

DETAILS OF POLISH TRAGEDY

Petrograd, Feb. 10.—In spite of the fact that several commissioners are at work investigating the devastation which Poland has suffered during the German invasions, the acute misery of its millions of inhabitants still goes unrelieved.

Normally Poland is a pleasantly rolling country, not unlike the American middle west; fertile agriculturally, developed, productive and prosperous with its landscapes checkered with well groomed farms and patches of woods.

The line of fugitive peasants is like a long black cord, knotted in places where they have assembled in groups to consider the best way to escape.

The picture is drawn by Prince Radziwill, a member of Poland's oldest and noblest aristocracy, who has come to Petrograd from his home in the village of Chautout, near the Swiss frontier.

"I am an artist," said Prince Radziwill to the Associated Press, "the world has been so busy giving its help to unfortunate Belgium that our country is left in the lurch."

The Polish tragedy is not yet finished. In this second German invasion it has suffered more than in the first, and little, very little is now left. It is now more swept by battle than any other part of the world.

Refugees or rather those who would like to be refugees, have nowhere to go. There are not the same railway facilities that one finds in Belgium; one cannot take a boat to a friendly power where there is shelter and assistance.

"It is not promises of help or contributions to be made after the war, that are needed, but immediate assistance for the starving peasants, who are in a frightful condition, and whose condition is steadily growing worse, with the march of winter and the scarcity of food and clothing."

"I wish the plight of our wretched people could be imprinted as vividly on the minds of other nations as it is upon the minds of those of us who have witnessed it, and have had for neighbors sorrow and suffering. If it were, I am sure that relief would come without being solicited."

Canarder Campania Reported Sunk

Washington, Feb. 6.—That the Cunard liner, Campania, now a British troop ship has been sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel, is persistently rumored here.

The source of the story is reported to be an official with secret access. No official confirmation is available.

If the Campania was blown up while carrying troops to France, it is possible that between 3,000 and 4,000 were lost. The ship often carried 2,000 passengers to New York, when she was an "Ocean Greyhound" and on the two hours run across the channel, she could carry at least twice that number.

New York, Feb. 6.—The local officials of the Cunard line said there was absolutely no truth in the report, as they would surely have heard of such an accident. The last heard of the Campania, was on January 15 when she was being refitted in Liverpool.

Contract Marriage By Proxy

Paris, Feb. 16.—Minister of Justice Briand, with the approval of M. Millerand, the Minister of War, has given his approval to the proposed bill which would allow soldiers who are unable to leave the front to contract marriages by proxy.

There is no news of the S.S. Ethio getting clear of her ice-bound position off Flacaria.

News Items From Many Sources

In the United States cities there was last year one bank to every 9,700 people, and in Canadian cities one to every 3,100 persons.

While the allies own in their various territories 48,000,000 horses, the number in Germany and Austria is put at but 8,700,000.

"Inglorious isolation" is the condition of the German empire to-day. With the exception of an internally-divided Austria and the miserable Turks dragged into its service, the whole civilized world is opposed to its militarism.

Barbados, D. W. I., Feb. 8.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, arrived here today from Buenos Ayres.

Johnson said he would attempt to charter a steamer to take him to Vera Cruz, as no other means is available for his fight with Jess Willard on March 6.

Seven sons of an elderly blind Frenchman named Chopard, of the village of Chautout, near the Swiss frontier, were called to the colors last August and marched away to war.

For a long while the father heard nothing from them. Becoming alarmed applied for assistance to the bureau for the exchange of information regarding prisoners of war.

Transylvania, of the Cunard Line, has sailed for Liverpool carrying on her forward deck two fourteen-inch guns, assigned to the Harland & Wolff Shipbuilding Company, Belfast.

One of the passengers on the ship was Flight-Commander Spencer Grey, who has the distinguished-service order medal, said to have been worn in his recent aeroplane exploit over Düsseldorf.

London, January 30.—Consols unchanged at 68 1/2. Canadian Pacific 3 1/2 lower at 163 1/2. Grand Trunk, 10 1/2; De Beers, 9 1/2, and Rand Mines, 4 1/2, all unchanged.

Financial News Of the World

Money and discount rates were extremely quiet.

WAR-TIME CHANGES IN TRADE. In December, Britain's imports of food and drink increased \$39,500,000 over 1913, while import of raw materials decreased \$36,950,000, and export of manufactured goods decreased \$59,350,000.

INTERNATIONAL BALANCE SHEET. "It is reasonable," the London "Statist" remarks of Britain's enormous purchases from us, "to expect that the debts due from the United States to this country will very soon be liquidated; and that then the balance of indebtedness will be against this country, not against the United States."

LOANS AND THE MONEY MARKET. Why did the issue of the \$1,750,000,000 British war loan not cause a ripple on London's money market? Because, one British critic answers, "both of the abnormal size of the market's available credits and the fact that the Government is spending at such a rate upon war supplies that the loan proceeds have been paid out as fast as they come in."

EUROPEAN PRICES IN WAR TIMES. The average price of commodities in Britain at the end of 1914, was the highest since 1875.

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READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

The Founder of Modern Russia

St. Petersburg, the modern capital of Russia, now rechristened Petrograd, was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, who died over 100 years ago.

Peter first built a small hut for himself and a few wooden hovels, his choice of a new capital was generally condemned and the majority of the nobles preferred that Moscow should remain the seat of government.

Peter, since well-named "the Great," was an extraordinary character. Russia's rise to a great world power was due to his genius.

M. Alexander Felix Joseph Ribot, the French minister of finance, who was entrusted with the gigantic task of financing the French participation in the greatest war in history, will be seventy-three years old on Sunday.

He married an American woman, Miss Minnie Burch, the daughter of a Chicago banker. M. Ribot was born in St. Omar, Feb. 7, 1842, and was the laureate of the Paris Law School at twenty-two.

He was while he was a rising young lawyer at the Paris bar that he fell in love with Miss Burch, whose father had just lost a sensational divorce suit in Chicago.

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Snow Hinders Military Manouvers

Feb. 12.—Deep snow is proving to be of the greatest hindrance to military operations in the Carpathian Mountains, according to special despatches from Austro-Hungarian press sources.

Reports received in Berlin from the western and eastern theatres of the war indicate no change worth mentioning at any point.

FINDS FAULT WITH WILSON. Calgary, Alberta, Feb. 12.—"The ridiculous Gilbertian birthday message which President Wilson, in behalf of the American people, sent to that monster, that incarnation of crime and savagery, the German Emperor, was an intense disappointment to me."

Sporting News

Patrick J. Moran, the new leader of the Philadelphia National League club, is an old timer at the national game. He has begun his fortieth year, having been born in Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 7, 1875.

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PURITY FLOUR advertisement featuring an image of a flour sack and text: 'THE All-purpose Flour, and superior for every purpose. Highest grade in the world. Purity label guarantees success, or your money back.'

F. P. U. and U. T. C. Motor Engines For Sale advertisement: 'We have in stock a few F.P.U. (4 h.p.) and U.T.C. (6 h.p.) Motor Engines. Those Engines are 2 Cycle, made by Fraser.'

BERRIES For Sale advertisement: 'For Sale a few barrels of good Partridge Berries. In air tight packages. Sent home for \$4.00 per barrel.'

SOME CHALLENGE! advertisement for Caille Perfection Ignition System: 'The Trouble-Proof Engine. PERFECTION WATERPROOF IGNITION SYSTEM. No Coils—No Batteries—No Timer.'