been badly burned. Wards 48 and 44 were destroyed and it is estimated that the loss will be \$20,000 not counting the loss of valuable instruments used in the treatment of psychopathic patients.

Major L. W. Webb, of the hospital

staff, said tonight that when the blaze was detected the hospital staff, including physicians and nurses, manned the fire apparatus and made brave efforts to extinguish the flames. But the fire spread rapidly and an alarm was sent to the district fire department. Three companies responded and extinguished the fire, preventing its spread to the main buildings.

Major Webb said that seventy patients in the wards destroyed were removed with some difficulty. For a time they were grouped around the lawns, clad only in thin hospital attire. One soldier, under treatment, climbed to the roof of one of the burned buildings, and refused to come down voluntarily. Only by the efforts of six men was he dragged to safety. The hospital staff remained calm and undisturbed. Nurses stood by their patients quieting their fears, while wounded men dragged their maimed bodies to safety. In one of the wards there were thirty-nine patients suffering from shell shock and highly nervous diseases. Some of them fought desperately to get back into the flaming wards.

Had the blaze started in some of the wards where veterans lay in long rows, strung up in frames and spread-eagled in plaster casts, awaiting union in joints and bone grafts, it would have been far more difficult to have saved them. Most of the patients in the wards destroyed could walk.

Surgeons at the hospital fear mentally "disturbed" patients who saw the fire will be set back for a long time by the shock they sustained.

LLOYD GEORGE TO  
RECEIVE £8,000

London, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the House of Commons to report on the salaries payable to cabinet ministers concluded its enquiry today. A mood forecast says that it will recommend as follows: Prime minister, £8,000; cabinet ministers, £5,000; other ministers, £3,000; under secretaries, £1,200 to £1,600. It is estimated that the changes will not involve increased charges as the advances will be met by abolishing the salaries to certain sinecures.



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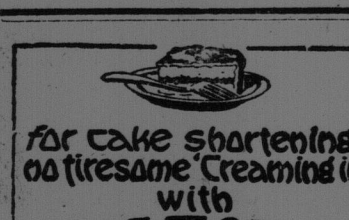
## NEW PLUMBING FOR EPIDEMIC HOSPITAL SOON

The board of commissioners of the General Public Hospital, at its semi-monthly meeting last night, authorized the installation of new plumbing facilities in the epidemic hospital at a cost of \$425, and decided to provide some accommodation that might be available for Workmen's Compensation Board patients who wished to be treated by other

physicians than those on the hospital staff. It interviewed Miss Dorothy Hinton of Sackville and appointed her as dietician of the hospital, authorized the purchase of 500 tons of coal for use up till the coming of spring and the payment of \$1636.39 for the installing of three dynamos to run three dumb waiters. Dr. Heiden, the superintendent, was asked to make further inquiries as to special training for hospital anesthetists. Hon. Dr. J. E. Daniel, the president, was in the chair, and there were present also Dr. C. R. J. Crawford, J. King Kelley, F. Flewelling, Lt. Col. A. McMillan, M. E. Agar and W. Emerson. Some of the commissioners before the meeting inspected the new dumb waiter in operation.

The factory inspector, John Kelly, wrote the board notifying it that its fireman was not a licensed engineer and requesting it to appoint a licensed man. This was said to have been done at no greater cost to the board.

The local union No. 688, Steam and Operating Engineers, held their regular meeting last night in the Market building in Charlotte street, with the president, J. Lobb, occupying the chair. There was a good attendance at the meeting and two new members joined the union.



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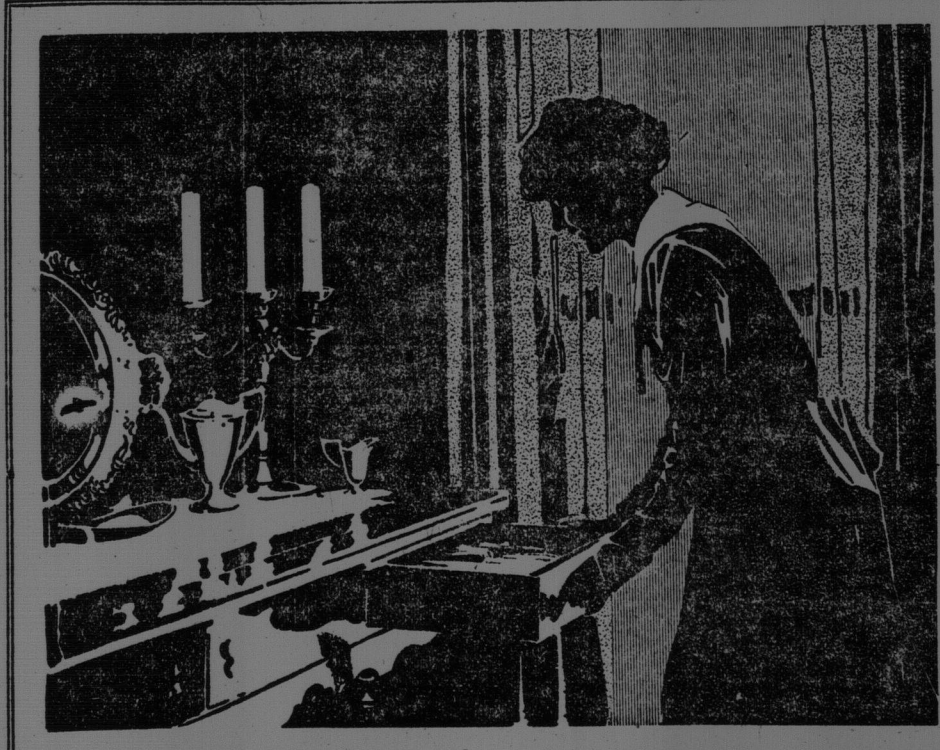
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