

REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN DIRE NEED OF FOOD

Government Fears Reds Will Control Unless Allies Provide Supplies for Starving Population.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Unless Poland receives food supplies and clothing from the allies immediately there is grave danger that the population, which is facing starvation, will join the bolshevik movement and thereby menace the stability of the new government, according to Lieut. Stanislaw Hempel, aide-de-camp to Gen. Joseph Pilsudski, military head of the Polish government.

Lieutenant Hempel, who arrived in Paris a few days ago from Poland on a diplomatic mission, has issued an urgent plea through the newspapers that the United States rush food to his country. In this plea he declared there were only two or three weeks' supplies left.

Lieutenant Hempel said that bolshevism was the one thing which the new republic now feared. Poland was surrounded by revolutionists, and, having been stripped of virtually all means of making a livelihood, naturally furnished fertile ground for Russian and German propagandists. The German army defeated Poland not only of foodstuffs but carried off all horses and 80 per cent of the cattle, so that it is impossible to cultivate the land.

Reports of Pogroms Denied. Chicago, Dec. 28.—"Distorted German propaganda" and "malicious agitation" were blamed for the reports of pogroms in Poland in a cablegram received today by John Smulski, president of the National Polish department, from Ignace J. Paderewski, the noted musician. Mr. Smulski said Paderewski recently sailed for Danzig in a British cruiser from London.

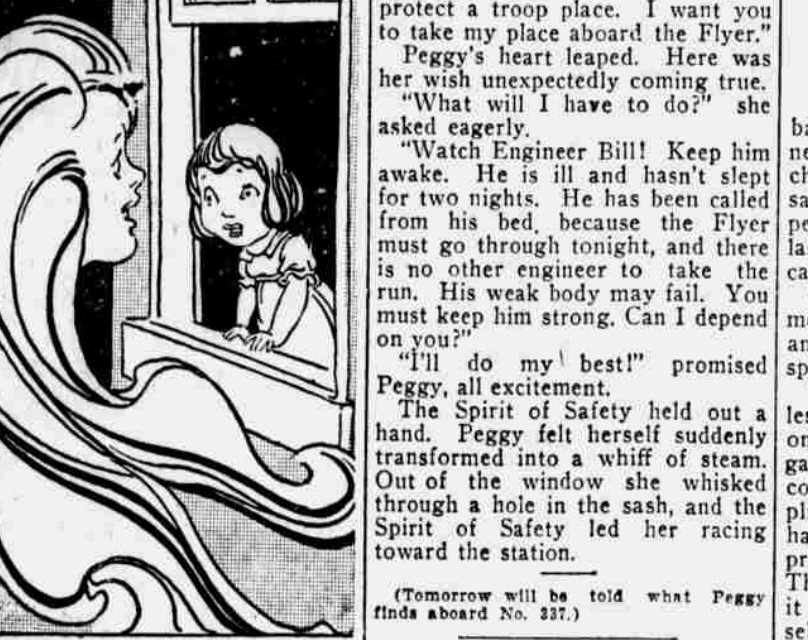
Murdering Land Owners. Warsaw, Dec. 28.—Northern Ukraine bands now are threatening the town of Kovno, where a steady stream of Polish landowners and also Russian officers of the former imperial army. In Berydzow, the Ukrainians shot 18 officers on entering the town and took 86 prisoners. Later they killed these prisoners and threw their bodies into the river.

She May Not Have Heard of Belgium. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Right this way, ladies and gentlemen, to see Nellie and King, the tea-drinking, toast-eating dogs. And also, ladies and gentlemen, we have with us Googoo, the milk white pigeon, who fattens himself on cream. It's a great life for the pups and the bird. They belong to Miss Anna Foulie, of Chicago. This is a sample menu: Breakfast—Scrambled eggs; milk toast and tea, with cream and sugar. Luncheon—Pork chops, potatoes, bread and milk, and tea, with cream and sugar.

The Abandoned Room

CHAPTER XXI. The Protruding Hand. At first he couldn't see the bed. He saw only the projections of his fancy, stimulated by Silas Blackburn's story, against the black screen of the night. He understood at last that the old man had meant. The darkness did appear to possess a physical resistance, and as the minutes lengthened it seemed to encase all the suffering the room had ever harbored. But he wouldn't close his eyes as his grandfather had done. It was a defense to keep them on the spot where the bed stood while his mind, in spite of his will, pictured, living there, still forms with banded heads. He wouldn't close his eyes even when those fancied shapes commenced to struggle in grotesque and impotent motion, like ants whose hill has been demolished. Nor could he drive from his ears the echoes of delirium that seemed to have lingered in the old room. He continued to watch the darkness until the coming of the room and of its furniture dimly detached themselves from the black pall. The snow apparently caught what feeble light the moon forced through, reflecting it with a disconsolate inefficiency. He could see after a time the pallid frames of the windows, the pillow on the bed, and the wall above it. He fancied the dark stain, the depression in the mattress where the two bodies had rested. These physical objects forced on him the probability of his guilt. Then he recalled that both men, dead for many hours, had moved apparently of their own volition, and his grandfather had come back from the grave and then disappeared, leaving no trace; and he comforted himself with the thought that the explanation, if it came at all, must arise from force outside himself, whether of the living or the dead.

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MANY PROBLEMS FACE LIVE STOCK MEN IN FUTURE

National Association to Meet in Denver in January; Post-War Work Will Have Affect on Industry.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—The live stock industry at no time in the past has been confronted by problems as important as those of today, declares the call for the 22d annual convention of the American National Live Stock association, issued by L. T. Pryor of San Antonio, Tex., president, and T. W. Tomlinson of Denver, secretary of the association. The convention will meet here on January 21 and be in session three days.

The call states that post-war readjustments will affect more vitally those engaged in the live stock and agricultural industries than those engaged in other industries, and calls attention to the problem of railroad ownership, the probable action of the peace conference upon trade, and the prospect of termination of the federal food administration and other governmental agencies upon the declaration of peace.

Food Killings Affect Stockmen. It adds that stockmen are deeply concerned in regulations put into effect under authority of the food administration and, after calling attention to the licensing of packers, stock yard companies, live stock commission men and traders, asserts that these licenses and regulations should be extended until Congress can carefully consider the entire meat packing and marketing problem and enact suitable legislation.

Will Consider Bureau of Markets. The convention will consider also the work of the bureau of markets in the regulation of stock yards and commission men and in the distribution of live stock and meat statistics; the discussion as to advance in commission charges at various markets; regulations of prices of hides and wool by the war industries board; appropriation for the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle and swine; precautions against future outbreak of the foot and mouth disease and influenza among horses; inspection of meats, hides and wools from foreign countries; embargo on live stock from countries where contagious diseases exist; extermination of predatory animals; game preserves; railroad service and shortage of stock cars.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Girls, here's bad news, and news that's real news. Candy isn't going to be cheaper at all—not if the candy salesmen can help it. Go back to peace time prices? Not on your molasses kisses! They've discovered candy is a necessity. Therefore—The Western Confectionery Salesmen's association met here recently, and N. L. Towle, vice-president, spilled the fudge by saying: "The war has taught us one great lesson. Candy is a necessity and no one is going without it. Every organization interested in soldiers has continually seen that they are supplied with candy. The government has recognized the need. Despite prices, people have bought candy. The lesson we have learned is that it is unnecessary to cut prices to sell candy. We will not go back to pre-war prices."

Monkey's Antics Call Out Fire Department. San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Down on the waterfront the other day Oscar Lipman, a jewel broker, traded a watch to a sailor for a cunning little monkey. Lipman took the pet home to his apartment on Powell street. Then the trouble began. The monkey escaped. The agile creature appeared, leering, in the room of a guest at the Fairmont Hotel. The man was trying to shove the creature into the sea, and calls for help brought out the fire department. As the firemen clambered up their ladders the monkey as readily climbed down from the window sill and was next discovered swinging into an artist's studio near the hotel, where it joined a group of surprised Bohemians around a hearth fire. Lipman regained his pet through an advertisement.

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Good for Pickled Pigs' Feet. Mountain Home, Ark., Dec. 28.—Benjamin Deatmore, son of a farmer living near here, has a hog he can find anywhere. It is five-footed and make five tracks. The extra foot extends out just below the knee of the right foreleg and touches the ground the same as the regular foot on that leg. In every other way the animal is normal and large enough to kill. None of the other pigs born in the same litter is declared.

WAR PUZZLES CHARLES I



EMPEROR CHARLES AND EMPRESS ZITA

Were crowned at Budapest, two years ago today, December 30, 1916. Find Franz Josef. SATURDAY'S ANSWER. Big Bertha Which Shelled Paris Rusting in Gun Yard. Coblenz, Dec. 29.—Disembodied and with its war worn parts already beginning to rust, the big Bertha, which startled the world by its long-range fire upon Paris last spring, has been left to its fate in an old German artillery yard in West Prussia. According to information reaching the Third army, the famous big gun is lying in the open air, protected from the eyes of the curious only by a board fence. Other guns of large caliber are also within the yard, a few German soldiers acting as a guard.

Omaha Insurance Man Finds Honor in Jamaica

His Friend Loses Purse With \$500; Finds It at Station; Finder Seeks No Reward.

Ed Wolverton, insurance man, was traveling in Jamaica a few years ago with a friend when an accident happened which caused him to philosophize about the relative virtues of civilization and noncivilization. "My friend lost his purse, containing \$500 in cash, soon after we reached Kingston," he said. "He had nothing except his ticket back to New York. Naturally, we didn't expect ever to recover it again. "We had a guide there and he learned of my friend's loss. "You tell police station?" he inquired. "We said we hadn't reported it. "You come with me," he said. "We went with him to the police station and there was the purse. A man had brought it in and the police didn't even know his name. So we couldn't even give him a reward. "How many people are there here in the United States who would return \$500 in cash, or if they did return it, wouldn't wait for the reward. "Jamaicans live where they don't have to work and they don't worry. Nature provides them with the necessities of life. They don't have any money to feed them or keep them warm and they don't need to work to buy food. I was told that \$275 will provide for all the wants of a Jamaican for a year. They need that to buy a little salt, pepper and two or three other things that nature has overlooked. "I don't know whether our push and rush and hurry and flurry are worth while or not."

American Casualty List

The following Nebraska men are named in the casualty list given out by the government for Monday morning, December 30: DIED OF WOUNDS. Frank Fall, Des Moines, Ia. WOUNDED SEVERELY. Yagga Pacheco, Wheatland, Wyo. Peter M. Tost, Sanborn, Ia. Ernest E. Henion, Center Point, Ia. MISSING IN ACTION. Hein H. Behrens, Muscatine, Ia. The following Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming men are named in the casualty list: DIED OF WOUNDS. Corp. Henry Stroh, Lincoln, Neb. Fred C. Sternberg, Tilden, Neb. DIED OF DISEASE. John R. Richardson, Herdville, Neb. WOUNDED SEVERELY. Frank M. Brown, 810 South Eighteenth street, Omaha, Neb. Ernest R. Craig, 824 South Twenty-seventh street, Omaha, Neb. MISSING IN ACTION. John A. Grimmisse, care St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, Neb. Frank Svejda, Dorchester, Neb. The following Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming men are named in the casualty list.

Kaiser to Surrender to America to Save His Skin, Says Judge

Chicago, Dec. 28.—It is not beyond a reasonable doubt that the former Kaiser of Germany will surrender to the American army. Judge William N. Gemmill is authority for this. He thinks the Kaiser is going to emulate Napoleon's surrender to a power he believes will be more lenient to him than any of the allies. "We could do nothing with him," said the judge. "We could not banish him, nor could we prosecute him in this country for murder. Under our army regulations he could not be tried by court-martial. Nor could we send him into the custody of any of the nations with which we are associated. "Napoleon surrendered to the British. The former Kaiser is likely to adopt a similar course only in this case the United States admitted. It is less unfriendly than England."

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