

GERMANY NEARING CRISIS, BROUGHT BY FOOD SHORTAGE

Nations Must Either Win a Great Victory Soon or Sue for Peace, It is Declared—People Are Tired of War.

Germany must win a great victory soon or sue for peace to prevent a revolt of the civilian population being driven desperate by hunger, according to E. F. B. Delaney, general agent for the Holland-America line in Chicago and formerly consul from the Netherlands there.

Mr. Delaney has recently arrived in New York from Holland, where he was married to the daughter of Dr. A. S. Talm, until recently Dutch Minister of Agriculture and Labor. He returned to this country with a party of 50 officials of the Dutch government and engineers sent here to study American waterways, canals and locks and to purchase immense quantities of materials.

The information which came to Mr. Delaney from a Dutch official at Dusseldorf, indicates the plight of the German government in reaching an extreme stage and that their only hope of continuing the war is to win some great victory and thereby placate the growing rage of the people.

The civilian population is underfed, and the aged, ill and weak are dying by thousands because they cannot obtain the necessary sustenance. Food riots are of daily occurrence everywhere in Germany, and in Dusseldorf men and women repeatedly have rioted, to be beaten back by armed soldiers and many cases severely wounded.

"Every ounce of food which enters Germany and but little is going in, is distributed from Berlin," he said the other day, at the McAlpin Hotel.

"The most rigorous censorship is maintained to keep the true state of affairs from the world, but in Holland the general knowledge of exact conditions is becoming known and the people understand why Germany is fighting so desperately at Verdun and why the Austrians are smashing at Italy. It is essential for the continuance of the war that a great victory be won by the Central Powers so that the people may again put out the flag and the hands may play in the streets."

"It has been long since the German people rejoiced over a great triumph, but daily they are seeing the little medium of food they are permitted being diminished and the majority of the civilians are sadly underfed. The wife of the official who attended my wedding, who came from Dusseldorf with him, and who by the way, was an Englishwoman, was so weak and was suffering so from malnutrition that she could hardly walk a few hundred feet."

The civilians receive scant attention from the government so far as food is concerned and the patients in the tubercular and other disease hospitals are succumbing in large numbers because they cannot be fed. The whole attention of the government is centred on feeding its armies. All that food which comes to Germany, no matter who buys it—be it high or low—must go to the central depot in Berlin.

"From there it is distributed. The necessary food stores for the army are made up and what remains is apportioned about the country for the civilians. As an example the official of whom I speak received weekly two ounces of butter, or about the amount one eats at a meal, for the use of his wife and himself. He receives a certain small portion of meat on having his meat card presented and punched, but recently there have been times when there was no meat.

"Holland has placed an embargo on foods into Germany. When the official returned to Germany, his wife took buns and spread over these buns three pounds of butter, for she wanted the butter very much. When she reached the border the customs officials, who are very strict, took away the buns and butter, and permitted her to retain but three buns—her individual food allowances for actual consumption.

"The people through Germany are depressed, and recently the lassitude which followed their first outbursts of joy over early victories has been given place to a restiveness that is alarming the government. There have been riots in many places, and though every effort is made to keep them from becoming public they are becoming so frequent that it is impossible to do it.

"The babies, the aged and the weak are suffering. There must be some definite advance on Germany's part or she must admit defeat. In Holland the general belief among those who are qualified to know is that Germany is beaten but not destroyed. About 50 per cent. of the Dutch people are pro-Ally, but the majority, while wishing to see Germany beaten, do not want her smashed. They do not want her to be brought to a realization that 'defeat' is not a necessity for the world.

"All over Holland I found a certain friendliness for the United States as well as a certain criticism. It is believed over there that President Wilson has pursued a weak and vacillating course and that he has lost a magnificent opportunity to place this country in the front of the great nations of the world in not more strongly protesting against breaches of neutrality. Holland has received better treatment from Germany than the United States. She has between 400,000 and 500,000 trained soldiers under arms and this, added to her determined attitude, has been a lever in the discussions she has had with Germany.

"Many to whom I talked believe the President was weak because his people would not let him interfere with their 'dollar' making long enough to take a great place in the world as the

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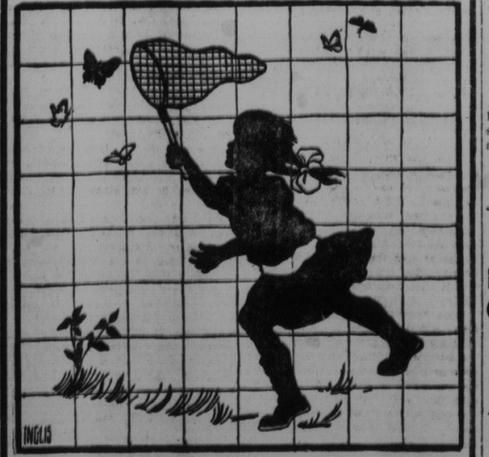
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(Special Correspondence of The Evening Post.)

Paris, October 12.—On Monday night the 16th, I got back to Paris from a three days' visit to the ruins of Rheims, which I visited in the war zone, and to the English Dames' Emergency Canteens in the "quartier des eclopes" or barracks where thousands of soldiers temporarily disabled are waiting until they can go back to the front line a few miles away, and to the village of Choleau-Bas, which is a complete and edifying example of the vengeance German soldiers have wreaked on civilians and their homes when forced to retreat, as they did there from the battle of the Marne. All this is a few miles from Nancy, where, as Senator Clemenceau has remarked daily for two years, the Prussians still are.

We were less than twenty miles from the spot where the giant artillery duel was going on in the Somme, and the air was filled with the rumble of big guns firing. Even at Compiègne, a long-distance bombardment of the Germans a year ago, smashed a Temple d'Amour that adorned what was once the Royal Park, and crumpled up stone buildings of an avenue in the city quite as if they had been really zincbread architecture. Tired with the noise and wounds and haunting images of all this backwash of war, I arrived in Paris only to find a note from the Foreign Office offering me for the morning a one-day trip to ruined Rheims.

It is practically on the firing-line, as German batteries are within three and four miles of the city, which is just within the French trenches. It is fifteen miles beyond the running of railway lines, and a military automobile has to be used for the trip; and this, with the formalities necessary in war for all visits to the fighting zone, made it important. I should seize the opportunity when offered. So the day after, on Wednesday the 16th, I set out at seven o'clock of a rainy

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