

DEBT TO FRANCE FOR HUN DAMAGE \$13,000,000,000

Wreckage in Germans' Brutal Trail Shown by Official Report of Red Cross Research Service.

By ROBERT WEILES RITCHIE, Staff Correspondent of Universal Service.

(Special Cable Dispatch) Paris, Jan. 8.—The first published engineering estimate of the total damage done in the French devastated regions is made by Maj. George B. Ford, head of the Red Cross housing research service, after a survey made since the signing of the armistice.

Major Ford, who is a well known American engineer, says: "We have checked most of the figures reported by the French budget committee to the Chamber of Deputies and we find its estimate somewhat high."

Major Ford's own report is now being used by Major McKinstry's engineering board, which is preparing its estimate under the guidance of the peace commissioners. French insurance companies also are highly commending accuracy.

Major Ford estimates that Belgium alone suffered from destruction to the amount of \$2,000,000,000 and more than \$1,000,000,000 in loss of machinery stolen by the Germans.

The French devastated area is equal to Connecticut and Rhode Island. Half a million buildings are damaged, of which 25,000 were totally destroyed.

The cost of building is two and a half times greater than it was before the war. As a result the total building destruction is estimated at \$6,000,000,000.

The total cost of replacing destroyed public works and railroads is given at \$2,000,000,000. The Nord railroad alone lost 1,731 bridges and 338 stations.

Twelve hundred churches, 500 schools, 1,000 manufacturing plants and 500 public buildings have been obliterated.

Slightly more than 1,000 towns have suffered 80 per cent destruction. Noyon, Ham, Soissons, Dormans, Peronne, Bapaume, Rheims and Verdun have been destroyed to an extent of 90 per cent.

Approximately 2,000,000 inhabitants have lost their furniture. Cotton and woolen industries lost \$6,500,000 as a result of the theft or destruction of spindles. The loss in linen amounts to \$500,000.

Of the total of 210 sugar refineries 145 were destroyed, including a loss of \$25,000,000 in machinery. Breweries suffered to a similar degree.

Pillagers Overrun Poland As Prisoners Are Released

Magnificent Heroism Shown by Women and Children in Standing Guard With Their Men Folks.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Stories of terrible conditions in Poland have been related to the Polish national committee at Paris by couriers from Poland, according to information received today at the Polish bureau here.

"Murder and rapine are now filling the land," said a statement by the bureau "and the social disorders consequent upon bolshevism in the territory have become secondary to the stories of bodily tortures which are being inflicted on the people. Faced with constant appeals for aid from the Polish populations in Vilna, Grodno and Lemberg, the Polish military command in Warsaw finds itself in the position where, with but scant military force and relatively small quantities of military supplies, it is obliged to ignore the demand of many, casting its strength where the chances of doing good are most pronounced.

"Meanwhile, throughout the countryside, in the entire area north-east and south of Warsaw, Russian prisoners of war, released by Germany and the German soldiers making their way back into Germany, are spreading a reign of terror in the various hamlets where they are commencing the fragments of food, the clothes, and the bedding of the people. Jews and gentiles are suffering alike in this terrible crusade which is being waged against them.

"The tragic stories which the couriers have brought are lightened only by the reports of the magnificent heroism which not only the Polish women, but even the Polish children, are showing in standing guard with their menfolks in repelling the invaders.

"The terrible feature of the situation is that as yet no intimation has been given by the representatives of the allied powers that actual military aid is to be expected.

"The reports on the food situation in Poland are equally disturbing. While surveys made are naturally of a most cursory nature the final report gives it as the opinion of the Polish officials in Paris that there are great areas of the country where hardly more than two or three days of food rations is available."

Nothing but a few bubbles were disclosed by the fire and police board hearing yesterday when the sweeping charges made against the Council Bluffs police department in connection with alleged laxity in administering anti-booze laws, were investigated.

Witnesses were able only to repeat rumors that had come to them, generally with the confession of inability to recall the names of the rumor vendors.

Had Heard Rumors. W. R. Orchard, Fred Shoemaker, Sumner Knox, Chris Hansen, Mr. Henry, Bill Hathaway and Mrs. Bradbury were the witnesses.

Shoemaker had not even heard the rumors. Knox declined to take the witness oath unless accepted with the qualification that he would refuse to answer any question that might disclose his work in the department. He was merely able to say that rumors had come to him but were of such a character as to be tangible enough to be taken seriously.

Mrs. Bradbury said one of her roomers told her all she had to do to be able to handle booze was to buy up Police Captain Shafer.

"And did you try to buy him?" was asked.

"I should say I didn't—I was afraid to speak to him," she responded.

No Names Disclosed. It was expected the hearing would disclose names of some of the suspected police officers, but not a witness was able to mention a name. No police officers were present.

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Directors of C. of C. NAMED BY SECRET BALLOT
John W. Gamble, in Accord With Usual Custom, Expected to Be Chosen President.

The annual election at the Chamber of Commerce, to ballot on 75 directors for 1919, was held in the rooms of the chamber yesterday.

The new board will meet Saturday and elect the executive committee. The newly-elected executive committee will meet next Tuesday and choose a chairman.

The board of directors also will meet Tuesday and elect the president of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. John W. Gamble, who during the past year has been chairman of the executive committee, will without question be chosen for that office, following the precedent of choosing for president the former chairman of that committee.

The new directors are:

- E. A. Millard, A. C. Scott, W. E. Rhodes, F. W. Wood, W. A. Frazer, W. B. Wood, Harry Koch, C. E. Corey, Paul W. Kuhns, R. R. Hastings, G. H. Mann, J. W. McGee, A. L. Reed, H. A. Tukey, A. F. Salinger, C. G. George, Jay D. Foster, Harry Conant, Alvin P. Johnson, Thos. A. Fry, J. P. Lord, Jos. Hayden, W. D. McHugh, J. B. M. W. W. Parrish, J. W. Parsh, C. H. Baird, C. E. Sherman, W. H. Barker, C. A. Brogan, W. P. Baxter, B. W. Christie, J. H. Beaton, J. T. Dwyer, F. A. Gore, W. G. Brandt, J. A. Linderherst, T. L. Lamb, W. P. Mancheher, W. D. Hoford, F. W. Holdrege, J. W. Johnson, W. B. T. Bell, L. V. Nicholas, E. E. Calvin, C. H. Pickens, Franklin Mann, J. W. Powell, R. R. Sunderland, R. S. Trimble, G. H. Kallahan, W. S. Waller, H. G. Hoel, W. M. McCarter, G. H. Monaghan, Col. J. Clark, Walter T. Page, David Cole, M. C. Peters, Harvey Milliken, Samuel Reed, P. S. Knapp.

C. E. Corey and H. G. Hoel in the manufacturers' division received a tie vote. According to officials of the Chamber of Commerce both will serve, each being entitled to one-half a vote, making 76 directors in all.

Thieves Steal Derrick and 32 Pounds of Butter
Thieves, evidently intending to stock up a pawnshop or a general store, stole an auto robe, a set of tools, a derrick and a quantity of butter from merchants Wednesday.

Clay Love, 2224 Dodge street, reported to the police the theft of an automobile robe from his car which he left standing at Seventeenth and Farnam streets.

A set of tools was stolen from a chest belonging to D. I. Hayden, 104 North Eighth street, Council Bluffs. Hayden left the chest at 1315 Leavenworth street, from where the tools were stolen.

A two-ton hydraulic derrick was taken from an express wagon belonging to J. W. Herron, 1607 Davenport street. Police blame the theft of 32 pounds of butter from the Alamito Dairy company to "some butter milk fiend."

The butter was taken from a dairy wagon at Fourteenth and Douglas streets.

Selling League Meets Today at Luncheon
The Advertising-Selling league of Omaha, which is to raise \$53,000 in Omaha next week for relief in the Near East, will give a luncheon at the University club at 12:15 o'clock today. Rev. Frank G. Smith, pastor of the First Central Congregational church, will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by W. F. Baxter. Mrs. Joseph Duffy will speak.

RINGER TO KEEP HOSPITAL GOING FOR WOMEN HERE

Police Commissioner Indicates He Will Keep It Going Regardless of Lack of Funds.

Police Commissioner Ringer says he is going to continue operation of the women's detention hospital in spite of the fact that city council failed to grant him funds to run it.

"Council said to me: 'Go ahead and run it if you can with the funds from your regular department,'" said Mr. Ringer. "I declined to grant the \$20,000 that I asked to support it. I must do the best I can."

Mayor Smith said: "We 'lumped' the whole health department fund in one this year, and in it we think there is enough so that the detention hospital can be continued if Mr. Ringer wants to continue it."

The hospital will be moved within a few days from its present beautiful location at Twenty-second street and St. Mary's avenue to the old county jail building at Eleventh and Dodge streets. This will save rent and the inmates will really be safer than they are at the present location.

The present location is regarded as a fire trap, while the old county jail building is fireproof.

"I don't know yet how many we will be able to accommodate with the possible funds," said Mr. Ringer. "I know that the county jail building has accommodations for 100, while the detention hospital in its present location has accommodations for only 60."

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Former Russian Czar Declared Still Alive in Archangel Report

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"A friend of mine, Prince M., who has just arrived here from Petrograd, informed me that he had a long talk with Grand Duke Cyril on November 18. The grand duke told him that he had just received a letter from Grand Duchess Tatiana, daughter of the emperor, who wrote that the empress and her daughters were still alive and that they expected to be freed soon."

The bolshevik officer, who was ordered to carry out the sentence of death, told the emperor that it was a matter of indifference to him who was shot. He had orders to produce a corpse—bullet in the head of a victim would make identification impossible.

"Count T.—offered to sacrifice himself, saying he considered it was his duty to lay down his life for his sovereign. The emperor protested vehemently, but was overruled by Count T. and the officer. The emperor escaped, but no one knows where he is at the present time."

Grand Elks to Be Guests of Local Lodge on Friday
Frank L. Rain of Fairbury, candidate for grand exalted ruler to succeed Bruce Campbell, will share the honors with Mr. Campbell at the informal dinner to be given at the Fontenelle at 6 o'clock Friday evening by the Omaha lodge of Elks No. 69.

Omaha and Nebraska are interested in the election of officers, which will be held at our next annual convention," said Exalted Ruler Charles R. Docherty of the Omaha lodge, "and we will boost Mr. Rain's candidacy with all of the enthusiasm possible. We want to show the east that we can put our man over the top. Mr. Rain surely will be the next grand exalted ruler."

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It is rumored that a boy from another class has been "browned" to take one of the parts. So "The Rose of Plymouth" is as produced by the South High school will not be a burlesque, but a regular production of the famous and well-loved play.

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All students who are to take manual training or domestic science will be allowed to register first, as these courses are considered among the most important. Students not registered before Thursday, January 23, will register on that day.

Provisions have been made for students entering the high school after the grades schools to register between 2 and 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, January 23. It is expected that about 80 students will enter the freshmen class from the South Side grade schools.

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Sutter Family Ahead
One Cow and One Calf
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This morning a stray cow wandered into our yard. We didn't chase her away because we thought the owner would be after her. This afternoon we looked out and there was a tiny calf following her around. What shall we do?"

Police were unable to suggest any expedient under the circumstances, and late yesterday the Sutters were still in possession of the two animals.

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Germany Responsible for Arming Bolshevi
Paris, Jan. 8.—(Havas)—At the last meeting of the armistice commission Marshal Foch called attention to the actions of the Germans, who, he said, while evacuating Poland and the Baltic provinces, had their arms with the bolsheviks, thus violating the conditions of the armistice. Marshal Foch added that Germany would be held accountable for the damage done by the bolsheviks thus armed.

The Weather
Comparative Local Record.
1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.
Highest yesterday... 45 18 49 31
Lowest yesterday... 22 8 26 21
Snowfall since March 1... 8.57 inches
Precipitation... .09 .04 .00 .00
Normal precipitation... .45 .45 .45 .45
Normal temperature... .21
Excess for the day... .13
Total excess since March 1, 1918... 1.45
Normal precipitation... .45 inch
Deficiency for the day... .02 inch
Total rainfall since Mar. 1... 19.65 inches
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