

GERMANS ADMIT POTATO CROP HAS NEARLY FAILED

Food Ministry Denies Working- men's Petition for Increased Rations as Figures Have Been Exaggerated.

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—The German food ministry, in replying to a petition from workmen in the Solingen district, declares it is impossible to increase the potato ration of one pound daily because it is doubtful if the original great expectations as to the size of the potato crop are realized. Although the potato crop undoubtedly is good this year, it would seem that the German authorities had exaggerated the crop returns. In earlier announcements it was said that the great potato crop had solved the food difficulty.

The oats crop is so poor that German farmers will be permitted to retain for the feeding of their own horses only fodder and grain of their own raising, to give each horse a daily ration of two pounds. The farmers must accomplish their heavy work as best they can with underfed animals. Army horses, even those doing the heavy work of hauling ammunition to the batteries in Flanders, will fare little better. The army horses for months have been on a two-pound ration, resulting in the wholesale breakdown of horse transport.

AMERICAN BOYS TAKE PART IN LIVELY FIGHTING

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The first line trenches because of the resistance of the American soldiers with rifle and pistol fire and hand grenades. The enemy had to content himself, the citation continues, with carrying off a few prisoners.

Company Mentioned.

The general in the order mentions the company, commanded by Lieutenant (name deleted by censor), as follows:

"On the night of November 2-3 this company, which was in the lines for the first time, met an extremely violent bombardment, despite which it seized arms and offered such stubborn resistance that the enemy, though numerically superior, was obliged to retire."

The general specially cited in the order of the day Corporal James Gresham and Privates Merle D. Hay and Thomas E. Enright, "who died bravely hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy, who had penetrated the first line."

The others cited, "who showed excellent military qualities," are Second Lieutenants M. C. Laughlin, R. O. Hatterson and E. A. Erickson, Sergeant John Arrowood, Corporals David M. Knowles and Homer Givens and Privates Charles Massa, William B. Thomas, George Hurd, Boyce Wade, Robert Winkler and John J. Jarvis.

STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO RAISE WAR FUND

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furnish amusement and recreation for all soldiers, whether Catholics or Protestants.

3. Maintain information bureaus at the front so that those at home and those in the trenches may hear from one another, and through which creature comforts may be transmitted.

Approval of President.

The movement is endorsed by the following authorities:

Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States.

Willa McHoward Taft, ex-president of the United States.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war.

Raymond, B. Fosdick, chairman War Department committee on training camp activities.

William Jennings Bryan, ex-secretary of State.

Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Farley, Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop Hart, Bishop Thien, Bishop Duffy and

National Catholic War Council and Catholic Federation of the United States.

What It Will Do.

Contributions to the Knights of Columbus war fund will help do the following:

First—Maintain volunteer priests to look after the spiritual welfare of our boys in the training camps of this country and protect them from the moral hazards of camp life.

Second—Send about 200 volunteer priests abroad (in addition to the 131 furnished by the government as the Catholic quota of chaplains) to follow our boys to the trenches ministering unto them at all times and, if it be necessary for them to make "the supreme sacrifice," ensuring their being "fit to die."

Third—Erect at each of the 16 national army cantonments three recreation buildings at a cost of about \$14,000 for each cantonment.

Fourth—Erect one large building at a cost of about \$2,000 at each of the 16 national guard encampments.

Fifth—Erect from 25 to 30 similar recreation stations at the regular army expansion camps, naval training stations, aviation stations and camps of other units of the service.

Sixth—Provide places where all the soldiers, regardless of creed, may assemble and furnish them with wholesome recreation.

Seventh—Provide a stage for entertainment and playing facilities for reading, writing, playing checkers, dominoes, etc.

Eighth—Furnish each building with a phonograph and records, piano and sheet music, and an ample supply of stationery.

Ninth—Provide each building with a library of good books, current literature and daily papers.

Tenth—Furnish to our Catholic soldiers and sailors, prayer books, rosaries and other devotional articles.

Eleventh—Provide altar linen, vestments, chalices, etc., for our volunteer priests in the camps.

Twelfth—Furnish what are commonly known as "chaplain's kits" for our volunteer priests who will go abroad with the troops.

Thirteenth—Provide, possibly, for chapel cars and motor service, or automobiles to enable our volunteer priests to reach all our boys in the trenches and hospitals.

Fourteenth—Erect and equip a suitable recreation building at Fort Omaha, Crook and Robinson in Nebraska.

Agent and Trustee.

The Knights of Columbus in this work, considers itself the agent and trustee of the Catholic people of America as the Young Men's Christian association is acting for the Protestant people of America.

Strong though the order is, it could not hope to shoulder the whole of this enormous burden.

As an evidence, however, of its good faith in the matter, \$1,000,000 have been raised for this work by an assessment on its membership in the United States, and by additional voluntary contributions of its members.

The order feels that this is a work that appeals to every Catholic heart and should receive the financial support of all.

Both the national and state committees on Knights of Columbus war activities are serving without salary or expense to the fund.

Contributions will be accepted for and an account rendered of every penny. Give your contribution to the local committee or send to W. J. Coad, treasurer, 2025 Dodge street, Omaha.

LARGE SHOPPING BAGS ARE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION

Receptacles Carried by Women the Vehicles Used by Shop- lifters in Carrying on Work in Stores.

Increasing thefts from the stores have placed under suspicion the large shopping bags carried by many women. Store managers who have traced some thefts to this source say the situation is serious. These receptacles must be checked at the doors of large stores of Denver, Chicago, New York and other cities, and a large store in Lincoln has just adopted the plan. No concerted action has been taken by Omaha retailers, but clerks have been instructed to keep a watchful eye on women who carry these bags. They explain that the innocent and guilty are under the same ban and suggest that women might escape this suspicion by leaving these bags at home when they go shopping.

One Store Hard Hit.

During the last two weeks one Omaha store lost three fine dresses, valued at \$85, \$60 and \$50, respectively; several expensive men's shirts, a man's fancy vest and other articles. The dresses were all of light blue shade and were of the party style. This same store missed a woman's hat of large proportions.

Reports from other stores indicate that these knitting bags lend themselves readily to the operations of shoplifters who seem to be gathering in a harvest, and with the busy season coming on the merchants are wondering whether they should not adopt the plan of other cities.

This Woman Was Wise.

"I observed a woman come into our store," said a manager. "She carried one of these bags with an arrangement which permitted of opening and closing the bag with unusual ease. I detailed two clerks to observe her while she fumbled over some blouses. She held the blouses over the opening of the bag, but evidently she was wise to the scrutiny of the clerks, as she did not attempt to steal anything."

A woman's two-piece suit was reported taken from another store.

"In view of these conditions I am sure that sensible women will see the wisdom of not carrying these bags into the crowded stores, particularly

at this season of the year when shopping is increasing and will increase during the next six weeks," stated a manager.

Cossacks Desert Kerensky Cause And Premier Flees

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Press visited the scene of the fighting today and was surprised to find aristocratic officers commanding the Bolsheviks. One of them, who was a colonel, explained that they were disappointed with Kerensky, who had destroyed discipline in the army.

A colonel of one of the famous Petrograd guard regiments is now commander of the Bolshevik staff and directs the operation of his army from a house on a hilltop two miles beyond Pulkova.

Cossacks Desert.

One soldier who had been captured by the Cossacks and had escaped to his own lines reported that Kerensky's Cossacks had determined to surrender unless he was able to reinforce them with "60,000 troops."

Premier Kerensky, when told that his officers were against him and that his men were on the point of deserting, agreed to come to Petrograd, but while a guard was being arranged he dropped out of sight. General Krasnov's report concerning the disappearance of Kerensky confirms that he fled in disguise.

Cossacks Establish Order in South.

London, Nov. 17.—Nowhere throughout a journey from the Caucasus to Petrograd did a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph hear a word of sympathy for Premier Kerensky or the provisional government. Everywhere, however, the correspondent found a longing for real order and real authority and for

somebody who would save Russia from trouble.

Throughout the 10 Kuban territories order was undisturbed and on arriving at Rostov-On-the-Don, on November 9, the correspondent found the garrison and workers in a ferment. They had passed a resolution in favor of the Bolsheviks, but in the neighboring town of Novo Tcherkassk, the capital of the Don territory, the Cossack government, under General Kaledines, had declared for the provisional government, assumed full power in its own territories and had established contact with Cossack governments in the neighboring territories.

A few days before the Don Cossacks rose, backed by the Cossacks in the provinces of Kuban and Astrakhan, the Kalmuks of the steppes and the mountain tribes of Daghestan and the Black sea coast had formed a league of autonomous units with a common federal government over the whole territory north of the Caucasus between the Caspian and Black seas.

The existence of this league, the correspondent says, guarantees complete order in that territory, which contains the richest granary in Russia.

General Kaledines' government on November 8 declared martial law in the disturbed mining area in the Donetz basin and it was declared that the miners had resumed work.

The Cossack congress, which happened to be sitting at Kiev, took command of the situation there and immediately arrested the Ukrainian council and suppressed the Bolsheviks.

Nothing Doing on Spring Series, Avers Comiskey

President Comiskey of the White Sox is quoted as saying that he doesn't favor any spring exhibition games for his team with the Giants or anybody else. This will be disappointing to a number of cities that

had been led to believe the two teams would make a spring tour and that they would see them in action.

Rev. Mr. Cleveland to Deliver Final Address at Florence

Rev. Denton Cleveland, who is soon to leave for Deming, N. M., for Young Men's Christian association work among the Nebraska National Guardsmen, will deliver a farewell address at the House of Hope, Florence, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Special music has been provided for the amusement of the old people and visitors.

University Club to Dine Soldiers Nov. 29

Members of the University club will give a big feed to all soldiers on Thanksgiving day as well as turn the club over to the khaki-clad men.

Lieutenant Colonel Hersey, Fort Omaha, has expressed himself as heartily in favor of the plan. The financing of the dinner will be charged to the members pro rata.

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

Nebraska Patents.

The following patents were issued to residents of Nebraska during the past week:

James I. Paxton, Omaha, air-cooled swab cup; Anna Siatek, Omaha, belt; Roy L. Pepperberg, Lincoln, novelty box; Frank J. Trokva, Omaha, work-clamping table; William O. Backlund, Stromberg, check-clip attachment; Jesse B. Hinshorn, Chester, weed puller.

Obituary Notes

NINA PEARL SIGNOR, 47, died Friday at a local hospital. She had been under the care of hospital physicians for 12 days. Her husband, Roy C. Signor, Lexington, survives her. The body will be sent to Lexington Sunday morning for burial.

NEW WITNESS IN KELLY CASE FOR STATE ON STAND

Red Oak, Ia., Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of the case against Rev. L. G. Kelly, accused of the Villisca ax murders, was adjourned at noon today until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Grant Pilling of Macedonia was a new witness for the state this morning. He told of the news of the Moore murder having been brought to Macedonia by Kelly on the morning of June 10, 1912, before it had been discovered in Villisca.

H. L. Houghton, formerly probation officer of Sioux City, told of his acquaintance with Kelly previous to the trial and of the minister's actions, tending to show that he was not of sound mind.

Mrs. Homer R. Dodsley and her sister, Miss Hildred Struck, of Sioux City, who were residents of Carroll at the time of the murder, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stevens of Carroll told of hearing Kelly tell of the murder in minute detail in November following the crime.

The minister at that time said he was in Villisca on the night of the murder, that he became restless during the night while at the home of Rev. W. J. Ewing and went out on the balcony, from where he could hear the ax man at work. He declared, according to the testimony of these witnesses that the murderer gained entrance to the Moore home through the front door, which was not locked, and that while the ax man was at work on his victims two people passed by the house, and he went out on the back porch and waited until they were out of hearing.

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