

MISFORTUNE STALKS MEN OF AUSTRIAN NOW

Hundreds of Vienna Bank Clerks Who Lost Jobs Now Mendicants.

MANY NEW BANKS STARTED DURING WAR

The Financial Slump of Last Summer Deprived Youths of Their Positions.

[The Associated Press.] Vienna, Dec. 30.—The hosts of cripples who for years after the war molested the frequenters of Vienna cafes and restaurants for alms have of late diminished in number. The majority of them contracted consumption from exposure and lack of food.

The number of banks in Vienna began to increase with the issue of each successive loan during the World War and broke all records (one bank to every 1,000 inhabitants) for a country with only 6,500,000 population when the period of inflation was at its height. At this time many hundreds of students at colleges and universities were talked over into abandoning their studies and accepting handsomely paid situations in the dozens of banks cropping up every week.

The financial slump of the past summer deprived these youths of their positions with the result that they are now to be met in every possible and impossible nook and corner seeking relief. Some are learning to become chauffeurs or are conductors on street-cars, while a great many spend the day hawking note-books, pencils, calculators and even matches in cafes and restaurants. All of them are men of higher education but this avails them naught. Four thousand of them were let out during the last four months, and many more are to be discharged with the beginning of 1925.

The government has been petitioned to contribute funds towards the erection of sheds wherein these men may find shelter when rendered homeless. What makes their lot in Austria most distressing is that there is not the ghost of a chance for any of them to get new berths in banks. Business is at a standstill. Then the Austrian law forbids any man to work at any trade to which he has not been apprenticed. This makes it impossible for these unfortunates to do anything but hawk goods or sweep the streets. But both of these occupations likewise are crammed full.

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MONDAY

The 12th day of January, 1925. At the Polling Place as follows:— DIVISION No. 1.—For all voters residing or owning property above the north-west centre line of Charlton street, prolonged, at or near the City Hall, in the said City.

NOMINATIONS

Every candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be qualified to vote at the election for which he is nominated and shall be nominated by at least TWO ratepayers residing in the City of Fredericton, and qualified to vote at the ensuing election for which such candidate is nominated.

Every nomination paper, with the certificate of the City Treasurer, shall be filed with the City Clerk by the time of the election, and not later than four o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, the 13th day of January, 1925, and the City Clerk, before receiving such nomination paper, shall ascertain from the same that the requirements of the Election Act have been complied with.

No candidate is qualified to be nominated for Alderman unless at the time of nomination he is a resident of the Ward for which he is nominated.

The acceptance of each candidate and the signatures of at least TWO resident qualified voters, who must sign the nomination paper, shall be proved by affidavit attached to the nomination paper.

In case of a contest, each elector shall be entitled to cast his vote for one candidate for Mayor, for ONE candidate for Alderman for St. Ann's Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Charlotte Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Queens Ward and for ONE candidate for Mayor, for ONE day.

Dated this 27th day of December, A. D. 1924.
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NO BARRIER TO LOVE

(Continued.) "No. If Miss Knox will allow me to accompany her I will be delighted."

And, for some reason or other, perhaps to prove how utter was her indifference, Miss Knox made no objection.

They started early in the afternoon. Jane looking shyly bewitching in her neatly fitting habit and broad Teral hat, Colonel Prinsop sitting erect in his saddle, scarcely glancing in his companion's direction, as he dismounted upon every subject likely to interest her, yet avoided with intention anything personal. Jane felt as though she must be in a dream.

Listening to his voice, the same, yet so changed to her. Knowing nothing of the memories that were surging through his brain, rendering him often unconscious of what he had said, and oblivious of her replies, she thought that it was only another sign that he had ceased to care for her, and made an effort to appear as unconcerned as he.

A boy ran out of a native hut shouting wildly and firing off several fireworks in succession. The sensitive Arab which Jenny rode first reared and plunged wildly, then started off at a furious gallop. Colonel Prinsop followed as quickly as his date, fence went too near. At present there was a chance of his settling down into a quiet canter when his—

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When her escort came up, he found her flushed and trembling, still holding the reins, her hair falling about her in magnificent masses, and glistening in the sun like autumn leaves, a hundred subtle shades of brown and gold.

He placed his hand upon Selim's shining neck. "The horse you trusted," he remarked, with what he tried to make a cynical smile, yet felt convinced was only feigned indifference.

"I shall never trust anything again," declared Jane, with decision. "Ah, you must not say that! Selim was only rash, not vicious. It would not be fair to condemn any one for a single fault."

She gave a swift glance into his face, wondering whether he were pleading for himself or for only Selim. To avoid her scrutiny he turned and took his horse from the native who was holding it. Then mounting he rode along quietly by her side.

The winter sun that shone coldly seemed to have reserved a special radiance for the girl's bright locks as they waved, noty behind her; there was, too, a gleam in her hazel eyes that had not been before.

Everything looked bright and beautiful that afternoon, though Selim, Prinsop, but nothing so bright, so beautiful as his whilom sweetheart.

After a time their relations grew less strained, less full of tremulous delight. They were talking as ordinary acquaintances might have talked, when at last they reached the bungalow where they were to dine.

Then Colonel Prinsop said, earnestly, and without connection to what they had been saying before: "Jenny, will you do what I am going to ask? Will you ask Mrs. Knox to tell you the whole story about Jacob Lynn's letters?"

A little nervously she promised; and then put her hand in his to say "good-bye." He relinquished it even sooner than courtesy might have dictated, but stood looking at her with gentle gravity. An almost leafless tree with graceful golden pods waved above her; behind a group of banana-trees—two large, mid-eyed bullocks were working a well, and the dream-whirrr of the wheel was the only sound that broke the stillness.

A woman with her face almost hidden by a silk-embroidered scarf stood watching them from a little distance. The scene was intensely Indian, yet Stephen Prinsop found his thoughts insensibly reverting to his English home, with its trim flower-beds and well-kept walks. In fancy he could almost imagine that even now he was walking under the avenue of chestnuts with his bride, pointing out to her each familiar spot they passed.

"You won't come in," asked Jane, timidly. "No. I won't come in, thank you. Good-bye."

CHAPTER XLII When Jane went in she found a note from her mother containing what had been so unwell that Mrs. Knox had called in a doctor, who pronounced it to be an utter breaking-up of health, consequent on his long residence in the country, and that the only remedy he could suggest was a year's leave to England.

"This, of course," wrote Mrs. Knox, "will be a serious pecuniary loss; but we must enter nothing that will restore to us your father as he used to be. All that he can never be again!"

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