

### AUSTRIA'S MART FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

#### Franz Joseph Sets Up Clearing House for Love Letters to Italian Soldiers.

### BIG BANKING BUSINESS

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Mauthausen, Austria, Sept. 10.—From a picturesque though little known village on the upper Danube, Mauthausen has become the "clearing house" in Austria for Italian prisoners of war.

Its peace-time population of a few hundred persons has grown to the size of a small city and each month there pass through it, with a three weeks' stop for quarantine purposes, several thousand Italian soldiers and several hundred Italian officers.

The town consists of a group of picturesque houses, a church or two and an ancient palace that clings to the edge of the Danube. What may be called the new city consists of acres upon acres of white-washed barracks, holding when full 42,000 soldiers.

There were only some 8,000 or 10,000 Italian soldiers interned in the "city" when The Associated Press correspondent arrived to pay the camp a visit.

Two days earlier there had been 25,000, but the greater part of them had been sent out along their way—to permanent camps in eastern Austria and Hungary.

Love and Money Sent. Daily there arrive at Mauthausen some 8,000 bulky parcels or "love gifts" from relatives and friends in Italy. The banking and bookkeeping department of the camp has to maintain a ledger with something over 41,000 running bank accounts, the total of which far exceeds 1,000,000 crowns. Each prisoner, wherever he may be, is permitted to possess 10 crowns a week for canteen spending money. All that he receives from home over that goes into his account. The actual handling of cash devolves upon Austrian officers; the bookkeeping is done by Italian prisoners of war, who are thus in a position to know that the funds of the camp are being honestly and accurately administered.

So long as he stays in Mauthausen, which may be for a year if his conduct is good, the Italian soldier is offered the privilege of a school in which illiterates are taught to read and write and in which the better educated may take courses in German, in English and in other useful subjects. If so inclined, he may take up painting and wood carving and sculpture. He will be furnished the materials, his "product" will be sold at a price not under a minimum set by himself and he will be given the balance between sales price and cost of materials. Or he can enter either the stringed orchestra or the brass band.

Efficiency Everywhere. The correspondent saw an exhibition of one of the half dozen fire companies, composed wholly of Italians, who guarded the camp from a possible conflagration, and who as a matter of fact have kept the fire loss, despite the wooden construction, down to two barracks and no loss of life. Fire prevention is further aided by a high fire tower in the center of the camp, on which two men constantly stand guard, with a horn to warn of a blaze and a flag to indicate its direction.

The colonel of the camp led the correspondent through the wash rooms—huge barracks fitted with showers and heated in winter time, or equipped with rows of faucets for washing hands and faces—and through the living barracks. The latter are large and roomy—and very clean—far better than any the correspondent had seen in the course of visits to camps in other countries.

The hospital section of the camp is one of the best in Austria, in cleanliness and equipment. It is the colonel's boast that there never has been an epidemic of any character, that only such diseases as were brought by the men have ever been encountered, and that there have been a large number of cures. Deaths occur regularly, as in any large community, but now the cause is chiefly tuberculosis of ancient standing among the prisoners.

Since the wounded as well as the well often come to Mauthausen the camp has met the need for artificial limbs by creating a little factory for manufacturing these grim implements and up to date has turned out about 150 and trained the war victims to use them.

The Young Men's Christian association amusement hall with its tiny stage has been equipped with scenery made by the prisoners and with a drop curtain showing the Bay of Naples. Here, too, are the educational classes, conducted by the intelligent and gifted Italians.

Message to America. The English classes are conducted by "Tony" Tenore, who told the correspondent that a brother in New York (Frank Tenore of 300 Bridge street, Brooklyn) believed him to be dead because he had no opportunity to communicate with him. The Italian, who said he had lived two years in America, begged to be remembered to the brother.

One of the chief aims of the authorities is to give the men as much opportunity to work as possible and on the whole find them tractable and willing. If the men do nothing they receive 6 cents a day if privates, 12 cents if corporals or sergeants and 18 cents if higher non-commissioned officers. If they go out to work on farms or in quarries or roads they get a settled sum in addition.

Self-government, in addition, as it is possible, has been introduced, and the common soldiers are commanded by their own non-coms and merely supervised by Austrian troops. According to the number in camp they live, 150 to 250, in the big, airy, lighted barracks, with their own superior told of to keep them in order.

Their food, so far as the correspondent could judge from an examination of a week's bill of fare, appears to be simple, though somewhat monotonous. They have two mealtimes a day, as all the rest of Austria does; a fallow day and the other restrictions. But the authorities find it hard to compel Italian tastes to accustom themselves to Austrian food.

favorite Italian bread—which arrives to the extent of about 20,000 packages a week. Though the men are inclined to be moody at times, in keeping with their temperament, none of them seem to have lost spirit so far as the war is concerned. The colonels laughed as they told of the marked change in the camp when the prisoners read of the beginning of the general offensives against the central powers. And express a firm belief in the eventual victory of his side.

### Chinese President Entertains at The Tea Party

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Peking, Aug. 30.—President Li Yuan-hung, entertaining the members of parliament at an informal tea party in the foreign office building, delivered a brief address, asking for the united support of the members in approving the compromise cabinet. The president said:

"We have just passed through a great crisis, and your advice is needed on many questions of reform. These I shall submit to you in due course and wait for your decision. What the country has been looking forward to is the formation of a cabinet. Yuan-hung is a man of small virtue, and he greatly fears that, in spite of the utmost care, he may after all have failed to select men sufficiently talented to meet the requirements of the day and to satisfy the expectations of the people. This much, however, he is able to say. After two months of careful selection and many changes after the appointments were actually made, he has chosen a body of men, who, while they may not be perfect in themselves, are nevertheless good for certain reasons.

"In my opinion, as restoration of the republic has been accomplished by the work of many, the personnel of the cabinet cannot be limited to persons of any one party. On this principle Yuan-hung decided to form the present cabinet. It is hoped that you will take into consideration the difficulties that are before us and bear the same in mind when the cabinet is submitted to you for approval.

"As to the livelihood of the people and the program of national reconstruction, hundreds and thousands of questions are involved. These I shall consult you about from time to time for your valuable opinion. I hope you will, when you have time, after your work in Parliament, often call on me, so that misunderstanding may be avoided. Unlearned as Yuan-hung is, he intends to treat with you in the spirit of frankness and sincerity to the end that we may all co-operate in the great task of building up the nation. Be assured that I shall be pleased to accept your valuable advice."

### Carrier Pigeons In War Service

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Behind the Somme Front, Sept. 9.—Scattered along the German lines in France, but several miles to the rear, are a succession of "carrier pigeon stations" which form an effective link in the German scheme of defense, and in times of extreme stress can become well nigh invaluable. Especially is this the case when all other means of communication from the front trenches with the rear are destroyed.

In the trenches are kept cages of trained pigeons. The birds are kept constantly in practice so that in times of emergency they will go without fail to some station to give word of disaster that might have been telephoned had not the telephone connection been shot away or otherwise destroyed.

The messages are written on tiny pieces of paper, enclosed in thimble-like aluminum containers which are attached to the leg of the bird, and the fliers are released. If longer messages must be sent, or maps have to be transmitted, these are enclosed in a large container which is attached to a sort of harness that can be put over the bird's head and fitted tight to its body.

### LOST STATUETTE FOUND AT LAST

#### Pompadour Blue, Highly Prized in France, Finds Its Way Back to Sevres Factory.

### CONSIDERED WORK OF ART

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 9.—The national porcelain factory at Sevres has just recovered a dainty statuette which it prizes more than any of the famous works of the establishment, for it is the original figure of Madame de Pompadour which the Sevres factory made and presented to her over 150 years ago in gratitude for her founding the institution.

Madame de Pompadour's name is chiefly linked with the gay life of Louis XV. But the famous beauty not only vied with Madame du Barry in the gay world, but she also exercised much influence in the serious affairs of state. One of the most notable of these works was the creation of the Sevres porcelain factory, which is a national institution with an output of fine ceramics famous the world over. It was Madame de Pompadour who was the first patron of the institution, and to this day "Pompadour blue" designates some of the most delicate pieces of old Sevres ware.

"And that is why," said M. Bourgeois, administrator of Sevres, "that we prize so highly this statuette of Madame de Pompadour which has been recovered after being lost these many years."

The administrator pointed out the statuette, which was carefully guarded in a glass case. It showed the favorite of Louis XV, garbed as a shepherdess and leaning against an urn in the gardens of Versailles. Very thoughtfully another statuette of Louis XV had been placed alongside the recovered relic, so that as just as in the old days of reality at Sevres Louis and Pompadour were here united again in the same place.

Molds Are Destroyed. "As this statuette was specially modeled as a gift," M. Bourgeois explained, "the molds were destroyed

plained, the molds were destroyed after a few copies had been made. As a rule scores of examples of a work are made, and it is comparatively easy to obtain one of the originals, as to make another copy from the molds which are preserved. But as this was a special gift to the founder of our institution, it went only to her, and all other traces of the work were lost or destroyed. We had long known of the existence of the statue and had longed to recover such a historic work marking the foundation of Sevres. It was only by chance that we got track of it recently, and it was brought back as the most precious relic of the institution which made it as a gift to its founder."

### Roumanian Queen An English Woman

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Sept. 9.—One of the many reasons for rejoicing here at the entrance of Roumania into the war on the side of the allies is the fact that the Roumanian queen is an Englishwoman of great popularity. Before her marriage to the Hohenzollern prince who is now King Ferdinand, Queen Marie was the beautiful and popular daughter of the late King Edward's eldest brother, the late duke of Edinburgh. She is still regarded as beautiful, and, indeed, with her husband and two boys and four girls, is frequently spoken of as constituting the best-looking royal family in Europe, as well as the most photographed.

Queen Marie is beloved throughout her country for her generosity and constant efforts in behalf of the poor. She is the leading spirit of the Society of Goddeses of Roumania, each goddess acting as a fairy godmother to at least one poor child. The queen has an odd hobby in the collection of scent-bottles, of which she has more than 8,000.

When aboard her father's flagship at Malta, Roumania's future queen became a great favorite with officers and sailors. She had a great love of helping the ship's cook with his duties. On one occasion she fried fifty eggs and slices of ham and had them distributed among the men as a token of goodwill.

### American Lepers In Japan to Be Sent to Hawaiians

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Yokohama, Japan, Aug. 30.—The discovery of about twenty-five American lepers in different parts of Japan has become a pressing problem for American officials and for the American Association of Japan, which is undertaking to secure their transportation to the American leper home in the Hawaiian islands.

The lepers have made their way here in recent years with the hope that they might be healed at the famous Japanese hot springs, especially those at Kusatsu, which is always crowded with Japanese lepers taking the waters. Gradually they have drifted to missionary leper hospitals or have in other ways become burdens on the community. In view of the excellent asylum at Hawaii the American association is taking active steps to secure their removal.

Leprosy is one of the great questions seeking solution by modern Japan. It is estimated that the lepers of the empire number about 25,000. Five governmental leper asylums were established in 1907, but they accommodate only a few thousand. The remainder are scattered over the country, desperately seeking a cure in the hot springs or publicly begging in the marketplace or before the temple.

At the last session of the Diet the Japanese Leprosy Prevention society petitioned for the establishment of a national leprosiarium on some island in the Pacific ocean. The cost of the asylum was estimated at \$8,000,000, and its maintenance at \$250,000 a year. It is believed that at least one-third of the lepers could be housed and treated at once and it was contended by the petitioners that Japan could be cleared of lepers in the course of ten years.

### How to Judge a Woman by Her Hair

There are always the well-known and semi-humorous methods, such as saying brunettes are quick-tempered. But there is real common sense in just noticing whether the hair is well kept to judge a woman's neatness. If you are one of the few who try to make the most of your hair, remember that it is not advisable to wash the hair with any cleanser made for all purposes, but always use some good preparation made expressly for shampooing. You can enjoy the very best by getting some canthrox from your druggist and dissolving a teaspoonful in a cup of hot water when your shampoo is all ready. After its use the hair dries rapidly with uniform color. Dandruff, excess oil and dirt are dissolved and entirely disappear. Your hair will be so fluffy that it will look much heavier than it is. Its lustre and softness will also delight you, while the stimulated scalp gains the health which insures hair growth.—Advertisement.

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### French Marquis Is Coming to America

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Tokio, Aug. 30.—The marquis de Vitry of France, who has just completed a tour of South America and of the far east in the interest of the French government and of the French people, will sail for San Francisco on the steamer Shinyo Maru August 25 for the purpose of making an extensive tour of the United States.

Monsieur de Vitry's chief mission to the Pacific coast states will be the establishment of branches of the Franco-American committee, the headquarters of which is in Paris, and which has as its object the development of the intellectual relations between France and America. He will deliver a series of lectures to the people of the west. Later he will probably visit New Orleans and New York. A well known member of the French nobility and living a quiet, retired life in the beautiful chateau district of Touraine, Marquis de Vitry responded to the call of his country to make a trip around the world to tell something of France's aims and ambitions for the future. He bears letters of introduction to many prominent people of the United States.

One of the owners of the great French newspaper, Le Temps, he is

writing a series of letters for that newspaper and while in Japan has made arrangements with leading Tokyo newspapers for the transmission of a special service of the Japanese news to Le Temps. The arrangement is mutual and hereafter special dispatches and letters will be sent from France to Japan.

### Virginian With English Army a Song Writer

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Sept. 9.—Private Ralph Burnham, who came all the way from Virginia, where he was born of English parents, very soon after the call, "your king and country need you" and who joined the "Middlesex regiment," has developed into a writer and composer of music whose name will outlive the war.

The first song he wrote after joining met with great success. It was called "The Soul of the Empire," and has since been sung wherever soldiers are encamped. Recently, however, he has completed another piece, called "The Prayer of the World," which was immediately adopted as an army hymn and is sung at most church parades and religious services of the troops.

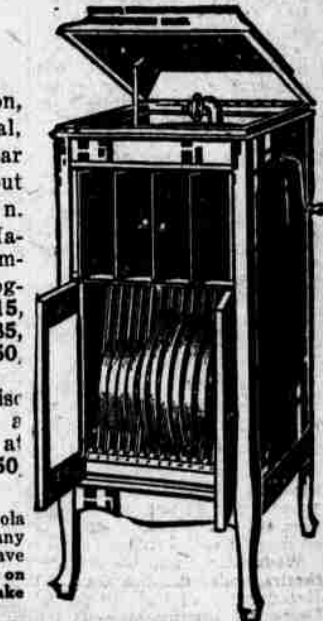
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