

Vienna Experiences.

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

While visiting for a short while it struck me that the conditions as seen here at first hand might be of interest to some of our Newfoundland friends, since the circumstances of life as one sees it to-day, after a lapse of eight years are so very unusual and so rarely seen anywhere. One of my first experiences was to meet a trained nurse, who, though personally a stranger, had while in Egypt met and nursed many Newfoundlanders and even Labradorers. Her regard for their staidness and cheerfulness, and for their remarkable ability to recuperate quickly was very strong, and it did me good to hear so complete a stranger paying open compliments to our men, whom she had no experience of except in Egypt. The first trouble here in Austria is the money. The dollar is now worth something like 70,000 crowns. The pound to-day about 330,000 crowns. It has been the thousand crowns and, no doubt, will be again. The results are very embarrassing very often, and though tragic to the last degree for the Viennese, sometimes very amusing also. Changing money is a serious business. Ten pounds change to-day produced over three millions of crowns, which is the value of the great diamond crown of the Emperor. The currency being in paper, and even single crowns being still extant, the confusion is very ridiculous. The ten pounds produced three piles of paper as large as three books, being paid entirely in ten thousand crown bills. The small balance being in thousands and hundreds and twenties. It is said a railway guard obtained the other day to a passenger bringing so large a suit-case into the railway carriage till the traveler explained that it was not his suit-case but his pocketbook.

MONEY IN BULK.

Things are not cheap. A little less than England, our rooms at the hotel cost us a quarter of a million a night for three of us. The effect is, one feels very rich, because one's pockets are bulging with money, when it may take from 20 to 30 bills to pay a tram car fare of one penny. The fare of the trolley is 1/4 of a penny, or 1000 crowns. After emptying one's pockets of bills that accumulated of small size, I counted the other day only 950 crowns. They were of no use, so the conductor said kindly to me, "don't throw them away, I will take care of them if you don't want them." The effect on the merchants, and middle classes has been terrible. Anyone who saved anything has lost it. All one's saved money is useless. It is said here that two sons inherited from their father a nice fortune of almost \$25,000 each, or 725,000 crowns. The elder used only the income, and did good work. The younger drank all his up. But now the elder is a beggar, his 2,500 crowns are only now worth \$4 or \$5 while the younger sold the old glass bottles for a fortune. There is a great deal of hunger still here and it is likely to be worse this winter. Vienna cannot feed its two million people, and it is even questionable if the reduced Austria has the providing ability to do it. There are strenuous efforts being made to meet the problems in a wise way, and we have been there to see if we could learn anything to help us with ours. Also to-day I visited the only hospital for tuberculosis in the city, a wonderful place for its cures. Of many I have seen over the world, I never saw one that convinced me more of the magnitude of its results. Very conservative in its surgery, simplicity, sunshine, rest and good food were the main curative agents. A happier lot of children and people one could not have seen. Lovely blue-eyed, light-haired children looking so pathetic. As you entered each ward and left it, the little patients always called out in unison "Gruss Gott!" "God Bless You." The hospital has 2000 beds. Alas, alas! It has to be closed up. The American relief fund has been stopped, and the Quakers, or society of friends, who are running it now are withdrawing in October for want of funds. The chief doctor told me it must close down "as the Government has not got the money to keep it going."

VIENNA'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

I have heard this from many others, even a member of the Government. He is not ashamed to face the fact, though its ancient and honorable past naturally bears a pride that makes such a confession hurt badly. One beautiful work of the Society of Friends is doing here with the Government. There is a terrible housing problem. Before the war even the question was acute, and workmen were crowded into single rooms with their families. Now you may not have more than one room or two at most. If you have a five roomed house the police will order you to let three rooms, and you must do it. One sees even the workmen with one room for all their family and for their workshop. It does not pay to let or to build, the hire is restricted and the value of leasing almost the price of a daily paper. The "Friends" have started a number of Co-operative Societies. People pay to join, and pay so much annually as well. Every man must also contribute 1800 hours free

work before the Co-operatives will begin on his house. There are now 64 men here who during spare time in 2 or 3 years have paid up the 1800 hrs. also the money they paid in their banks is now practically worthless, and only one or two houses can be worked at. The Government is helping this scheme, but it is very poor and cannot help much. Still this is a permanent and a noble work, and is the most promising effort for the future, and the greatest anti-revolutionary factor, since every man who has a house of his own doesn't want to be a Bolshevik.

HOW TO DRY HAY.

The Austrians are polite and kind, and everywhere we have met the greatest courtesy. We have noticed here also two things that might well be used in Newfoundland. Both we shall adopt in the North. The first is the way to dry hay and keep it off the wet ground. A "longer" or

straight pole is taken and cross pieces nailed on at all sorts of angles along it. This is stuck upright in the ground and the hay is just tumbled around it. The result is none is on the ground, it needs no covering, and dries in the air and gets very little wet in the rain. This is far better than spreading it on damp ground. Then again with post, which in these and the Bavarian mountains the people use for firing, much as we have done at St. Anthony. A long stick is just used at a spear and the square blocks of post are placed and the stick stuck up in the ground. As a result it does not get wet in the rain nearly as much

as our own staves, and it also dries much quicker. It occurred to me, that around Conception Bay, and Bays where the woods are receding, or have been burnt, there must be much post that could be dried and used in this simple way. Here and in Bavaria, where we were visiting the Passion Play, the land is intensively cultivated already, but the farmers now do not want, or cannot produce more. If they do produce more than they need to eat they can only sell it for money tomorrow that is not good. It is better to save a turnip than a thousand crowns bill, the bank note goes rotten so much quicker than the turnip.

NFLD. CAN GROW MORE. In Newfoundland, on the other hand there are a hundred ways in which more can be done to produce the raw material, that is the actual staple of life. We can grow more, feed more cattle and poultry, find fuel and preserve fish and berries, and even game. But we need education on these lines.

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Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding piles. Hemorrhoids. No surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once and afford lasting benefit. 50c a box. All dealers or Remission, Bates & Co. Limited, Toronto. Sample box free.

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Star Sale of Work.

AFFAIR CONCLUDES TONIGHT.
The second day of the sale of work being held in the Star Hall under the auspices of the Star Ladies' Association, proved even more successful than the opening day. All yesterday afternoon and night large crowds visited the fair, and as a result many of the table holders were sold out before the closing hour. The wheels of fortune and side shows were also kept busy. The Jazola Orchestra was again present and delighted the visitors with renditions of the latest creations. The sale will continue this evening, ending with a grand auction of the goods left over. At eight o'clock Cannon supper and dance will be held which will bring the sale to a fitting conclusion.

Evangeline Boots at the price of only \$6.99 is what counts. At SMALLWOODS—Oct 25, 26.

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MINARD'S
"KING OF PAIN"
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(FOOT NOTE:—Thirty-one students from Newfoundland and Labrador are receiving training in U.S. and Canada, under the Educational Committee of the International Grenfell Association.)

C. L. B. Cadets.



The Battalion paraded last night in good strength. Col. Goodridge in command with Major Tait, Rev. J. Brinton, Battalion Chaplain who was present, read the prayer and the Rev. J. Brinton gave the invocation. The Rev. J. Brinton also gave the invocation. The Rev. J. Brinton also gave the invocation.

Ten new recruits were sworn in by the Chaplain and posted to companies. The following officers were on duty besides the Lt.-Col. and Major: R. H. Tait, Major White, Lt. Ash, P. B. Rendell, M. J. J. George, Hunt, and W. R. J. Regt. Sergt. Major Harold.

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