

### BERLIN DEFENDS DEPORTATION ORDER

It Says Only Men Who Refuse to Work in Belgium Are Sent to Germany.

ALL ARE PAID FOR WORK

Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 7.—(Via London, Dec. 8.)—The German government issued a statement today in explanation and justification of the transfer of Belgian laborers to Germany. It says the measure is by no means a hardship for the laborers, but is a social necessity.

Owing chiefly to the British embargo against Belgian overseas trade, which before the war supported a large part of the industrial population, large numbers of Belgian workers are idle, the statement says, and conditions are growing worse. Many families have become objects of public charity. This state of things is not due, as asserted in Belgium, to German requisitions of raw material, it is explained, for these requisitions occurred, as a rule, only where factories were unable to continue operations.

Million and Half Dependent.

Of 1,200,000 employes engaged in Belgian industries before the war 505,000, including 158,000 women, are now wholly without work and 150,000, including 46,000 women, are partly without work, making a total of 655,000 persons dependent on public aid. In addition to these there are 293,000 wives and 612,000 children of men without work, so that 1,560,000 persons, or one-fifth of the total Belgian population, require assistance.

More than 300,000,000 francs already have been spent in supporting these persons and 20,000,000 francs monthly will be required henceforth. These masses of idle people, the statement says, are degenerating, and drunkenness and social depravity are resulting.

Many Refuse to Work.

The German governor general, General von Bissing, early recognized the necessity of taking measures to help the idle to obtain employment. He caused municipalities to undertake public works to create employment where this was possible without imposing too great financial burdens.

Upon the suggestion of Belgians of practical insight, the governor-general issued an ordinance in August of 1915 against persons unwilling to work, which was made more stringent last March. These ordinances provide for compulsory transfer of workmen only when idle persons refused to accept work at reasonable pay, without adequate reasons, the provisions of international law protecting them against working on war material being recognized as adequate ground. The ordinances were directed chiefly against organized influences aiming to prevent laborers from accepting work voluntarily only because it was

offered by Germans. Nevertheless tens of thousands of them voluntarily accepted work in Germany at profitable wages.

The statement goes on to say that the labor situation in Belgium has grown worse and that conditions are now such as to necessitate improvement; hence the ordinances must be enforced more vigorously in order to relieve the situation. Before compulsory transport, however, every idle person is offered the opportunity voluntarily to accept profitable work on contract and compulsion is resorted to only where the laborer stubbornly refuses.

Workmen coming to Germany are placed on the same footing as Germans and are earning higher wages than they ever received in Belgium. Steps have been taken to send part of their earnings to their families in Belgium. The laborers also are permitted to make regular visits to their homes and families are allowed to accompany them to Germany, if that is desired. Provision also is made for religious services in their own language.

### Secretary Pool Makes Report of Fees of Office

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—According to the report of Secretary of State Charles W. Pool, the receipts of his office for the biennium extending from December, 1914, to Nov. 30, 1916, were \$273,666.38. Among the items which particular attention is called to is one for \$1,654.66 for the sale of automobile lists, which, it is said, has not been shown in previous reports of officials. The items as shown are as follows:

Articles of incorporation	46,574.44
Affixing state seal	2,031.00
Live stock brands	1,916.80
Certificates	2,119.98
Corporation permits	22,232.00
Corporation penalties	2,014.75
Miscellaneous	404.13
Sale statistics	2,582.00
Loan company licenses	750.00
Sale automobile lists	1,654.66

Mr. Pool estimates the cost of preparing the session laws of the coming session at \$4,500 and of administering the initiative and referendum at \$5,000.

Receipts from the automobile registration were \$54,469.90; motorcycles, \$2,184; expenses of automobile department, \$29,763.90.

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### New Attorneys Admitted To Practice at Lincoln

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—List of attorneys admitted on examination December 7, before the bar commission:

Virel Palfoon, Falls City; John E. Freeman, O'Neill; Arthur Merin Hare, Aurora; Earl W. Hart, Bloomington; John McInloch, Lincoln; Earl L. Meyer, Geneva; Harry Ernest Rush, Lincoln; Otto A. Blakie, Omaha; Varro E. Tyler, Nebraska City; Eugene J. Keen, Omaha, admitted on certificate.

### PASTOR FLOWERS INDUCED TO BUY "WILD HORSES"

(Continued From Page One.)

\$12.50 a week salary, did you?" he was asked.

"Now how did you get the property in the trade," the parson replied.

"I got most of it in trading with other people," the parson replied. Frank A. Houston, Kearney, Neb., testified that he had purchased Mr. Flowers' stock of merchandise in Tamara, Neb., from C. M. Thompson for \$1,500. Flowers had previously traded off the stock which he valued at \$3,300 to Thompson for twenty-four of the animals.

"Did you ever get any horses or anything in return for your land and property?"

"No sir." It was exactly the sixth anniversary from the time that Flowers made the deal with the United States Live Stock company to the time he testified yesterday against the corporation.

Nothing For Dufur.

F. E. Dufur, cautious banker of Lorimer, Ia., was again called to the witness stand yesterday to resume his testimony.

The banker testified that he and Asa Berry, a real estate dealer of Des Moines, Ia., gave the U. S. Live Stock company \$800 cash and an equity in a Colorado farm, the total of which was about \$1,750. For the equity and cash, the two were to receive thirty-five head of wild horses taken from the plains of Coconino county, Arizona, and put in cars at Flagstaff, Ariz., ready for shipment to the market.

"What did you get for your share of the money and real estate," Dufur was asked. "Nothing that I know of," he replied.

The equity in the Colorado farm amounted to slightly above the stipulated sum of the thirty-five horses, so C. J. Smith of the stock company gave the banker a four-cylinder Mitchell car to make up the difference, he said.


Asa Berry testified that he never saw any of the horses or his portion of the \$800 after the deal was made.

Willis T. McConnell, president of the First National bank of Wessington Springs, S. D., and formerly of Draper, told of how he almost made a deal for 174 horses. But he was suspicious, he said, and sent Ray A. Van Evera to Flagstaff, Ariz., to look into the matter.


A Good-Bad Report.

A few days after he sent Van Evera to Flagstaff, Ariz., to investigate, he said, he received a telegram to call the trade off, as the horse deal looked rather suspicious. J. S. Smith, an officer of the U. S. Live Stock company, he said, had in the meantime gone to Mitchell, S. D., to urge him (McConnell) to close the deal.

The deal he was planning to put through, he said, involved about \$12,000. Due to his investigation, he said, a large number of persons in his vicinity also became suspicious and called off their deals.



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