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New Capital of Roumania City War Romance

Jassy, Roumania, Feb. 2.—Few cities in Europe have been more profoundly affected by the war than the little city of Jassy, now the provisional capital of Roumania. From a quiet, tranquil municipality with a population of less than 75,000, place has suddenly grown to such proportions that the government authorities have found it difficult to provide comfortable living quarters for the civil population, which now numbers over 200,000.

After the evacuation of Bucharest, this modest little city became almost overnight the seat of the king and queen and the home of the entire government. Here also are located the legations of all friendly foreign governments and the headquarters of the Roumanian army and of important divisions of the Russian forces.

Before the war Jassy was known chiefly as the ancient capital of the province of Moldavia, and as a city of interesting churches and historic associations. It is now the center of all official, commercial and military activity in the unoccupied territory of Roumania. When Bucharest and the southern portion of the little Latin kingdom were evacuated, a large part of the population of that section sought refuge here. Schools, colleges, stores, barracks, and indeed any form of structure that afforded shelter, had to be converted quickly into living quarters to provide for the great influx of homeless people who fled before the invading Germans. Provision had also to be made for the various departments of the government and for the many branches of the army.

**Throngs of Soldiers.**  
To the American observer the city presents many features of uncommon interest. Along the main streets are to be seen great throngs of Roumanian, Russian, French and Serbian officers or soldiers in uniforms so varied in color and pattern that all strict standards of uniformity seem to be sacrificed to utility and comfort. Here and there an American Red Cross officer in his distinctive garb of yellow gves added color to the animated scene. Numberless military automobiles bearing generals, colonels or other officers on important missions, dash lack and forth at feverish speed.

Scores of motor lorries, laden with the materials of war, make their lumbering way through the streets, with utter disregard to the comfort of pedestrians. Now and then a Red Cross motor ambulance, fresh from an errand of mercy to the front, stops in front of a hospital and discharges its burden of sick and wounded. In a few minutes it is off again to the rear-line trenches to gather another batch of the country's crippled soldiers.

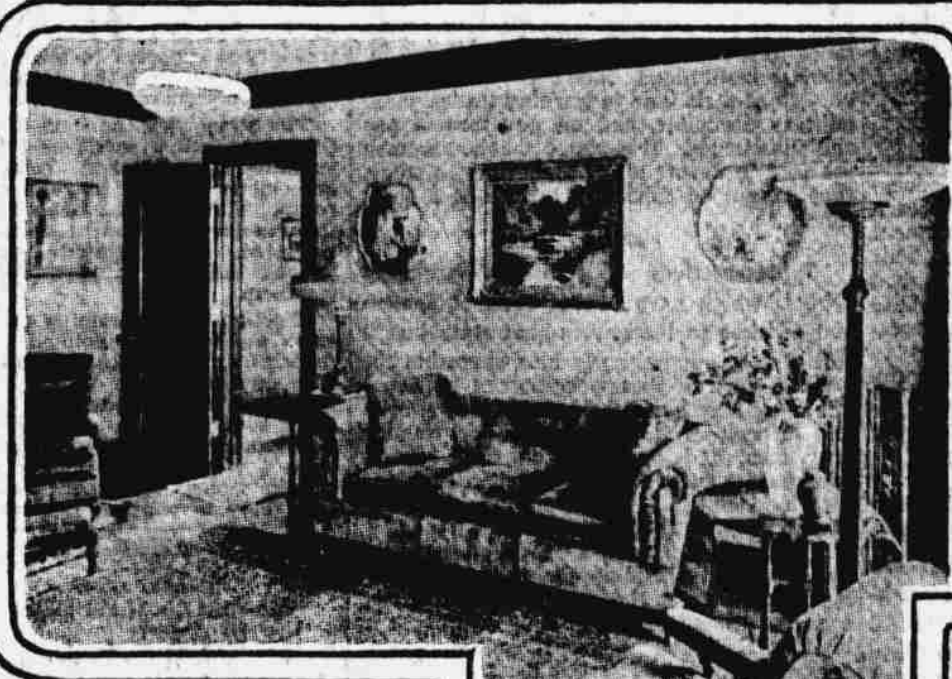
**Prisoners and Deserters.**  
Marching up a side street, under guard, is a large number of Austrian and German prisoners, just in from the front, some of them ragged, thin, unclean and disheveled, but all apparently happy at being relieved from the hardships of war. In another section of the city, accompanied by several armed soldiers, is a small company of deserters or slakers, most of them dejected and spiritless, with crowds of curious on-lookers commenting derisively on the lack of courage which made them seek freedom from military service.

At the railroad station a long train of cars enters, bearing hundreds of Roumanian Transylvanians captured by the Russians from the Austrians and now turned over to the Roumanian military authorities for service under the Roumanian flag. The men seem happy at the prospect of serving the country of their nativity, but are conscious of the grim fate that awaits them if taken prisoners by the Germans or Austrians; for if re-taken by the Teutonic forces they will be summarily shot as traitors.

Not far from the center of the city are the residences of the king and queen, which in times of peace were the quarters of military companies. In keeping with the tendency of the times, they are severely plain in all their appointments and surroundings, and it is difficult for the visitor to realize that within the plain, rude walls are housed the sovereign heads of a nation. The queen may be seen almost any day setting out from the royal residence in an automobile, unguarded, and attended only by one of the ladies-in-waiting from the court. The king likewise is a familiar figure on the streets of Jassy. He usually travels by motor, accompanied by one of his generals or military aides. The royal family is much loved by the people, and both he and the queen mingle among their subjects with a spirit of democracy and catholicity that is keenly impressive to the visitor from other countries.

**Public Market Place.**  
In the poorer quarter of the provisional capital is a large public market-place where hundreds of farmers and peasants gather daily to dispose of their meager wares. Of most striking interest, perhaps, is the fact that the ordinary method of paying for goods with money has given way in many cases to the primitive custom of barter and exchange; for in the present scarcity of food in Roumania money has come to have but little value. At this market place may be seen an itinerant merchant trading a bushel of potatoes for a quantity of wood, a peasant woman exchanging a pound of butter for a package of sugar, or a farmer swapping a sucking pig for a few pieces of leather. While the city has many picturesque aspects, it is not without its scenes of sorrow and depression. Making its way slowly along a narrow street is a shabby, dilapidated, box-like vehicle, so small that it resembles a toy wagon, which the natives generously call a hearse, and which is bearing to final repose the body of one of the late residents of the city. Drawn by a single horse, pitifully decrepit and lame, the hearse is followed by a young man on foot. Then, in turn, comes a crude gray cart, on which is seated a patriarchal figure, bent with the weight of years. The spectator inquires into the details of the sombre spectacle and is informed that a young woman has fallen a victim of typhus—that terri-

Three Cozy Corners in Omaha's Most Modern Apartment, Where Comfort and Elegance Reign



One corner of the living room showing the large pieces upholstered in gold cloth. The door leads into the hall connecting the bed rooms.



The white kitchen, with every modern convenience. A corner of the mahogany, blue and white bedroom. One corner of the living room showing the large pieces upholstered in gold cloth. The door leads into the hall connecting the bed rooms.

No longer shall Omaha be classed with the wild-and-woolly, nor with the frontier towns—not since the coming of the St. Regis apartments and its numerous sister apartment buildings.

The battle for a solution of the ever-perplexing problem, keeping up a large establishment, a palatial home, is slowly being won to the side of the apartment buildings, and this winter there is an added difficulty in the large home—the heating problem.

The old argument of "crowded, stuffy apartment" has been blown to the four winds and carried off into eternity by Orchard & Wilhelm's interior decorator, who has proved beyond every argument that six rooms, or four rooms, or ten rooms, can be made into a real home.

In a bright sunny corner (a six-room display apartment in the St. Regis) there is a library. Just about the coziest little nook one could imagine. In fact, it took an expert's taste and a lot of money to imagine this one. This library is like a big sun room with the entire front of windows, draped with silk damask. From one corner there comes a chaise longue upholstered in gold silk damask and at the head of it stands a fern on a taboret of mahogany.

Directly in front of the center window is a mahogany magazine rack within reach of the lounge; also within reach of a gorgeous gold silk easy chair. The door leading into the living room is draped with gold silk so that the serious member of the family may segregate "itself" in silence and deep thought from the happy or noisy or otherwise engaged family.

**Blue and Gold.**  
Back in a corner as a companion to the fireplace is a built-in book case within reach of a wonderful mahogany desk on which is placed a large reading lamp and bronze desk set.

able scourge which has claimed so many thousands of Roumania's population; that the young man in the rear with bowed head was the young man who was the fiancé of the old man on the wagon, who is too feeble to walk, is the last of the family of the deceased. Scores of military officers and soldiers bare their heads and stand in silent attention while the little procession makes its way to the local cemetery.

Dances of Yesteryear Will Feature Munny Ball Monday

Dances of yesteryear will be the special feature of the fourth municipal dance in the Auditorium Monday night. Mrs. R. M. Ohaus, superintendent of the Board of Public Welfare, has arranged for a number of tunes which will serve a double purpose. While some of the older folks are dancing a polka, groups of young people may enjoy a one-step at the same time. Those who enjoy the schottische, polka and lancers will be especially remembered. Before and during the dances Florence Ellsworth, Beryl Tubbs, Allegra Fuller and Ruth Gordon will sing and play patriotic numbers. Prof. Willard E. Chambers has volunteered to attend and assist in popularizing the old-time dances and helping those who may not know the correct steps. The musical program will be started at 8 o'clock.

The rugs are oriental and the whole effect is blue, green and gold.

Going from the library into the living room one experiences no shock to one's sense of beauty or harmony for here, too, the rugs are oriental, but not like those in the library. Nothing matches yet everything blends and harmonizes.

In the living room there is a large mahogany table, a victrola and a small chair on one side. Another blue and gold satin upholstered chair stands by one of the front windows. On the other side there is a long couch which has every appearance of being upholstered in gold cloth and a large chair to match in the corner between the doors, one opening into a tiny hall and the other into the dining room. Five chairs and the couch, a wonderful reading lamp and pictures—that is the living room.

**St. Regis Dining Room**  
Our St. Regis dining room is quite plain but elegant. The solid brownish mahogany table is surrounded by hand carved chairs. A long modish buffet with blue candle sticks, occupies one side of the room. In another corner there is a breakfast wagon, on which stands a blue and white breakfast set. The hangings are flit and linen with colors and shades to match the blue and mahogany furnishings.

There are two bed rooms. The front room is furnished in mahogany. The bed and dressing table, two small chairs and the reading table is all the furniture it needs. The wardrobe is built in; the rugs are rag and the windows are draped in blue and white.

On the other side of our strictly modern bath room, is the pink room—all done in ivory and pink. A large dressing table, with stool to match, is of ivory. The covers, hangings and rugs are of pink. There is a large

Home Selling Promises Well for Coming Season

The fact that a prominent realtor, who does more building of houses probably than any other concern in Omaha, has recently taken out permits for 30 new houses at a cost of \$100,000, indicates that he has no fear as to the ready sale of houses of a moderate cost even though they will have to be sold at a figure that must cover the high cost of material and labor. Neither does he seem to fear any difficulty in getting loans. Other builders seem to be of the same conviction, while the committee on the "Own Your Home" campaign in planning for this movement anticipates little trouble in getting money when the proper time comes. The savings and loan associations are conservative at this time of the year, but it is believed that funds from other sources as well as from these time-tried institutions will be available. It is also believed that Liberty loan bonds, thrift stamps and other similar securities will be used. Realtors realize that while their ingenuity in making terms and arranging for cash and credit necessary for selling houses on small payments will be tested, conditions will so adjust themselves that home builders will be accommodated and a large business will be done in home selling during 1918.

closet, but no drawer room, so it leaves the addition of an ivory chiffonier optional with the lessee. A white enamel kitchen in which there is a gas stove, refrigerator and waste basket, is ideally arranged for convenience in cooking. There are a number of pieces of aluminum, including percolator, tea kettle and double cooker. One can almost reach from one wall to the other and the dozen other things are built in the wall. Altogether one has that contented, satisfied, at home feeling the minute one enters. The apartment has every atmosphere of home and comfort and artistic harmony. But, why not? It took the combination of New York's best furniture, Boston's ideals

and Omaha's money to complete it, to say nothing of the foreign ideas and imported hangings.

**One Consolation**  
This apartment is "on display" and is one of the shot spots of Omaha.

A beautiful place—wonderful place—we admit that, but it is a blow to any young life to visit there and then be forced into a commonplace world of commonplace furnishings, according to one woman who accompanied an interior decorator on a visit to this six-rooms-and-bath-and-all-the-trappings. The only consolation is that any six-room apartment can be furnished in as good taste as this one for half the money, if necessary.

RAIL MEN SAY COAL PINCH ABOUT OVER

With Return of Warmer Weather Officials Predict Fuel Will Again Arrive in Normal Quantities.

With the return of warmer weather railroad freight officials assert that it will be only a short time until coal for domestic use will begin to arrive in normal quantities in Omaha.

All the Omaha lines are hurrying cars to the coal mines, both east and west, and with good weather it is said that within a few days they will begin to return loaded. In the meantime, it is said, there is enough coal in the city to supply the demand in the event the weather continues at anything like normal.

Something of a scare has been started by a report that the railroads are short of coal for their engines. An investigation reveals the fact that there is nothing to the report. None of the railroads has abnormal sup-

plies on hand at this time, but each and all has sufficient for present needs.

**Close to Mines.**  
The Northwestern officials consider themselves extremely fortunate, due to the fact that at the western terminals they tap the Wyoming mines and on the east they run to the Illinois mines. In addition the lines run through the coal fields of Iowa. The Union Pacific has its own mines in Wyoming and is not only supplying its own needs, but is selling enormous quantities of coal to consumers all along the line, much of it coming as far east as Omaha. The Missouri Pacific runs into the coal fields of Missouri and Kansas and is able to supply company wants, besides turning over an immense coal tonnage to other roads and to dealers and consumers.

Both the Illinois Central and the Milwaukee are in close touch with the Illinois and Iowa mines and so far have been able to keep their winter supplies up to about normal.

**Canadian Casualty List.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2.—The following American names appear in today's casualty list:  
Killed in action: C. R. Gibbs, Fort land, Ore.; A. H. Lindsay, Los Angeles, Cal.

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**George Brandeis**  
President of Omaha's Great Department Store, says:

"I am urging our employees to buy War Savings Stamps."

Omaha, Nebr.  
Jan. 21, 1918

Mr. Ward Burgess  
War Savings Director  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

This is what I think about "War Savings Stamps":

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I am urging all of our employees to buy War Savings Stamps to the limit of their ability.

I hope that every business man will clearly see that it is his duty to promote the sale of these Stamps.

Yours very truly,  
Geo. Brandeis

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