

MEATLESS HAM BONE COSTS 60C NOW IN FRANCE

Ritchie Describes Sad Christmas in Hunger-Stricken Devastated Districts of France.

By ROBERT WELLS RITCHIE, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Dec. 25.—(By Mail, Delayed)—Will you call this stuff, you folks at home, who will read this about the time the last stew has been extracted from the bones of the New Year's turkey? Will you be so completely launched in the new year and with the holidays so far behind you that a story about what Christmas meant in France will have no more interest for you than last year's results in the world's championship series? If so, of course, I would not write this.

Without question there is a prevalent belief at home that this is the most happy Christmas France or any of the agonized countries of Europe has seen for four years. Peace has come, you say; therefore, everybody in the land swept by the flame of war must be happy and full of rejoicing.

In one of the Parisian papers yesterday appeared an editorial headed, "Just a Ham Bone." I worried through that editorial with my limited facility in the French and drew therefrom a Christmas lesson which was perhaps the strongest this holiday season ever gave to me.

The Sober Truth.

Here is the sober truth, told me by French soldiers who have just returned to Paris from the devastated areas: The north of France from the Belgian border to Verdun is in a worse state in the matter of food now than under German domination.

Not only does food lack, but coal is very scarce; thousands whose homes were destroyed are without adequate shelter, clothing and furniture are equally wanting; medicines for the sick are being supplied in part by the medical corps of the English and American armies.

Belgium in Same State.

Nor are conditions greatly different in Belgium. A dispatch from Brussels in Le Matin of today said that because of the embargo Holland had put on the exportation of cheese and meats to Belgium there was great suffering through all the little kingdom.

Even though the Belgian Relief Commission still functions at top pressure, every mouth cannot be fed.

For all of France another element in the situation made for a sad "Noel." Not a single man has yet been demobilized from the French army, though the opposition to the Clemenceau government has forced this question to a serious issue in the chamber.

No, folks at home, this was not a very Merry Christmas over here. You who sat down to turkey and plum pudding must remember misery still exists in Europe, and when another call comes to help relieve it do not believe peace has put an end to charity.

Property on Leavenworth Street Sold for \$17,000

The Independent Realty company last week sold to Jake Slosburg and Nathan Somberg, property 133x113 feet at the southeast corner of Leavenworth and Twenty-second streets for \$17,000.

The purchasers are holding this property as an investment. Considerable interest is now being taken in property close to Twenty-fourth street, because of the possibility of passage by the legislature of the proposed law which will enable the city planning board to widen Twenty-fourth street.

Manager of Local Company Purchases Brownlee Home

The J. T. Brownlee home at 4919 Chicago, a 7-roomed building with sleeping porch, has been sold by C. E. Stubb and Linn Campbell to Emerson R. Bailey for \$6,250.

The Faith in Them.

London.—Who's who at the peace conferences? The French prime minister and Marshal Foch are agnostics. Marshal Haig is a Roman Catholic. Marshal Haig and President Wilson are Presbyterians. Premier W. M. Hughes of Australia is a staunch Baptist. Austen Chamberlain is a Unitarian.

Russia in Need of All-Russia Constituent Assembly, Says Grandmother of Revolution

Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya Lays Her View of Russia's Cause Before the American People Pleading for America's Aid in Creating a True Democracy in Russia.

By CATHERINE BRESHKOVSKAYA (Grandmother of the Russian Revolution) (The name of Catherine Breshkovskaya, the "grandmother of the Russian revolution" is known the world over. "Grandmother" is now 75, but just as in her youth she was the great cause of Russia and the world's democracy, with all the power of her beautiful soul, she is still the same today, standing for real democracy, she is fighting now the bolshevik tyranny with the same vigor as before she fought the tyrant of the old regime.)

Russia, although the most backward in her culture, has rendered such great services to Europe, and therefore to the whole world, that she deserves the full attention of all her friends and allies. For many centuries Russia served, and still serves, as a barrier defending Europe from the raiding forces of Asia.

A century passed, Russia rose up and entered the family of peoples who struggled towards freedom and light. A treacherous, merciless war, the work of her neighbor, awaited Russia, and during five years Germany has tyrannized our country in concert with her allies, the treacherous bolsheviks. Material poison, moral spiritual poison—all the diabolical machinery was put into action to bring our beautiful country to the ground.

Great Services to Humanity.

Three Million Dead.

While we lived through all the horrors of war, paying 10,000,000 in casualties, of whom 3,000,000 are dead and about 1,000,000 disabled for life, American sufferings in this war were comparatively small.

The Welcome Guest Has a Good Stomach

Not What You Eat But What You Digest Tells the Story.

Eat Anything if You Follow With a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet.



The Man or Woman Who Can Eat Heartily and Not Fade Away is the Welcome Guest Anywhere.

Three D's Heals Three

A terrible itching commenced on my body, bottles of D. D. D. completely cured me.

force on you a civil war with blood, robbery and slaughter.

The United States does not count its war orphans by the millions, and it is happy in that it is sure of its future. Its children are growing up without witnessing atrocities and degradation.

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Nature of Aid. Of what nature should this aid be? What are the immediate needs of the Russian people? Our greatest, deepest, most immediate need is the creation of conditions under which the Russian people will be able to convolve an all-Russian constituent assembly.

World Curious to See Outcome. The world is curious to see the outcome of this deadlock, the issue of this conflict of passions, theories, and aspirations, the conflict between the people striving for a brighter life and the hideous treachery handicapping the great people.

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pains, her bloody sufferings will be known only to the millions of Russian mothers and the millions of our other innocent martyrs, our orphans.

A year ago our allies, together with the devoted and proven friends of the Russian people, could have created the conditions necessary for the convocation of a constituent assembly. The opportunity was lost, and our masses, simple-minded, naive and credulous, tired out by their past misfortunes, became a prey to the base and rapacious instincts of selfish, ambitious and mercenary people.

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young and inexperienced could not at once find the true path, and, if abandoned by their friends, they may not find it for a long time.

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