



The Verdun front, the straightening out of which is likely part of the German programme.

HUNS LOSE TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

Copra Business Now Comes to America

Teutons Held Control

Pacific Coast Interests Combine to Develop South Sea Commerce — Will Hold it After the War

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 9.—(Correspondence)—Copra (dried coconut) is the staple product of the South Pacific Islands. The latter-day history and progress of those islands are bound up with copra. One of the many commercial surprises of the war has been the fact that a powerful Australian-American combination has been set in operation to turn it to greater account than ever and to forward the efforts which Germany will inevitably make after the war to recover her lost paramountcy in the trade.

Since the war elimination of German trade has caused many changes in commerce, and not a little difficulty has been experienced by various industries in this part of the world in overcoming obstacles accruing therefrom and accommodating themselves to the changes. Copra is an instance of this. Prior to the war Germany practically dominated the copra trade and the major part of the output was secured in her interests. The chief market for copra was Germany, although a portion of the supply went elsewhere. Concerns registered at Hamburg and heavily capitalized exploited not only the coconut plantations of the German colonies in the Pacific, but those of other islands, as for example, Tonga.

With the declaration of war and the occupation by the allies of German territory in this quarter of the world the German copra trade ceased to exist and planters throughout the island were confronted with loss or ruin. Burns, Philp & Co., of Sydney, whose name is practically synonymous with the names of the islands in the Western Pacific—New Guinea, the Solomons and others—stepped into the breach and saved the situation. This firm had long been the

German's chief competitors and were the Australian principle in the Yabed case of about a dozen years ago. This case arose from the arbitrary course of the German Government in the Yabed case, which governed the Marshall and Carolines at the time. The German refusal to permit Burns, Philp & Co. to trade in those two groups, and in doing so violated the British-German treaty of 1896 relating to the two nations' respective possessions in the Western Pacific.

There should be mutually fair opportunity for trade. The outcome of the case was a victory for the Australian firm before the Hague tribunal, its partial indemnification by Germany for losses sustained and reforms in the German colonial policy.

When the war had been in progress about two years, Burns, Philp & Co. ousted from "the islands," where it has large interests, what remained of the German influence and secured for themselves and other British firms a monopoly of those islands' copra. This was a process which required not a little financial skill and risk. With the European markets closed to copra on account of the war, fresh markets had to be found. These were opened up in the United States by Burns, Philp & Co. Up to this time the United States had not been an importer to any extent of copra. But once a demand was created the supplies sought by American interests grew to large proportions. Such is the case today. When the question of marketing arose, Burns, Philp & Co. sent J. Mitchell to the United States to see what could be done to meet the shortage of copra which is acute in the antipodes. Mr. Mitchell returned to Sydney the first of January after an absence of a year. Success attended his trip. In San Francisco he placed an order for three wooden auxiliary vessels, all of which were delivered last November. It had not been that the United States government requisitioned all the available stocks of chains and anchors the boats would have been ready sooner. Each of the vessels is of 500 tons and they will be employed in the Pacific inter-island trade for which they are specially fitted. A fourth vessel of the same type is being built for the company by a local firm.

But much the most important thing done by Mr. Mitchell was the formation of the Burns, Philp & Co. of San Francisco, Incorporated. This concern links up Burns, Philp & Co. here with with Pacific Coast interests. The directors of the American Burns, Philp & Co. are: J. Mitchell, president; George Dent; Douglas Crane, vice-president; and J. G. Billings & Son, vice-president. The general manager is D. W. C. Cross, who was formerly in the employ of Burns, Philp & Co. in Sydney.

The Burns, Philp Company of San Francisco has acquired a number of these ships either by purchase or charter, and these are being worked to their utmost capacity in the carriage of copra and other Pacific island products. The interest of the Australian and American firms.

It is interesting to recall that the Commonwealth's Interstate Commerce Commission went into the subject of copra trade of the Pacific very exhaustively about two years ago. In the course of the testimony, Joseph Meek, managing director of Lever Brothers, Ltd., the British soap manufacturers, who are owners of extensive coconut plantations in the "islands," said that at that time the copra output was about 75,000 tons yearly. But he predicted that within five years it would rise. In 1918, he said, the price rose from \$95 a ton to \$185 a ton. During this investigation also it was shown that just prior to the war the North German Lloyd had plans afoot for monopolizing the copra trade of the Pacific, including that of the Philippines.

Involved in the copra trade is the matter of glycerine for British munitions. This phase of the trade was discussed at length in the Australian parliament a few months ago.

BRITISH AIRMEN DROP THREE TONS OF BOMBS ON THE BRUGES DOCK.

London, March 13.—(Wednesday)—Today's report on the activities of British naval aircraft reads: "Naval aircraft dropped three tons of bombs on Monday night on the Bruges dock. The results could not be observed through poor visibility. On Thursday morning bombs were dropped and a large fire started among the billets and sidings at St. Pierre Capelle."

"During patrols, enemy trenches were subjected to machine gun fire and two enemy machines were brought down. A hostile balloon which was drifting was shot down."

"One of our machines is missing."

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A delightful cup of coffee by simply adding boiling water makes 25 cups.

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EASED BY SECOND DOSE OF Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills

One of the first danger signals announcing something wrong with the heart is the irregular beat or violent throb. Often there is only a fluttering sensation, or an "all-gone" sinking feeling, or again you may experience a smothering sensation, gasp for breath and feel as though about to die.

In such cases the action of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills in quieting the heart, restoring its normal beat and imparting tone to the nerve centres, is, beyond question, marvellous.

Mrs. Frank Arsenau, Newcastle, N.B., writes: "I had awful attacks of heart trouble for the past five or six years, and as I had tried many kinds of medicine without getting any better, I decided to give Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills a trial, and to my surprise I found ease from the second dose. I continued taking them until I had used six boxes, and now I feel as well as can be."

"At present my sister is taking them for nervousness, and finds great comfort by their use."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

THE BOY OF THE FUTURE.

(Pittsburg Leader.)

Admiral Peary struck the keynote of the period when he said this is the era of the boy—that everything is being made over and improved for the boy of the future. If the distinguished speaker had the second too steadily upon military possibilities that lie across the path of the boy of the future, the explanation may be found in the fact that the boy of today and tomorrow because the youngest of military men are being drawn or beaten down. The human race will be many hundreds of years old before there is an end to the periodic returns of the savage instincts in that bring to the top the desire to go out, dig themselves into a hill and with a gun in his hands wait and watch for the other men who are doing the same thing on another hill. But the time is much closer when the savage men will be so relatively few that they will have to be content with the few who have failed to advance with the rest of the world. The boy of the future will not only see Dad and Son closer together, but every unit of the social organization. Old relations that have been worn out and through the war cast into the discard will not shut out from a comfortable place in the reorganized society the newly fashioned ties that unite the family members. Admiral Peary's claims for the value of military training are denied by the primal facts running beneath and all through the war which produced the meeting he addressed. The one nation that has given military training its highest development is the world's greatest menace. The boy of the future and his dad have a great prospect, but it is not created by a gun and cartridge belt.

Report Many Cases of Rheumatism Now

Says we must keep feet dry; avoid exposure and eat less meat.

Rheumatism is caused by poisonous toxin, called uric acid, which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine. The pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In cold and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid and stimulate the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

Jad Salts is a harmless and healthful remedy made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effective lithia-water drink which overcomes uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well.

"PRUSSIA EPTIMIZED"

(Toronto Globe.)

Probably the briefest and wisest appreciation of German psychology in its relation to the war situation has been spoken. The words are those of George Archibald, an American jockey, who has just got away from Austria. The Philadelphia Ledger deals with them under the heading "Prussia Eptimized." The lad's comment was as follows:—

"Don't let this German peacock fool you too much. Just give them a winning streak and they'll insist on annexing New York and Chicago. On the other hand, if they pull an offensive just give 'em another dose of that Verdun stuff and they'll be eating out of your hand."

This witty and profound analysis, The Ledger points out, emphasizes the fact that "horse sense" and high psychology, when it is sound, come to the same thing: that the genius of wisdom truly Young Mr. Archibald, in his own way and in his own words, has grasped the fundamental difference between Anglo-Saxon and Prussian. The latter is the exponent of the might-is-right doctrine. He depends on force and frightfulness. He yields to fear rather than to reason, claims to "enjoy on"—with all the military, the economic, the moral, and the intellectual weapons of his hands, apothecosis of common sense.

While Rev. Benj. L. Smith, of Moberley, Mo., was shaving, his wife stole up behind him and cut his throat.

FRENCH SOLDIERS DIG UP BURIED TREASURE

After Three and a Half Years They Recover Money While Homas Are Left in Ruins by Enemy.

(By W. A. Willson, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Headquarters, March 14.—Searching among the debris of what had formerly been his home, a returned French villager found \$20,000 francs yesterday. The men were assisted in their digging operations by four Canadian soldiers. At least another three-quarters of a million is said to be buried in the neighborhood which the French civilians evacuated in August, 1914, six hours before the arrival of the Germans, expecting to return in about a fortnight. Now they are coming back three and a half years later to find the whole area in ruins, but with their hoards still untouched.

With the advent of fine weather baseball materials are appearing by magic all over the Canadian front. Cries of "over the pan," and "at a boy" are heard once again in the battle area.

REPORT CANADIAN SOLDIERS SHOT TO U.S. FOR TREATMENT UNTRUE.

On Other Hand Authorities at Washington Are Looking to Canada for Advice in Handling Soldier Patients of Their Own.

Ottawa, March 14.—The report that returned Canadian soldiers in need of medical treatment have had to be accommodated in hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts, because of the overcrowded conditions in this country, as reported in Boston newspapers, is denied here. The secretary of the Invalid Soldiers Commission, Ernest H. Scamwell, said it was news to him and at militia headquarters it was said there was absolutely nothing in the report and that if there were any Canadian soldiers in Boston hospitals they were absentees from the units of whose strength they are carried. It is also denied that there are any Canadian soldiers to be sent to America for treatment.

It is stated that the United States experts who have been under consideration for the accommodation and care of American soldiers who return for convalescent treatment, are turning to Canada for help in this direction.

His Spelling.

Kindly Visitor—I suppose, Henry, that you are able to spell?

Henry (whose father owns an automobile)—Yes, sir. I can spell words of four cylinders.

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