

PALL OF GLOOM DESCENDS UPON GERMAN CAPITAL

Beggars and Street Venders, Many of Them Crippled Soldiers, Numerous on Berlin Streets.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The outlook for Berlin's first revolutionary Christmas appears to be anything but merry. The disposition of the Berliners seems to be gloomy. The stigma of military defeat has been eclipsed momentarily by political uncertainty, food stringency and disturbed economic conditions.

Never before have beggars and street venders been so numerous in Berlin. Three years ago a soldier would not have been permitted to walk the streets in uniform, and beg professional beggars and crippled and invalid soldiers multiply in number daily, augmented by other soldiers who sell cigarettes, soap and sweetmeats brought in from west of the Rhine where such things have been more plentiful than in Berlin. An odd holiday spectacle is an able-bodied soldier in uniform grinding out Christmas music from a street organ.

The Unter Der Linden, the Potsdam Platz and Friedrichstrasse present an incongruous appearance with street stalls filled with flimsy wares and substitutes for Christmas pastry and wax candles.

The mood of the holiday shopper inclines to books, although the jewellers are garnering their last war profits.

Columbia Records for the New Year Are Varied

Columbia records for January, 1919, chief among which are featured the violin music of Toscha Seidel, the Russian boy prodigy, go on sale December 20. They are holiday gifts which will be highly appreciated by music lovers. Among the exclusive recordings of Seidel are Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois," and Wieniawski's "Romance from Concerto No. 2, Opus 22," with Louis T. Granberg at the piano.

Two new records by Oscar Seagle, who has appeared in concert in Omaha, "Massa's In the Cold, Cold Ground," and "Old Folks At Home," are sung with particular appeal when one knows Seagle was born below the Mason and Dixon line.

Of the popular hits, Al Jolson in "Tell That to the Marines" and "You Can't Beat Us If It Takes Ten Million More," "Come Along to Toy-Town," "The Monkey Man," Bert Williams songs, "O, Death Where Is Thy Sting?" and "When I Return," "Yip, Yip, Yaphank" songs, "I Can Always Find a Little Sunshine in the Y. M. C. A.," and "Ding Dong," by Sergt. Irving Berlin; and Ziegfeld, "Follies of 1918," song hits are to be placed on sale.

In the dance records may be found "Ostrich Walk" by the Dixieland Jazz Band, "Jazz Band Ball," "Dallas Blues," "What Yankee Doodle Says He'll Do, He'll Do," "My Belgian Rose," and others.

Railroad Company Sues to Collect \$3.24 Interest

Atlantic City.—Suit was begun by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the district court against Joseph C. Smith, a prosperous dairy proprietor, for the recovery of \$3.24 and interest from March 14 to date. The company alleges that on the date mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Smith rode from Jersey City to Atlantic City via Philadelphia upon a ticket that was good for transportation only upon the New Jersey side of the river.—Public Ledger.

OMAHA GANTEN WORKER VICTIM OF FLU.



Clara Hermansen

Miss Clara Hermansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hermansen, 3617 Happy Hollow boulevard, died Saturday of influenza in Allentown, Pa. Miss Hermansen had been accepted by the Red Cross for hospital work overseas and was ready to sail when she was stricken. She was with her sister, Mrs. Rex Fuller, and Lieutenant Fuller, a member of the medical corps.

SPAIN WILLING TO EXCHANGE CEUTA FOR GIBRALTAR

Premier May Raise at Peace Conference Question of Exchange of Strongholds on Mediterranean.

Paris, Dec. 23.—It developed today that Premier Romanos plans to return to Paris in the near future to confer with the allied premiers and the American representatives on questions vitally concerning Spain. The Spanish premier is credited in some quarters with the project of raising the question of the return of Gibraltar to Spain and laying it before the peace conference.



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GERMAN ENEMY ALIENS FREED OF REGULATIONS

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and restricted zones will go out of existence. All registration regulations will likewise cease, and it will no longer be necessary for German alien enemies to obtain permits for change of residence. In short, they will be freed of all restriction affecting places of residence and of employment.

The attorney general, however, will continue to exercise as heretofore the power to intern all dangerous German alien enemies. The action of the president does not affect in any way the status of men already interned or the restrictions and obligations heretofore imposed on alien enemies now on parole.

John Lord O'Brien, special assistant to the attorney general, explaining why Austrians were not mentioned in the order, said that the only regulations ever applied to them were those with reference to entry and departure and internment. The effect of today's action is to place Germans and Austrians on the same footing.

250,000 Germans Affected.
Approximately 250,000 Germans would be relieved from the necessity of carrying permits for entry into restricted areas, while the prohibited areas, from which they were excluded absolutely, would again be open to them.

Internment is continuing. Mr. O'Brien said, ten Germans having been interned on Saturday and six more today. It was learned unofficially at the Department of Justice that between 4,000 and 5,000 Germans have been interned since the United States entered the war.

Altogether, there were 20 sets of restrictions affecting German enemy aliens which had been put into effect through presidential proclamation and a half-mile zone from which such aliens were barred was established around all plants engaged in direct or indirect war work, arsenals

and all military and naval establishments and water fronts.

Russian Industries Ruined for Years by Bolshevik Regime

Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia brings confirmation of report that the socialization of industry there is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost all the 153 mills and factories controlled by the state, expenses have considerably exceeded receipts.

Commission on Packing Houses Turns in Report
Chicago, Dec. 23.—The report of the Federal Trade commission on the meat packing industry has been turned over to the Department of Justice for its consideration and such action as it may deem proper. It was announced by United States District Attorney Clynne here today.

Location of Iowa Troops Learned from Washington
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The location of Iowa troops was learned today through an announcement from the War department.

German Minister Expelled.
Luxemburg, Dec. 23.—(Havas.)—K. Von Buch, German minister to Luxemburg since March, 1914, has, together with his advisers, been expelled from the country by the grand ducal government.

OFFICERS AGAIN CLAIM CAPTURE OF BIG 'CON' MAN

"Christmas" Keough, Wanted in Many Cities, Said to Have Been Caught in East.

"Christmas Keough," premier swindler and con man of the United States, has been captured again.

This time he has been taken into custody by the Pinkerton agency at Altoona, Pa., and the Pinkerton people claim that he is the right man and that developments will prove it.

Several Omaha jewelers and hotel men, who were victims of William Keough, man of many aliases, and rich in invention and resource in the art of separating other persons from their money by devious and dishonest methods, will be interested.

Has Many Aliases.
As "G. Dundas," "E. W. Howard" and "Harry Newman" Keough has defrauded several banks, real estate men and farmers in various parts of Nebraska, according to the records the last eight years.

LIBERTY BONDS taken at full market value in exchange for merchandise. **Hayden Bros.**

Von Hindenburg Takes Army to German Poland
Zurich, Dec. 23.—(Havas.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen.

Head of German Dye Industry Now Fugitive
Berlin, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Carl Duisberg of Leverkusen, head of the German aniline dye industry, is reported to have fled to Switzerland.

British Notify Holland They Will Use Scheidt
Brussels, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany by way of the River Scheidt and Dutch Limburg.

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Heatherbloom Petticoats, \$1.69 to \$2.95.
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Attractive New Aprons, 59c to \$2.95.
Maid's Dresses for \$3.69.

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Art Dept. Notes For Busy Shoppers
Mahogany trays 50c, 70c, 90c.
Attractive new waste baskets 20c, 30c and 40c.
Doll shades for dressing table lights \$3.50, reduced from \$5.
A lot of Christmas novelties will go at less than usual prices Tuesday.

Neckwear Novelties
Discrimination in the choice of neckwear has everything to do with its success as a gift. In our stocks, even on this last day before Christmas, there are to be found wonderfully fine neck fixings which, from the least expensive to the most elaborate are examples of distinctiveness.

From the Apparel Section
Choose Any of the Following
Negligees and Kimonos, \$9.50 to \$75.
Women's Blanket Robes, \$5 and \$6.50.
Silk Petticoats, \$3.95, \$5, \$9.50.
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