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## BRINGING A WOUNDED MAN TO THE AMBULANCE



Here a wounded British sergeant is being carried by comrades and Red Cross men from the battlefield down a hillside to where the ambulance is waiting under partial protection from the enemy's fire. (Official photograph taken on the front in France.)

## How It Was in Berlin Up to November 14

### Growing Difficulty of the Food Problem—Disappointment at Failure to Make Peace With Russia—Ruthlessness of German Rule in Alsace-Lorraine

(D. Thomas Curtin in London Times, Nov. 25.)

Mr. Curtin describes today the ruthlessness of German rule in Alsace-Lorraine. He also gives a message, which has just reached him from Berlin, describing the growing difficulties of the food problem in Germany.

I propose today to give an account of one of Germany's most carefully hidden secrets—the state of affairs in Alsace-Lorraine.

It will have been observed by careful students of the war that news from these lost provinces of France is chiefly noted by its absence. I found it difficult to obtain admission to these provinces. Strasbourg can be visited only with difficulty, even by travelling Germans.

Before giving my experiences there I would like to inform the public of some news that has reached me during the last few days. I cannot indicate the source, but it gives the state of affairs in Berlin up to November 14.

"Disappointment is felt in official circles at the failure to bring about a sep-

arate peace with Russia. This was confidently looked forward to, as was the fall of Verdun. Russia has stood firm against immense pressure and promises.

"Since you left Germany the food situation has reached an acute intensity, which could only be explained in a very long communication. The keen eagerness of the thrust into Roumania indicates the condition of the German larder.

"More and more sugar is being used in the munition factories, and an increasing quantity of milk for the manufacture of glycerine used for making explosives.

The infant age-limit for milk has been reduced to four years in many districts. There is a growing dissatisfaction among mothers in consequence. It is urged that infants and invalids should be provided with milk in priority to munition factories.

The richer Germans, the army, the navy, and the aristocracy are not suffering. The chief burden of the shortage is falling upon the middle classes, for the poor are being more and more supplied by the communal kitchens. Cocoa is still coming in in large quantities, but it is not allowed to be sold pure. It is now heavily adulterated with flour or starch.

"In Austria and Hungary the conditions are even worse, but the authorities aver that the situation is now at its lowest possible level of stringency. Mysterious promises are made of important changes, which are understood to mean the introduction of the supplies to be gathered in Roumania.

The retreat from Verdun, accompanied by the heaviest losses in that sector since the spring, has aggravated dissatisfaction, and even Hindenburg is being criticized. The censorship is more rigid than a month ago, and numbers of preventive arrests are being made. The labor question in North Germany has been relieved by the introduction of a number of Belgian and French workers.

The above is probably the only uncensored news that has come out of Germany for many days, and I can vouch for the accuracy of my informant.

A Night in the Open.

I was not to get into Strasbourg without trouble. Merely to enter the town for an hour's visit on business requires a military pass. To remain over night a special pass, only obtainable by great influence, is needed, and that is only granted to Germans—not neutrals. I stayed a day or two in Baden formulating my plans, and then resolved to try to stroll into Strasbourg one evening.

I had thought out my project carefully. Unprovided with a pass, it was impossible to go to an hotel. I must therefore sleep in the open. I had good fortune, arising from the fact that a great troop movement was taking place, with consequent confusion and crowding, and so, directly it was dark, I began my journey.

On all sides from the surrounding

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Social Democrat friend—not, I may say, a Frenchman.

The Iron Hand.

The Germans have treated Alsace-Lorraine ruthlessly since the outbreak of war. In no part of the Empire is the iron hand so evident. In Strasbourg itself all signs of the French have disappeared. Readers who know the place will remark that they were vanishing before the war. Externally they have now gone altogether, but the hearts and spirit of the people are as before.

A Social-Democrat friend told me that the Prussian government determined at the beginning of the war that they would have no more Alsace-Lorraine problem in the future.

They have, therefore, sent the soldiers from these two provinces to the most dangerous places at the various fronts. One Alsace regiment was hurled again and again at the old British army on the Yser in November, 1914, until at the end of a week only three officers and six men were left alive. Some of the most perilous work at Verdun was done by the Alsace Lorraine.

The Prussian authorities deliberately retain with the colors Alsace Lorraine and Lorraine, and for military purposes force upon the Alsace Lorraine.

In the little circle to which I was introduced in Strasbourg, I talked with one sorrowing woman, who said that her son, obviously in an advanced state of tuberculosis, had been called up in spite of protests. He died within three weeks. Another young man, suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, was called up. Even the large concert room was crowded with cots.

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### WONDERFUL TRAINED

DOG TROUPE; OTHER GOOD THINGS AT GEM

Mackie and Walker Score Hit and Pictures, Too, Are Enjoyed in New Programme

Vaudeville at the Gem, under the entire change programme yesterday, holds to the high standard of excellence set up at the outset. The pictures, too, continue to be marked by judicious selection and qualities that make them popular. The large numbers who saw the new programme yesterday and last night were well entertained and were not reluctant to express their satisfaction.

Of the pictures, there was an exciting episode, No. 12, in "The Yellow Menace," which is holding the interest of patrons strongly. The treachery of Hong Kong Harlow, this time proves the truth. They more effectively brought out because of the part that Lone Eagle, an Indian chief, is made to play, and in showing the effect of some "civilized" ways upon the son of the forest. The story is unfolded in an entertaining manner and the picture was well liked.

The first vaudeville number was Mackie's dog circus and to say that it pleased young and old alike is a mild statement. At the matinee the kiddies were in an uproar of delight. Two men conduct the act and there are nine dogs, all tiny ones. They are excellently trained and do some amazing things. The act is superbly dressed. It opens with the curtain disclosing the dogs, each on a little brass stool and under a red shade, with red lights coloring the whole scene. Then the dogs go through a series of tricks, many of them remarkable. For instance, one plays a miniature piano, and a trio "sing" songs. The act closes with one climbing a fifteen-foot ladder and leaping into its master's arms. The equipment is of the most strikingly attractive. The dog circus may be put down as scoring a hit.

Mackie and Walker, two eccentric men comedians held the stage for fifteen minutes of fun and patter and song. They have a good dialogue, the action is quick and there are a lot of laughs un-der the cover of their comicalities, particularly when the fat and funny Mackie scores a point over the stylishly dressed Walker. They sing well and their act is a good one. The longest note is good. They close with a patriotic number in which they quickly aroused enthusiasm.

With the vaudeville as good as this and five reels of motion pictures, Gem patrons are being well entertained. This programme will run until including Friday night; complete change on Saturday afternoon.

The use of the French language, whether in speech or writing, is strictly forbidden. To print, sell, offer for sale or purchase anything printed in French is to commit a crime. Detectives are everywhere on the alert to discover violations of the law. All French trade names have been changed to their German equivalents. For example, the sign Guillaume Ronde, Tailleur, has come down, and if the tradesman wished to continue in his business Wilhelm Ronde, Schneider, must go up. He may have a quantity of valuable business forms or letter-heads in French—even if they contain only one French word they must be destroyed. Those intimate friends who are accustomed to address him by his first name must bear in mind that it is Wilhelm.

Elodie was a milliner at the outbreak of the war. Today, if she desires to continue her business, she is obliged to remove the final "e" and thus Germanize her name.

Diet Muzzled.

The very members of the local parliament, the Straits Settlements, are completely muzzled. They have been compelled to promise not to criticize at any time, or in any way, the military control, otherwise their parliament will be closed. They do not even get the eugenic Reichstag reports from Berlin, as does the rest of the world. These are specially re-censored at Mulhausen. In no part of the war zone is there so much ignorance about what is happening at the various fronts as in these two lost provinces.

The result of the persecution of the French-speaking portion of the popula-

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tion has been a boomerang for Prussia. The Alsatian-Germans, who never cared much for Prussia, are now bitterly hostile to her, and time it is that all Alsatians, whether French or German, who go into other parts of Germany are under the same police regulations as alien enemies. If a placidist is ever taken in regard to the future in Alsace, France need have no fear of the outcome if the poll is taken free from coercion.

Twenty-two members of the crew were saved.

Steamers Torpedoed.

London, Dec. 6.—The Spanish steamship Uribitarte, 1,756 tons gross, is reported to have been torpedoed. Her crew has been landed.

The British steamer Elswick Park, which left Philadelphia on Sept. 8 for Santos, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

Lloyd's reports that the Greek steamer Fofa, 2,615 tons, has been torpedoed. The crew was saved.

Interred Ships Active.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 6.—Extraordinary activity has been noted for several weeks on board the German ships interned here, according to the Journal. Some of the vessels have been receiving provisions and coal, and others are clearing their deck. According to the Journal, there is every indication that the ships are preparing to set out secretly in order to avoid requisition.

American Under Fire.

New York, Dec. 6.—The steamship John Lambert, listed in the Maritime Register as an American vessel, was shelled and sunk without warning by a German submarine off the Isle of Wight on November 28, according to members of the crew, Americans, who arrived here today on the French line steamship Espagnole from Bordeaux.

THE COST OF LIVING

A citizen in touch with the milk situation outlines a plan by which the poor people could get milk by calling at community stations. The suggestion would be the establishment of milk depots, where milk would be sold for six cents.

At a meeting of DeMonto Chapter, I. O. D. E., held yesterday a resolution was unanimously passed whereby the members had it put on record that they were strongly opposed to the present high cost of living and that they will co-operate with any body of women in an attempt to lower the prices of staple foods.

At Monday evening's town council meeting in Chatham the advanced price of milk was discussed and will be immediately investigated. A committee was appointed to look into the affair.

A dish of cold water in the oven will prevent cake from burning.

Crew Perishes in Storm.

Madrid, Dec. 6, via Paris, 1:01 p. m.—One hundred members of the crew of the Spanish steamer "No IX," from New Orleans for Barcelona, were drowned by the sinking of the vessel in a storm when 200 miles off the Canary Islands.

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