

GERMANS WANT TO STOP USE OF GAS ON BATTLEFRONT

Winds Favor Allies at Ratio of Six to One When Poison Is Used; Teutons Beaten at Own Game.

(From London Chronicle.) German pacifists resident in Switzerland are strongly supporting the movement which has been set on foot by the International Red Cross society of Geneva with a view to inducing all the belligerent nations to abandon by consent the use of poison gas in war. It is stated that, in addition to a protest in the name of humanity which is being addressed to the combatants, the influence of the neutral powers is being enlisted to assist in bringing about this end.

The movement is said to owe its origin to a well known German professor of chemistry, whose conscientious scruples impelled him not only to decline to return to Germany to assist in investigations for the purpose of inventing more deadly war gasses, but also to communicate with the International Red Cross society with a view to inducing the latter to protest against its use.

An examination of the possible grounds for this sudden and belated interest on the part of the Germans in the sufferings of humanity has interesting results. The first use of poison gas was made by the Germans in the spring of 1915. On that occasion the world heard for the first time with horror and stupefaction that clouds of asphyxiating chlorine gas had been liberated against unsuspecting men, causing untold agony and death to thousands.

Worse Than Crime. So little had the possibility of such a dastardly device been imagined that the clauses of the international convention which forbade the use of shells designed to emit poison gas had made no mention of the emission of such gas in clouds from cylinders or other appliances, and such an idea had not entered into the conception of any competent authority except Germany. It is evident that the commission of this foul crime had there been long premeditated since the manufacture and preparation of the gas and its appliances, and the training of the personnel could only have been the fruit of many months' work.

When the Germans introduced this new and deadly means of warfare they put into the hands of their enemies a weapon which could be used against themselves with terrible effect. The use of poison gas in clouds is, of course, entirely dependent on the direction of the wind. A study of the meteorological records of northeastern France for a period of ten years previous to 1915 would have shown the Germans that for every day on which the wind blows from the east or northeast—the directions necessary to allow them to us gas—there are at least six days on which it blows from the west or southwest, the quarter favorable to the allies.

In not more than two months in the whole year are the prevailing winds favorable to the enemy, and their preponderance even in these months is not so great as the preponderance of westerly winds in some of the remaining months. The allies were not slow to avail themselves of this natural advantage, with results that must by now have made the German higher command bitterly rue the day that they committed what was not only a crime, but also a blunder.

Enemy's New Bogey. At the present moment the respirator worn by the German troops is markedly inferior in protective power to those with which the British, French and American armies are equipped. Gases which penetrate the German respirator, but not those of the allies, have already been employed by the allies with marked effect.

On the other hand, the respirators of our troops give a complete protection to the lungs and eyes against all gases hitherto used by the enemy, and unremitting investigation and foresight are at work preparing for the adoption of new forms of protection to meet any future developments that may arise.

It is at this stage that the German government is exploiting a movement for the abandonment of humanitarian grounds of gas warfare. Having let loose this pest of modern warfare they wish, when they see it about to devour them to cry "pax." In order to combat the argument that it would be to their advantage to do so they are industriously circulating reports of vast quantities of a new and terrible type of gas which they have ready for use in the next offensive.

HOTELS STRIKE ALL WHEAT FROM FUTURE MENUS

Washington, March 29.—Absolute abolition of wheat and wheat products from the menus of all first class hotels in the United States was asked of 700 hotel men here today by Food Administrator Hoover.

The response was an outburst of cheering. Rising to their feet, the hotel men raised their right hands and pledged themselves to effect a 100 per cent saving in wheat to be sent to the allies.

CAPTURE ALLEGED AUTO GANG CHIEF

Ira Bond of Minneapolis Reported Arrested at Ottumwa; Say He is Wanted in Chicago.

Des Moines, Ia., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Ira Bond of Minneapolis, reported to be under indictment in Chicago as head of an organized band of automobile thieves, was arrested in Ottumwa today by State Agent Henry Tyrrell.

Bond is said to have jumped a \$37,000 bond in Chicago, under which he was placed following his arrest some months ago. His organization is said to have operated extensively in the middlewest. He was known in Minneapolis as a broker.

Will Grow Beans. An acre of beans in each of the 14,000 school districts of the state is to be grown this year if the plans made by the county school superintendents are carried out. A bean-growing contest is being promoted and valuable prizes offered by the school book concerns of the country await the most successful growers. Pupils may not only grow beans at home, but as a school they can secure a plot of ground for this purpose. If they induce others in their neighborhood to grow beans they will get the credit for them. State Superintendent A. M. Deyoe is sending a letter to all teachers in the state explaining the contest. Records must be kept by each district, showing the amount of seed planted, acreage and the amount of beans produced.

After Delinquent Boards. In a letter forwarded to local draft boards today Adjutant General Guy E. Logan declares that drastic steps will be taken against boards which fail to send in occupational cards of the registered men. He declares that the failure of local boards to send in the occupational cards, as required by the draft law, has created a situation which is intolerable. He names eight boards, including the board in district No. 1, Des Moines, which have failed to send in a single card. More than enough time has elapsed to finish the work, he declares.

New Base Hospital. Fort Des Moines, the new base hospital, will receive patients within 10 days. All of the buildings on the south and east sides of the old parade ground have been connected by wooden corridors, the sides of which are lined with windows. Four new wards are being built and the hospital when completed will have accommodations for 1,100 patients. The staff of the hospital will include 350 men from Fort Riley, who will be assigned to duty here. At present a hospital unit from Omaha, under the command of Major A. C. Stokes, consisting of 150 men is stationed at the hospital.

Women to Sell Bonds. More than 100 women, representing the counties in Iowa, were in session in Des Moines today organizing Iowa Women's Liberty loan committee. Mrs. George Bass of Washington, D. C., opened the meeting with a stirring address. Miss Grace Dixon, Chicago, federal reserve chairman for women in the Seventh district, spoke, urging co-operation.

Plan Junior Red Cross. The youthful members of the Junior Red Cross can render valuable service toward the winning of the war and at the same time enjoy an educational growth, when they engage in the work of the organization. Dr. E. G. Cooley told the Iowa Junior Red Cross committee at its meeting Wednesday at the Chamberlain. Gardening, the making of articles for use in the trenches and other work which can be done in vacation time under the direction of teachers or other leaders, will be undertaken by the children. Among those present were Dr. Cooley, state superintendent; A. M. Deyoe, F. A. Welch, H. H. Seerley of Cedar Falls, Prof. Irving W. Hart of Cedar Falls, Bishop Austin Dowling, Des Moines, the Rev. Mr. Koenig, Webster City; Mrs. Mary Zeik Andrew, Cedar Rapids, and Dr. A. E. Kepford of Des Moines.

Former Mayor Dies. Isaac Lea Hillis, mayor of Des Moines in 1894 to 1896, pioneer abstractor, died today at Mercy hospital following a brief illness. Death was due to heart trouble. He leaves his widow and two children.

Mayor Urges Economy. Tom Fairweather, newly elected mayor, is urging economy in city affairs during the war. "We must stay within our revenues," he told members of the council, at a meeting Thursday when the reorganization of the new council was considered. Three out of four of the old members were re-elected. Nearly all city employees are asking an increase in salary and heads of departments ask increased appropriations.

Bank Changes Name. The German Trust and Savings bank of Dubuque filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today, changing its name to the Union Trust and Savings bank. Peter Klauer is president and W. C. Gindorf secretary of the corporation.

New Business Concerns. Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today by the Sweeney Grant company of Des Moines, capitalized at \$10,000. George E. Cutler is president and C. D. Grant secretary.

Commandeers Banks. State Banking Commissioner George W. Messenger, chairman for Iowa of banking relations for the third Liberty loan, is commandeering Iowa banks to solicit subscriptions for the next Liberty loan.

Funeral Services for Iowa Man Who Committed Suicide

Red Oak, Ia., March 28.—(Special.)—The funeral of J. W. Dodd, who committed suicide, was held this afternoon. No cause for suicide is known. He is survived by his widow and one son. He employed an unusual method in firing the gun, having first fastened a wire around the trigger of the weapon, to which he tied a cord, and then tied the cord to a beam or rafter above his head. In order to discharge the gun it was necessary for him to take hold of the end of the barrel and pull it toward him. The entire back part of his head was blown away. Coroner Sellergren of Stanton was called, but it was not thought necessary to hold an inquest. Mr. Dodd was 53 years old.

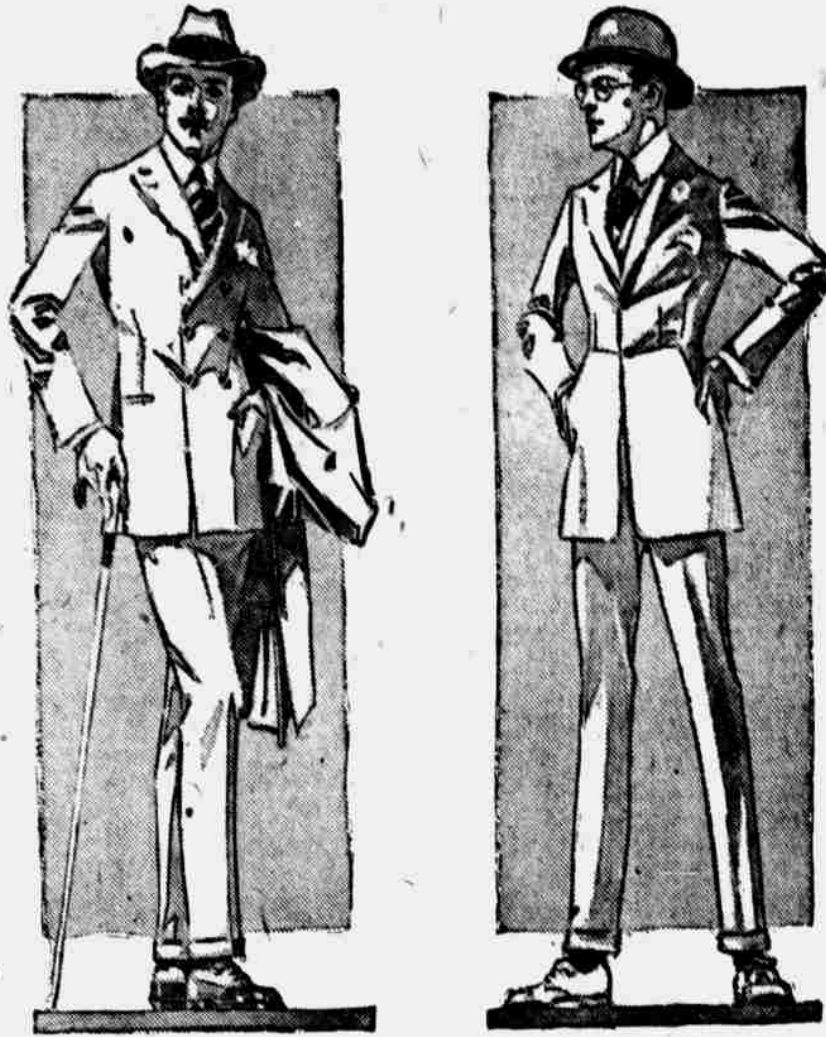
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While you are buying your clothes, hats and furnishings, do not forget that your Easter outfit will not in any way be complete without a new pair of shoes. We are offering excellent styles in sure-satisfaction foot wear at prices which are within the reach of every purse. Come Saturday expecting to get exceptionally good values.



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Solid leather soles, sturdy uppers, lace, blucher and button patterns; any size to 5 1/2.

Easter Hats For Men

The man who gives a reasonable amount of serious thought to the business of selecting his new Easter hat, must come to the conclusion that the store offering the largest selection in the finest sort of hats and at prices that speak convincingly of their own moderateness, must be the logical place to buy.



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Hundreds of patterns for last minute choice, conveniently arranged for your selection, hundreds of patterns. These Ties come from one of the largest Neckwear manufacturers in New York City and if it were not for a special concession we obtained, they would have to sell for not less than 75c in any instance.

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Without doubt this is one of the best stocks of Ties to sell at these prices that we have had in many months. Imported and domestic Silks, beautiful patterns, in new stripes and figured effects—a great assortment to choose from.

Neat Shirts, at \$1.00

For the man who does not want to pay more than this, we are showing a big stock at this price. Neat patterns, fast colors and a full assortment of sizes.

Men's Shirts, at \$1.50

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Men's Shirts, at \$2.00

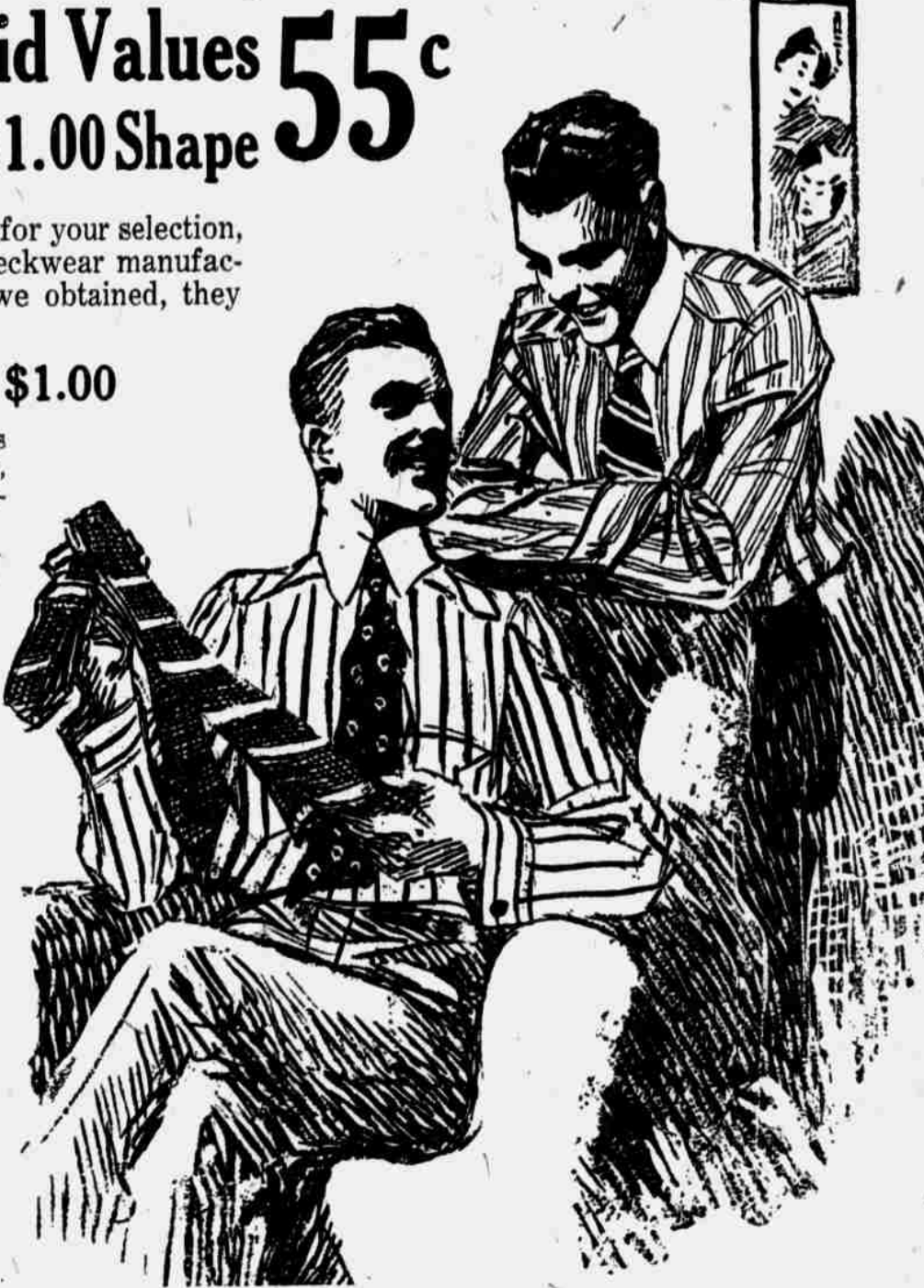
Silk Fiber, Genuine Jap Crepe, Silk Striped Pongee and Corded Madras Shirts, all made of fast colored materials, in neck-band style, with soft French cuffs and patterns that are absolutely new.

Silk Shirts, at \$6.50

Crepe Silks, Silk Broadcloth and Jersey Silks, in patterns that harmonize with their quality.

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