

BELGIUMS CLAIMS ARE MOST URGENT

A PERCENTAGE OF INDEMNITY SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NEED FOODS AND MACHINERY

Government, Cities, Towns, Villages and Individuals Have Suffered Heavy Losses.

Paris.—The financial claims of Belgium against Germany are most urgent. Baron Van Den Heuvel, a member of the Belgian peace delegation and of the peace conference committee on reparations, said:

Belgium, he declared, does not have time to wait for an agreement to be reached as for the exact figures of the indemnity which is due her before obtaining at least partial reparation. The baron said a percentage of the indemnity should be paid immediately.

Belgium, he added, needs foods and machinery at once. Her workmen are idle, her industries are at a standstill or working at a loss, and her foreign trade will go to other markets unless something is done.

Baron Van Den Heuvel said it would take time to reckon the exact figure of Belgium's losses through military operations, occupation and enemy requisitions. The government, cities, towns, villages and private citizens have suffered heavy losses.

GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN OPENED AT WEIMAR

Weimar.—The opening of the national assembly this afternoon was impressive for its solemnity, earnestness and simplicity. Chancellor Ebert's opening speech, the delivery of which occupied a half hour, was frequently interrupted. The Court theater was thronged long before the appointed time.

It was a democratic looking crowd, well, though plainly dressed, that shuffled its way through the snow to the theater, for everyone walked, save one carriage and one automobile party. Following a brief review of an infantry honor company, everyone sought the interior of the theater.

Herr Ebert received only a brief ovation on his entry. He found himself so heckled by independent socialists that he was forced in the middle of his speech to turn upon them with the declaration that their disorder showed how little evil times had taught them. He aroused approval when he began by declaring:

"We have done forever with princes and nobles, by the grace of God."

He said the German people was now ruling itself.

There was disapproval mixed with approval when he declared the revolution would decline responsibility for the shortage of food and the defects in food in Germany.

Need, the chancellor continued, delivered Germany to her enemies, but he protested against being a slave to Germany's enemies for 30, 40 or 60 years.

TOTAL RECENT CASUALTIES BY AMERICANS IN RUSSIA

Washington.—Total casualties in the American forces in the Archangel region of Russia up to and including January 31, were 180 killed, died of wounds, sickness or from other causes, or missing in action, and 229 wounded or injured, making a total casualty list of 409 out of a force that numbered 4,925.

The information was contained in a cablegram from Archangel dated February 4. The casualties were listed as follows:

Killed in action, three officers and 58 men; died of disease, two officers and 64 men; died of wounds, one officer and 12 men; accidentally killed, three men; drowned, one officer and two men; missing in action, 34 men; wounded in action, all ranks, 198; accidentally wounded, 25; wounded, other causes, six.

EARLY ACTION EXPECTED ON MUCH DEBATED TAX BILL

Washington.—Senate and house members studied the final re-draft of the six billion dollar war revenue bill, preparing for early action on the conference report.

The bill will yield \$6,077,200,000 for the present fiscal year and \$4,184,510,000 next year, according to estimates given out as compiled by experts of the treasury and senate finance and house ways and means committees.

U. S. HOSPITALS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO BE CLOSED

Washington.—The government hospitals at Waynesville and Hot Springs will be abandoned. The Kentworth Inn hospital has not been passed upon yet. The war department has reached a final decision on the two plants at Waynesville and Hot Springs. Representative Webb introduced a bill for \$75,000 for a site and public building at Morganton. This is one of many public buildings going in now.

Y. W. C. A. OPENS WORK IN ITALY

Tea and Club Rooms Opened for American Women.

Miss Charlotte Niven, Director of Italian Work, Prepares for Influx of American Woman Students.

Italy is now included in the war work of the American Y. W. C. A.

Miss Mabel Warner of Salina, Kan., and Chicago left Paris a few days ago for Rome, where she will be in charge of a Hostess House for American girls employed there by the American Red Cross, the Embassy and the new Tuberculosis Commission. Miss Warner has been director of the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Brest, France.

Miss Warner will open a tea room and club rooms where the American women can gather for social times. Rome is harboring a refuge population of about 40,000 and accommodations are difficult to find.

The work in Rome was started as a direct result of the appeal of Miss Charlotte Niven, one of the National Y. W. C. A. secretaries of Italy, who is spending a few months in France as an advisor in the French work.

Miss Niven's dreams of Y. W. C. A. work in Italy include the maintenance of a residence for non-Italian women, who, she feels, will come to Italy in great numbers after the war to study music and art.

"I believe at this time such a project is particularly important because women from other countries should be encouraged to come to Italy to replace the great numbers of German women who flooded Italy in the past, many of them paid agents of their government," Miss Niven said in discussing her plans.

Miss Niven has asked the American Y. W. C. A. to aid the Italian Association in establishing a center, perhaps at Genoa, with two American secretaries, with physical and recreational training, to act as a training school for Italian women. In connection with it her plan would include a Hostess House for girls passing through the city or employed there. Such a center would become eventually the center for all Y. W. C. A. work in Italy, both Italian and foreign.

In her formal appeal for help for the Unione Cristiana Delle Giovani (the Italian name for Young Women's Christian Association) Miss Niven has emphasized two facts, the poverty of the Italian Association on the one hand and the need and opportunity on the other for an American program in Italy at the present time.

Miss Niven's favorite way of illustrating the friendliness of the Italian woman to America is by telling the story of the Italian mother who said she had taken down the picture of the Madonna which had hung for many years over her bed and was putting in its place one of President Wilson.

"In our work in the Unione we have lacked trained leadership as well as the material resources to give such training. We have had no means to buy modern equipment. Consequently we have not the visible results of American and British work.

"Feeble as our work may be, it is not useless. Many girls in all parts of Italy have told us how much the Unione meant in their lives. Italian girls are touchingly grateful for the smallest efforts. They respond eagerly to friendliness.

"There is no other agency doing in Italy what the Association is trying to do."

Miss Niven has spent the past seven years in work with the Italian women, starting as director of a hostel, or boarding home for Italian women students, at Florence. She is an American from New York, where she was onetime head of the Christadora Settlement House.

WOMEN LEARNING MESSAGE.

Germantown Y. W. C. A. Trains Women for Reconstruction Work Among Soldiers.

Educational courses to prepare women as aides in the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers have been opened at the Germantown, Pa., Young Women's Christian Association.

A reconstruction message course, lectures in anatomy, physiology, muscle work and remedial movement massage, theory and practice, electrotherapy and hydrotherapy are given by doctors and nurses, who also supervise practical work at the Y. W. C. A. and at hospitals. The courses are recognized by the Surgeon General.

Similar courses have also been opened in the New York City Central Branch Y. W. C. A., where a specialty is made of brush-making with a view to training women as teachers for reconstruction hospitals.

The Canadian Y. W. C. A. has received permission to place a Y. W. C. A. secretary on every ship leaving England with 200 or more women and children on the passenger list.

The secretary fulfills the same function for the women as the Y. W. C. A. secretary has for men on transports. She plans entertainments and recreation for women and children and is a friend to whom they may come if they are in distress.

NOTICE of the COUNTY TREASURER

The Books of the County Treasurer will be open for the collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year, 1918, at the Treasurer's office from October 15th to December 31st, 1918. After December 31st one per cent will be added. After January 31st, two per cent will be added, and after February 28th, seven per cent will be added till the 15th day of March, 1919, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one township are requested to call for receipts in each of the several townships in which the property is located. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may be attached.

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at 50 years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.50 in lieu of road duty. All men now in military service are exempt from road tax.

The Tax Levy is as follows:

State Tax	8 1/2 mills
Ordinary County Tax	4 mills
Road and Bridge	4 mills
Railroad Bond	1 mill
Road Bonds	1/2 mill
Jail Bonds	1/2 mill
Constitutional School Tax	3 mills
Total	21 mills

Special School—Laurens Township

Laurens No. 11	10 mills
Trinity-Ridge No. 1	8 mills
Maddens No. 2	4 mills
Narnie No. 3	5 mills
Bailey No. 4	4 mills
Mills No. 5	4 mills
Oak Grove No. 6	2 mills
Ora No. 12	8 mills

Special Schools—Youngs Township

Youngs No. 3	4 mills
Youngs No. 4	4 mills
Youngs No. 4	11 1/2 mills
Youngs No. 5	4 mills
Fountain Inn No. 3B	14 mills
Lanford No. 10	6 1/2 mills
Ora No. 12	8 mills
Youngs No. 1	8 mills
Central No. 6	2 mills
Youngs No. 7	8 mills

Special School—Dials Township

Green Pond No. 1	7 mills
Dials No. 2	8 1/2 mills
Shiloh No. 3	4 mills
Gray Court-Owings No. 5	12 1/2 mills
Barksdale No. 6	5 mills
Dials Church No. 7	4 mills
Fountain Inn No. 3B	14 mills
Merna No. 8	2 mills
Dials No. 4	4 mills

Special Schools—Sullivan Township

Mt. Bethels No. 2	5 mills
Princeton No. 1	8 mills
Poplar Springs No. 3	4 mills
Hickory Tavern No. 17	8 mills
Brewerton No. 7	4 mills
Sullivan Township R. R. Bonds	3 mills
Merna No. 8	2 mills

Special Schools—Waterloo Township

Waterloo No. 14	4 mills
Mt. Gallagher No. 1	6 mills
Bethlehem No. 2	4 mills
Ekam No. 3	8 mills
Centerpoint No. 4	4 mills
Oakville No. 5	8 mills
Mt. Pleasant No. 6	4 mills
Mt. Olive No. 7	8 1/2 mills

Special Schools—Cross Hill Township

Cross Hill No. 1	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 13	8 mills
Cross Hill No. 2	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 4	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 6	3 mills
Cross Hill No. 3	2 mills

Special Schools—Hunter Township

Mountville No. 16	11 mills
Hunter No. 2	4 mills

Hunter No. 3	6 mills
Clinton No. 5	11 mills
Hunter No. 4	4 mills
Hunter No. 1	2 mills
Hunter No. 6	4 mills

Special Schools—Jacks Township

Odells No. 6	3 mills
Hurricane No. 15	3 mills
Shady Grove No. 2	3 mills

Jacks No. 3	5 mills
Jacks No. 4	3 mills
Special Schools, Scuffletown Township	
Langston Church No. 3	3 mills
Scuffletown No. 1	2 mills
Lanford No. 10	6 1/2 mills
Ora No. 12	8 mills
Scuffletown No. 2	4 mills
Scuffletown No. 4	4 mills

those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by check, money order, etc.

Persons sending in lists of names to be taken on are requested to send them early, and give the township of each, as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December.

ROSS D. YOUNG,
County Treasurer.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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Announcement

New
Fashion
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for Women

OUR buyers have returned from Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, where we purchased a complete stock of goods for our New Ladies' Store which will open for business within the next few days. Our line of new Spring Apparel consists of beautiful Spring Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, Silks, Dress Goods, Spring Oxfords, etc., in all of the most charming and popular fabrics and colors. Our buyers have collected a beautiful exposition of Springtime Styles and you will agree with us when you view our collection.

Our Millinery Department will be in charge of Miss Anna Lentz of Baltimore, and here you find the very latest in Ladies and Misses' Hats.

Our Ready-to-Wear Department will be in charge of Misses Gertrude Hipp, Emmie Robertson and Blanche Martin. Miss Martin was formerly with the Beaudrot-Beiers Quality Shop of Greenwood.

We Will Soon Open for Business

Announcement of our formal opening will be made in a few days. New goods are arriving daily and we will soon be ready to show you the most attractive line of Ladies' Wear ever offered in Clinton. You are asked to bear our opening in mind, watch for our big advertisement and remember the date. We extend to every lady in this section a most hearty invitation to visit our store on Opening Day and see what we are offering. New Goods, Latest Styles, Best Quality, Reasonable Prices, Courteous Attention—you'll get them all at the New Ladies Store.

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