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GERMANY NOT STARVING

Lieut. F. G. Lawson, Writes From
Freiburg, But Food Conditions
Won't End War

"Everything is in good condition here
and the war won't end because of the
food question," says Lieut. Frank G.
Lawson, writing from Freiburg Prison
Camp, Germany, to his brother, Ernest
Lawson, of Toronto. Lieut. Lawson,
who was formerly an officer in the Tor-
onto Light Infantry battalion, reached
France with an officers' draft early in
May. He was only in the trenches a
short time when he was taken prisoner
in the same engagement in which his
commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Denison,
was killed. He was first removed to
Karlsruhe Prison Camp, but was later
transferred to Freiburg.

In writing home he says:
"My diary would read like a Cook's
tour, because I only left England less
than a month ago and I have traveled
through a good part of France and Ger-
many since then. War is quite remote
from our thoughts here, and our treat-
ment is better than I thought it would
be; in fact, I am surprised at the friend-
liness of all the Germans I have come
in contact with. It speaks well for
world conditions after the war."

"There were about 250 of us at
Karlsruhe, but only 40 odd were moved
here to start a new camp. At Karlsru-
he we lived in huts, and had a small
area of ground to move around in, also
a library and recreation club, whereas
here we have yet to start these things.
We are living in what was formerly a
house of Freiburg, and there is a square
or inner court where we get a little fresh
air. Fifteen of us are in this room, and
we are as comfortable as one could expect,
rather enjoyed my trip on the train, be-
cause it gave me an opportunity to see
part of Germany, and it is a beautiful
country, long ranges of mountains, and
also fine agricultural land. Everything
is in good condition, and in fact the
war won't end because of the food ques-
tion. The Hun places entire reliance on
the submarines to end the war by mid-
summer, but they have another guess
coming, and I imagine it will stretch
into another winter. Here's hoping that
I may be home for next Christmas, however."

**GERMAN GOVT'S PLANS
FOR POST-WAR TRADE**

Has "Superabundance of Raw Materials
To Throw Back on the World"

Contrary to the general belief, Ger-
many during the past three years has
not turned out her shipbuilding activities
to the turning out of submarines and
other war vessels, says the latest issue
of Industrial Conversation. "Since the
outbreak of the war twenty-eight new
freight steamers have been constructed
in her shipyards."

"To the manufacturer and his em-
ployee there is a world of significance in
the correlated statements of fact, indicat-
ing as they do the extent to which
Germany is prepared for the campaign
of industrial reconstruction and the
wholesale conquest of world trade mar-
kets which she plans to undertake the
moment peace has been restored."

"When the war ends Germany will
have plenty of goods, in a few lines in
which she enjoys a superabundance of
raw materials, to throw back upon the
world markets. In those lines in which

Intolerable Burden On German Workers

Rebellious Sentiment Likely to Bring War
Collapse, Says Former American Vice
Consul

That Germany is near collapse, be-
cause of the breakdown of the economic
life within the empire, the increasing
burden on the wage earner, and the
rising flood of rebellious sentiment, is
the view of A. Curtis Roth, formerly
American vice consul at Plauen, who
writes in the current issue of The Sat-
urday Evening Post.

"The German high command," he
says, "is thoroughly confident that Ger-
many can fight on for fifty years in the
purely defensive warfare against the
combined forces of the world, if neces-
sary. But the German people will not
fight on for fifty years. I doubt very
much that they can be held to their
bitter task for another year. The great
mass of the people are rebellious in
their hearts, and they are only awaiting
an opportunity to express their rebel-
lious feeling in deed."

"Moreover, the German middle class,
the backbone of Germany's strength, is
becoming more and more convinced that
final victory cannot remain with the
Germans. German officialdom has
strained the bonds that formerly bound
it to the people until those bonds have
been broken. The people look with sus-
picion upon their Kaiser and all his
present rulers, and they are being
taught that all their hardships would
cease once they did themselves of
those rulers. There is needed only a
leader in Germany today to give the
widespread, dull, aching protest against
further useless sacrifices a restless mo-
mentum."

"The German classes were welded in-
to a marvelously well co-ordinated or-
ganism before the war. These classes
are now drawing apart. The great mass
of the people have come to feel that
their interests no longer go hand in
hand with those of the land barons, the
bureaucrats, or the great manufacturers
and merchants, with the financiers or
the shippers, or with their ruling fami-
lies. Their endurance has been tried to
the breaking point. They want a rest
from war; they must have such a rest,
soon, or they will turn savage in their
misery as did the German peasants once
before."

"Since my return to the United States
I have read many of the German litera-
ture of the last few years, and I have
acquired interest to the effect that the
splendid German social sense has
brought about an equitable distribution
of the burdens of the war upon all
classes of the people. These reports
clash with theory, not with fact. The
wage-earning class in Germany has
staggered under such an unequal load
of war burdens that it has become rest-
less and rebellious. There has been little
cause for the well-to-do to learn the

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**EXPERIMENT IN
COMMUNITY FARM**

Rotary Club of Toronto Handling
Fifty Acres Co-operatively

(Toronto Globe)

Some interesting data on production
costs on the farm are being gathered
by members of the Toronto Rotary
Club.

Last spring the members of this club
leased some fifty acres of land on
Vaughan road, just north of the old
Belt Line. The land had been subdivi-
ded for residential purposes, but has not
yet been disposed of. Last year 800
worth of hay was taken from the place,
and the Rotarians are paying the same
sum as rental this year.

But the land is not being devoted to
the production of hay today. "Twenty-
six acres are in potatoes, four in corn,
three in beans, one and a half in beets,
and the same in carrots. Half an acre
is in squash and cucumbers; other
minor crops cover smaller areas. All
told, about forty acres are under cultiva-
tion as rental this year."

Part of the work of preparing the
land for crop was done with a tractor
and part with horses. The potatoes
were planted with a potato planter,
operated by a man whose regular oc-
cupation is the playing of a pipe organ.
One retired farmer has been employed
the season through, but all the rest of

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SOLDIER, TAUNTED, SHOOTS TWO BOYS

Called Him "Fatty" and "Red
Head," and He Replied With
Bullets

Because a crowd of boys in the Italian
section of Brownsville, New York,
taunted the soldiers, a soldier shot
two boys, one of whom was killed.

Private William H. Cook of the Supply
Company of the Twenty-second In-
fantry, U. S. A. Engineers, is locked up
in the Brownsville police station on a
charge of felonious assault. According
to the police, Cook admitted the shooting,
but says he didn't mean to hit the boys.

The supply train of twenty-seven
wagons was escorted by a mounted troop
under Captain F. H. Adams. Each wag-
on was drawn by four mules, with a
driver and one other man on the front
seat, the cavalrymen in file on either
side. The wagons had gone from Fort
Hamilton, out through Eastern Park-
way. Drawing near the thickly popu-
lated Brownsville section, just before
noon, the wagons and soldiers attracted
large crowds of boys, who followed
along the way of the train. According
to witnesses, it was when the train
entered the Italian section, on the edge of
the city, that the boys began to get
"fresh." There were taunts hurled
at the soldiers, and the police received
reports that stones were thrown as well.
Many witnesses agreed that the boys
directed complimentary epithets at the
troopers.

One of the group appeared especially
hostile to a big driver, whom they called
"Fatty" and "Red Head," as he ran
along by the side of his wagon. In the
midst of their yelling a shot sounded
and two of the boys fell screaming
to the pavement. The police said that
the troop train did not stop. The
wounded boys were Charles Zollo, four-
teen years old, of 168 Stone avenue, shot
through the right shoulder, and Jan-
naro Boccano, thirteen years old, of 168
Stone avenue, shot through the left leg
and the left arm. Witnesses said they
heard only one shot, although the police
believe two or more were fired.

Policemen notified the Seventh Branch
and commandeered an automobile and
set out after the supply train. One of
the wounded boys had said that a big,
fat, red-headed man who was driving
had shot them. The detectives caught
up with the train about a mile from the
scene of the shooting and from the de-
scription given them picked out Cook.

They said that an examination of his
service revolver, a .45 Colt, showed that
three chambers were empty and that it
smelled as if it had been recently fired.
They took Cook to the Seventh
Branch where, it was said by the detec-
tives, he told them he had intended to
discharge the revolver over their heads
to frighten the boys who were hamper-
ing the progress of the train, but that it
went off in his hand. He expressed
keen regret for what had happened.

The detectives then took Cook to St.
Mary's Hospital, where, they said, the
wounded boys identified him. A charge
of felonious assault was lodged against
Cook at the Brownsville police station.

At the hospital it was said Zollo was
seriously hurt, but that Boccano, because
of the wound through his lung, might
not recover.

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