

Conditions are Appalling Throughout All Belgium

Official Reports Bring Tales of Famine and Food Must Come From Outside

Brussels, via London, Oct. 26, 4.05 p.m.—Nearly seven million people in Belgium face famine, unless they receive help from the outside at once. The American minister to Belgium says that less than two weeks supply of food remains in the cities, while conditions in the country districts are even worse. Though Germany has seized the food in some cities for her soldiers, she still disclaims responsibility for feeding the Belgians.

One hundred soup kitchens are feeding over 100,000 of the needy in Brussels. Families formerly rich are discharging their servants, because they are bankrupt. Noblemen may be seen slipping into the soup kitchens. The factories are closed. Many stores remain open, but have no business. The railway train service has been suspended. The supplies of coffee, tea, flour and salt are practically exhausted.

Reports received by the American minister from Louvain, Liege and Namur say that the conditions in those cities are even worse than they are in Brussels. Louvain has only a few days supply of flour while Liege has no flour at all. The peasants in many districts have been forced to eat on legumes, as the crops of beets and cabbages have been ruined.

The meat and milk supply also have been cut off, the army having taken the cattle. It is declared absolutely essential that food be obtained from England, and it is hoped that the first shipment is now on the way. Nearly half of these people who have been able to remain in Belgium are wandering helplessly from town to town, seeking shelter with friends and relatives. Malines, which formerly had sixty thousand inhabitants, has but few undamaged houses standing. The same situation exists at Namur and Louvain.

The road from Antwerp to Brussels is black with processions of people, moving in either direction. Wagons and carts are filled with the wreckage of their household effects. Thousands on foot are carrying bundles, or pushing dogcarts, always moving, but with no definite destination.

Other crowds are gathered about the ruins of forts and rifle pits, staring blankly at mounds that are covered with withered flowers and surrounded by wooden crosses, upon which the helmets of dead Germans

have been placed to mark their graves. Belgians of all classes appear disheartened. Old women and cripples may be seen sitting near their shattered homes in Malines, nodding mutely at the Cathedral, with its shattered windows and tottering walls—damaged beyond repair by shell fire.

Similar conditions are found in the small villages between Antwerp and Brussels. Few stores are open. Those attempting to re-establish their homes find their roofs, which have been pierced by shells, now falling every day. The villages that stood near contested forts were literally razed, yet many of the inhabitants remain living in rudely constructed sheds or tents.

In Brussels the sides of buildings and billboards are plastered with German military notices, printed in French, German and Flemish. The streets are filled with German soldiers and marines. The automobiles of the officers carrying bugles to warn pedestrians, are dashing in all directions. The city is quiet. All the shops and houses are closed at nine o'clock at night, though the buildings are brightly lighted.

By an official order there have been posted throughout the country the names of Belgians and Britishers who have been sentenced from a month to one year's imprisonment for insults offered to German soldiers. Others are warned to obey the military orders, and also advised that the Germans have no intention of seizing non-combatants.

London, Oct. 26, 7.25 p.m.—The American Commission for the relief of sufferers from the war in Belgium is unable to ship its first cargo, consisting of 2,500 tons of foodstuffs until Wednesday because of the delay in the Board of Trade in granting the necessary license to export food from England.

The Commission will have to replace all food now being procured in England for shipment to Belgium by an equal amount brought from some other countries. The British government has declined to promise any definite funds for the use of the Commission beyond a lump contribution, the exact amount of which is not known. The Commission therefore expects that the greater amount of the supplies for Belgium must come from neutral countries.

Cut Through Germans Like Knife Into Cheese

Indian Troops Cut Loose With Bayonet and Officers Forced to Call Them Off.

London, Oct. 27, 1.52 a.m.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph dated "Northern France," relates the first instance of the British India troops coming into action.

"It was at La Bassée last week," says the despatch, "when by a great effort the Germans carried the British trenches, and the position looked dangerous. An avalanche of the enemy poured through, evidently supposing that the way was open to the coast. They had a rude awakening. The supports of the British line

were the Indian troops, who had been thirsting to prove their quality. It was a bayonet affair and the German advance was beaten and broken. The Indians ran through them, using the steel in their own workmanlike fashion and thrusting the foe back to receive the right and left fire of the British infantry who awaited their coming.

"Not only did the Indians regain the lost trenches, but they pursued the enemy down the hill until their officers thought it prudent to recall them."

Kaiser's General Staff Had To Fight Desperately to Save Him Being Taken a Prisoner

The Russians Were Retiring to New Battle Line When Kaiser Approached to Watch Artillery Fire—Russian Cavalry Charged to Capture Him and Nearly Succeeded

Petrograd, Oct. 24—Many of the soldiers who were wounded in the fighting around Warsaw, and are now here, declare that the Kaiser was actually in the battle line and that he narrowly escaped capture.

Their stories, while circumstantial, are now confirmed by the War Office, which permits of their publication, and adds that it has received no reports regarding it from the command-in-chief at the front. The fact that a German General, whose name is withheld, but who is one of the members of the Kaiser's staff, actually was captured, inclines officials here to really believe that the Kaiser was at the front.

The Kaiser and his staff had pushed forward when the Germans were approaching Warsaw in order personally to observe the operation of his heavy artillery, of which he is inordinately proud. A Russian aviator reported the presence of officers of apparent high rank near the front than the ordinary dictates of caution and

strategy called for. At that time the Russians were falling back to the point previously selected for giving battle.

A division of cavalry was ordered to charge to a point where the officers had been observed. They broke through the German outer line while a second ring of German troops led by their officers in front desperately met the charging horsemen with the bayonet and their rapid fire. The Russian charge was momentarily checked and all of the officers, with one exception, jumped into their automobiles and escaped.

The wounded soldiers who participated in the charge declare that they could not mistake the form of the Kaiser, as the difference in his height with that of his stalwart staff was very plain.

The announcement of Russia's offer to return the captured soldiers of these two Austrian provinces is interpreted by the Italian press generally as Russia's official recognition of Italy's claim to those provinces.

Gilbert Cook is Acquitted of Murder of Crawford

Sensational Murder Case Brought to Close by Judge Instructing Jury There Was No Evidence Against Accused

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 24—Thomas Gilbert Cook has been acquitted of the charge of murdering William B. Crawford at Wainwright in May last. The case came to a sudden and dramatic conclusion as soon as the Crown had rested its case and before any witnesses for the defence had been called.

"Do you think, my lord," said Hon. A. G. Mackay, leading counsel for the defence, "that the jury wishes to hear anything further in this case? Does your Lordship consider that any guilt has been established and that it is necessary for us to offer any evidence?"

"I think," replied Mr. Justice Ives, "that I am bound to direct the jury to acquit this man of this charge. There has been only a suspicion that he murdered Crawford, and that suspicion has been scorched."

His Lordship then instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, and the foreman at once arose and pronounced the two words.

"Thomas Gilbert Cook," said the Judge, addressing the prisoner, "you are discharged from custody, in doing so I think I may say that what you may have some feeling over the ordeal to which you have been subjected during the past five days, will in fact for months before that, you will feel also that it has been necessary and that now your position is above all suspicion."

At the conclusion of these words, Cook stepped from the dock a free man and was at once congratulated by Hon. A. G. MacKay, who shook hands with him. As the words freeing their son fell on the ears of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Fredericton, who had attended the court throughout the proceedings, tears of gladness stood in their eyes. Cook was soon talking to them, but his friends, whose enthusiasm knew no bounds, snatched him away and carried him off in triumph. The court room was crowded with women at the time and there was an attempt at applause, but the demonstration was at once checked.

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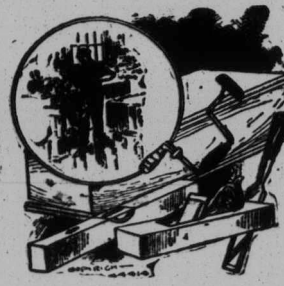
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New Fish Inspection Act Passed in Parliament

The Object of the Act is to Bring Into General use an Improved Standard of Curing and Packing

During the regular session of Parliament which ended in June last, the Honorable J. D. Hazen secured the passing of an Act to provide for the inspection and branding of pickled herring, mackerel, alewives and salmon.

The object of the Act is to bring into general use an improved standard of curing and packing to such a degree that the cured article shall secure the confidence of consumers and all who deal in the commodity. A small staff of competent inspectors will be duly appointed who will thoroughly examine all pickled fish presented to them for inspection, while the goods are still in the hands of the original packers, and who, provided the barrel is of the standard size and make, and the fish packed and graded in accordance with the Act and its regulations, will apply to each barrel so conforming to the requirements, a brand, in the form of a crown, showing the quality and grade of fish, the year of packing and the inspector's initials or number.

The Act is not compulsory, but by rigid enforcement of the regulations when application is made for inspection, it is expected that the government brand will in a short time become such a guarantee of quality to the trade that dealers will in due course see to it that all goods they buy show the brand. Fishermen and packers will in turn be under the necessity of exercising greater care in curing and grading the fish and of refusing to accept any barrel from the coopers that will not be likely to pass inspection when filled. The results are bound to be enhanced prices and an increased outlet.

The Act comes into force on the first day of May 1915. Meantime, copies of the Act, together with the regulations which have been made hereunder to govern the construction and capacity of barrels, the methods of curing and the work of inspecting and branding have been distributed to fishermen, fishmerchants, etc., for their information and guidance. Copies are available to anyone who may apply for such to the Department of the Naval Service.

In addition to this the Minister has instructed Mr. J. D. Hazen of the

Department to meet the fishermen and others directly interested at convenient centres in the fishing districts of the Maritime Provinces for the purpose of making clear to them, word of mouth, what is required by the new Act and its regulations, and what the fishermen and packers will have to do in order that their packs may receive the government brand when presented for inspection.

Meetings are now being held on the Gaspe coast and at the Magdalen Islands, and these will be continued along the coast of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia till Grand Manan in the Bay of Fundy is reached. Public notices will be posted up in each locality as far in advance as possible to decide on what date and hour each meeting can be held.

JURY DISAGREE IN CARMEN MURDER CASE

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 26—The jury in the case of Mrs. Florence Conkili Carmen, charged with the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, failed to reach a verdict after thirteen hours and ten minutes of deliberation. The jury reported its inability to agree at 10.55 a.m., today and was discharged.

Mrs. Carmen collapsed upon hearing the verdict and was carried from the court room. Her attorney announced that bail would be furnished for her release tomorrow, should the court consent, pending a new trial. Bail has since been fixed at \$25,000.

MARITZ, BOER REBEL, BEATEN AND WOUNDED

Cape Town, via London, Oct. 26, 10.32 p.m.—It is officially announced that the rebel, Lieut.-Col. Maritz, and his forces have been completely defeated at Kalamas, in the Gordonia district by the Union of South Africa troops.

Lieut.-Col. Maritz was wounded in the engagement, and fled to German territory, according to the statement.