

MUNY FORESTS AT VIENNA OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR FUEL

Profiteers Destroy 150-Acre Forest Park by Cutting Wood and Selling at High Prices.

Vienna, Jan. 31.—The authorities recently authorized the population to cut and take from the municipal forests that surround Vienna as much wood as could be borne on the back three times weekly. The plan was meant to meet the pressing need of people who could not buy or obtain from the public ration enough fuel to cook with.

A fortnight's experiment showed that, with the complete destruction of one superb forest park of 150 acres, only a fraction of the wood went as intended, while organized bands of profiteers cut and sold 20,000,000 crowns' worth.

The incident is typical of profiteering conditions in this capital. The papers daily report the frustrated or successful smuggling out of the country of contraband articles and commodities. A band of Spanish smugglers recently were caught on the southern frontier with large quantities of gold, silver and platinum which they were trying to take out in automobiles. The low exchange value of the Austrian crown makes smuggling a tempting game and men take desperate chances. The frontiers are guarded closely and everyone searched, but the left hand trade is unchecked.

Month's Salary for Meal.

Money can still buy any necessity or any luxury here. While the mass of the people are hungry and cold and ill-clad, the splendid hotels and restaurants continue so crowded that it is impossible to be served unless a reservation is made for a table. In crowns the prices are fabulous. A simple meal costs the month's salary of an office man, yet profiteers and alien speculators throng them as well as the cabarets and night amusement places of all kinds.

On the one hand is luxury and reckless spending and on the other starvation. The swarms of street beggars increase, men, women and children with their insistent appeals. The cheaper coffee houses are filled from opening to closing with those drawing their 15 crowns daily of out of work subsidy. Strikes and threatened strikes bring enormous increases of pay and, prostrate under it all, is the middle class, the professional and clerical ranks who have neither organization nor resource. They are not entitled to out of work pay nor enabled in any way to increase their incomes.

Vienna presents curious contrasts. Nearby is a shop once famous for its delicacies. Its windows are dressed with tinned salmon, a few sardines, both to be had on a fat ration card, some imitation liquors and scaly looking bon bons.

Luxuries Are Plentiful.

In the great shopping streets of the inner city the windows are filled with magnificent furs, works of art, tailored costumes, dainty silks and other women's wear, jewels and other articles de luxe. But for sturdy clothing, for shoes and woollens, for those things that a populace needs in a hard winter climate, for fats and flour and sugar, one can search Vienna in vain. A diamond or rare painting, tapestry or sable coat, dainty glassware or exquisite leather and porcelain things can be found on the Karntnerstrasse or the Graben or the smart shop streets that radiate from them, but the owner of any one of them will sell you more readily for bacon, flour or sugar than for crowns. Recently many shops have refused to sell except for established foreign monies, although such a procedure is in direct violation of the law.

The government daily quotes the official rate of exchange at which foreign money will be cashed in its own bureau, but this means nothing as affecting private transactions in banks and with money changers. Some days these will give from ten to twenty points more or less than the official rate according to their own judgment of conditions. There are daily raids on illicit money changers in cafes, hotel corridors and in the side streets of the Bourse, often netting millions of crowns, but the game goes on.

February Will Be Very Peculiar Month

February, 1920, will be a peculiar month. February 1 falls on a Sunday, as does February 29, the last day of the month.

There will be seven holidays in February—that is, for bankers and others, but for the common workman but five.

There are five Sundays in February and the customary two legal holidays—Abraham Lincoln's birthday and the anniversary of George Washington's birth.

Such a February has not been experienced since 1880, and there will not be a similar one until 1943, statistical fiends declare.

Leap year is the reason.

Aged Woman Recluse Found Burned to Death

East Orange, N. J., Jan. 31.—Miss Elizabeth O. Hoyt, 70 years old, who lived alone at 72 Steuben street was found burned to death in her home. Neighbors had not seen her for several days. Mrs. Edward Hunkele, who lived next door, broke into the Hoyt house and found the woman's body in a sitting posture in a chair in the dining room burned almost beyond recognition. It is believed the woman's bed caught fire from a gas stove. Miss Hoyt had lived alone in the house for 30 years.

Leg Broken, Pinned Under Auto for Eleven Hours

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 31.—To lie pinned under an overturned motor car for 11 hours with a broken leg and his face blistered by water from the radiator was the experience of W. J. Sprout, 45, a traveling salesman, near here the other day.

Sprout was found by children on their way to school. He will recover.

Flood of Breach Of Promise Cases Among Kansas Girls

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31.—There's a regular "epidemic" of

breach of promise suits, just filed here, by women who want to be paid for heart throbs. One of the "men" is but 16 years old, too.

Jack Orledge, 16, manager of the Orledge cafe, at Twelfth and Baltimore, promised to marry pretty Mildred Florence Shutz, 22, and because he didn't keep his

word she asks the small sum of \$25,000.

Miss Nancy Lee, a 20-year-old cigar clerk, met Frank Palmer, in 1917. They went to the "movies" every Sunday night. Not long ago he told her over the telephone it was "all off" and gave no excuse. Nancy can't see why he can't pay her \$25,000, without excuse.

Marriage Records Broken In Lille During 1919

Lille, Jan. 31.—Cupid apparently has taken up his camp in the city of Lille since its liberation from the Germans, and is bent on making it the greatest marrying city of its size in the world.

Before the war the average num-

ber of marriages annually in Lille was only slightly in excess of 2,000. During the three years of German occupation the number fell to less than 900 annually. But in the year 1919 more than 4,000 couples were married, the record being established during the two days feted in honor of Saint Eloi, when exactly 200 couples joined hands.

Her Age No Barrier To Long-Distance Travel

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31.—Age, it would seem, now is no barrier to long distance travel.

Application was made here by Mrs. Bertha D. Vanorden, 70, for a passport to Brazil and, she is planning to make the trip alone.

"Walking Dairy" Milked At Customers' Doorsteps

Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 31.—A "walking dairy" is the innovation of Sherd Cresser, a farmer and stock dealer. He not only serves milk at the door fresh from the cow, but brings the cow along and draws the milk while his customers wait.

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