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WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH Baker Found With Skull Crushed Large Tract of Land In Chesterfield From Many Blows.

one of the most brutal crimes ever one of the Kershaw County came to ight elast Friday morning when Mrs. brelle Baker, wife of Andrew C. Bg. was found horribly beaten near

The crime was supposed to have been ours later, when her sons went in the land. greh for her. The unfortunate wo alal and died Saturday morning at oclock without regaining ensciousness An examination by Dr. Clyburn, who parderer fired from a crouching poformate woman was gathering grapes. The deal by setting exo A coroner's inquest with Mr. W. G. rates on their property. Wison as foreman of the jury was . The government, it is understood, aured woman and that he called to reasonable price is set upon it. is sons were hauling straw near the house at the time of the attack upon the tragedy was put in evidence and terfield county. howed evidence of having been freshcould not account for the rents in his shirt, but stated the stains were from natermelon juice.

The jury returned a verdict to the ffect that Mrs. Baker came to her tles unknown to the jury.

Sunday afternoon at Marshall's church For years Chesterfield land has fusband of the dead woman por any

aest mysterious in this county in many \$6 an aere it is said. years. Many sensational theories have een advanced as to the probable mo. the but not until the guilty party is are willing to lease it to the govern- an be known. From the evidence at the acre. inquest it seems that no outsider so far has been suspected, and evidence points strongly to the fact that some

Sheriff Hough, Constable Bateman, and Chief of Police Witaker have been working on the case.

Following is the testimony as given at the coroner's inquest held here Sat-

Wash Sinclair, duly sworn says:

Mrs. Estelle Baker was my brother's band, Andrew Baker. He came to city. my house. I live about a mile from The souveniers consist of a French had on his every day clothes like he had been working. He was barefooted. the way with him, he stopped at house of colored woman between my house shrapnel. and his to get his children and told about his clothing. I went on to where she was. He had told me where she was They had done found her. No one was there when I got there. When ty. I get there she was lying on her left down side her. I got some water, me and Miss Emma Davis and washed her face, she was bloody as she could be. There was right smart scuffling appeared round there where it appeared the had got up and gone a little piece

tred she had fallen. Her clothboked like somebody had been ulling it. It was torn loose some in front. I saw a piece of fence parttorn down and I saw a track on the other side of that. And there was gun shot place where the shot had cut the bullace vines and weeds it had come through. That track it came from the left where she was lying up side where the old garden was. There were places of blood where it appeared she had fallen. It seem ed that she was going from the house, There seemed to be three of the places where she fell. I could see no track if the places where she fell but her We track. The other track was 3 of 4 steps from where she fell. I did not notice about the track fill a good ittle bit after I got there. I followed the track from the place of the scufding a short piece by the old garden. It was a man's track. It seemed about shoe. The place was 300 or Continued on Last Page.

MAY GET ARTILLERY RANGE

Suitable For Purpose.

Monroe, N. C., Sept. 13 .- According to reliable information received here B. F. Jordan, Sunday at 6 p. m., Mrs. the war department is making an effort James Chestnut passed away. to lease 150,000 acres of land in Cheshome seven miles east of Cam- terfield county to be used as an arlillery target range. The proposed nited between nine and ten o'clock and for miles it is impossible at times the morning but her body was not to see any signs of civilization on the

The Monroe Insurance & Investare was brought to the Camden hose ment Co., and M. K. Lee, president There they lived together most happle of the Farmers and Merchants' bank own about four thousand acres of the The examination by Dr. Clyburn, who tract but the most of it belongs to tract that she had not been shot, as if its thought, but that the wounds are first thought, but that the wounds the hands were received in ward manager of the local real estate company. the blows. Evidence at the pany have both been down to Chesof the tragedy went to show that terfield to consult with government be halbeen fired at, as fresh gun watis officials, and the latter state that it were picked up, and the trail of a uppears that the artillery range is led of shot as they cut their way forthcoming, as the land owners show impelled this lovely couple to disa willingness to co-operate with the government and are not holding up garderer fired in the weeds as the un-

ad Saturday with Solicitor W. H. desires to lease the whole tract for tobb conducting the investigation. A two years with the privilege of an exterge crowd was in attendance. The tension for five years longer. It is pshand of the dead woman, testifying also said that the government is willthe inquest, stated that he found the ing to purchase the entire tract if a

Major General White who is atany way. He stated that he and tached to the southeastern district staff at Charleston, was in Chesteris wife, and in accounting for the field Saturday, Sunday and Monday. report of a gun stated that he had He was accompanied by prominent that a wasp nest near by. The shirt Cheraw business men who are deterworn by the husband on the day of mined to secure the range for Ches-

The project caused a stir in Chestr torn and had stains upon it. He terdeld and adjacent counties, as the government took the initiative in the matter. The 150,000-acre tract nothing much but bare sand with little signs of vegetation, appealed to the death at the hands of a party or par, military authorities it is said and if nothing causes a hitch the range will The funeral of Mrs. Baker occurred be established there it is said.

immense crowd of town and county union, and other bordering North folks, services being conducted by Rev. Carolina counties. Until, recently it had lived so long being H. Graves of the Camden Methor was not fit for cultivation and a good. Mrs. Chestnut is deal of it is still untenable.

Twelve years ago part of this tract Mrs. Baker was about thirty years was sold for 80 cents an acre with edest being a son of nearly fourteen and the land later sold from \$1.00 to She is also survived by her \$1.50 an acre. At this time 12 years parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair ago, the Monroe Insurance & Investf Camden and a brother and sister. ent Co. bought 42,000 acres at \$1.50

SOUVENIERS FROM FRANCE

of the woman's own relatives commit- Brought Back By Dr. Boykin on Display at Chronicle Office.

The Chronicle is indebted to Mrs. B. H. Boykin for the loan of several interesting souveniers of the war in Boykin who saw service in the Ameri- of several months. daughter. I was called to her home can Hospital Corps around Verdun yesterday about 10 a. m. by her hus- during the fierce fighting near that

him. He called to me to come there steel helmet, a time cap for a shell in the lumber and turpentine industry. quick. He told me to come to his and one of the unexploded "Seventy- He had been successful in business to house at once that someone had kill- Fives" which has made the French ed his wife. He appeared scared. He artillery famous. The steel belinet was given to Dr. Boykin by a mortally I went on over to his house part of wounded French soldier and it shows signs of having been hit by flying one daughter, Miss Alice McCaskill and

Dr. Boykin is now at Camp Persons, are to go on that he would be on in Allentown, Pa., with the rank of Capa few minutes. In a few minutes he tain. He was formerly operating surcame on to his house. He didn't talk geon of the Episcopal hospital corps to I did not see anything peculiar his company will see service again. of Camden, S. C. Dr. Boykin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boykin, of Boykin, in this coun-

The souveniers are still on display bridge cemetery. Her right arm was over her at The Chronicle office and can be head that way and her left arm was seen by calling here. They have proved very interesting to many.

New Enterprise Chartered.

The Buffalo Milling company of Bethune was chartered with a capital and then fallen again. The ground stock of \$6,000. Officers are D. L. was all bloody around there where it Catoe, president; M. A. Shaw vice president'; Amas West, secretary and treas-

Has Gone to Georgetown.

Mr. J. Smyrl Halsall who for a numher of years has been the efficient substitute at the Camden Postoffice, has gone to Georgetown where he will work in the government service under Collector D. C. Heyward. He will be employed at the large DuPont distilling company at that place. Mr. and Mrs. den who will regret their leaving Cam-

Coea Cola Plant Sold.

The Camden Coca Cola Bottling Co., owned and operated for many years by Mr. B. H. Baum, of this city, was sold this week to Mr. John M. Jones. of Chester, S. C. We understand that Mr. Baum intends to move to Charleston county where he will engage in truck farming.

MRS. CHESTNUT DEAD

Former Resident of Camden Passes Away at Ripe Old Age.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs.

In the passing of this lovely spirit Gainesville has sutained a great loss most worthy of emulation. She came with her husband to Alachua county pe mod until probably three or four tract owing to the poor condition of in 1861. They purchased a plantation about twelve miles west of Gainesville where they established a home. ly for many years, rearing a family of children three of whom survive the parents. This home, presided over as it was, by its gental owners, became one of those which established for the South her reputation for hospitality. Its doors were always open to receive friend and stranger, all received a cordial welcome and God speed. A few years ago failing health pose of the home. They came then to live with their youngest daughter. Mrs. Jordan of Gainesville. In October. 1915, they celebrated the fiftyninth anniversary of their marriage February 15th, 1916, Mr. Chestnut entered into his rest. .

Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut were both members of old aristocratic families of Camden, South Carolina, Mrs. Chestnut was Miss Amelia Boykin McCaa. She had attained the ripe old age of eighty, but the years in their passage only added additional charm to her gracious personality, so that everywhere she went her presence was a benediction. For all time the memory of her beautiful life will of court. be an inspiration and uplift to those who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Chestnut was laid to rest Monday afternoon beside her husband in new one. Evergreen Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rey. Mr. Campbell from Holy Trinity Church where she had always worshipped. The beautiful flowers and sad faces of the pear her home place, attended by an heen the joke of people living in high and loving esteem in which she ital stock issues, 5 cents on each \$100; of the trenches which Germans pen-

Chas. H. Chestnut of Jacksonville, and wise than on demand, promisory notes, Chas. H. Chestnut of Jacksonville, and and exceeding \$200, 2 cents; deeds on office reports advances which result Mrs. B. F. Jordan of Gainesville, and tauds, tenements or other realty ex- in the occupation of several towns. Mrs. Baker was about thirty years of age and leaves four children, the timber standing in it. This was cut. five grandchildren James. Katherine ceeding \$100 up to \$500, 50 cents, and and Charles Chestnut. Birkett and Es- 50 cents for each additional \$500 or ther Jordan. . *

John Chestnut, James Chestnut, Chas. 10 cents; on playing cards retailing put in at his garage on lower Main The killing seems to be one of the an acre. It is now worth from \$5 to E. Haile, W. K. Haile, Evans Haile, at 15 cents per pack, 3 cents; over 15 Street. The underground resorvoir The owners of the tract it is said all nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut. tion to the tax now imposed under pump delivers five gallons at one existing law. J. M. Haile, and C. E. Halle, Jr., were cents per pack, 8 cents, this in addi- has a capacity of 500 gallons and the unusual and beautiful feature of brought to justice will the real truth ment at the rate of \$1 a year per the funeral service.—From the Gainesville (Fla.) Sun of September 11.

MR. J. C. McCASKILL DEAD

Former Citizen of Kershaw County But Had Resided Lately at Bainbridge,

Mr. J. C. McCaskill, former citizen of Kershaw county, died at his home France. They were brought to Amer- in Bainbridge, Georgia, Friday mornica by her son, Dr. Irvine Manning ing, September 7th, after an illness

> Mr. McCaskill was 55 years of age and left this county in 1882 and since that time has resided in Georgia and Florida where he has been engaged remarkable degree.

He is survived by his wife and six sons-Lewis, Allen, Harry, J. C. Jr., Charlie and Ralph McCaskill and also by the following brothers and sisters: K. A. McCaskill, of Bainbridge, Ga.; A. P. McCaskill, of Tallahassee, Fla.; Misses Scotta and Sallie Mc-Caskill, and Mrs. J. W. Stuckey, of me worth anything on the way. He at Philadelphia. He expects soon to Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. M. J. Ausley, aid he didn't know what he would sail for Europe again where he and of Cairo, Ga.; and Mrs. J. S. Dunn,

> The funeral occurred Sunday mgrn ing at his late residence and the burial was in the family plot in the Bain-

Camden Boy Champion Rider.

In a letter from members of the Cav alry troop at Greenville to Charleston friends, reproduced in the News and Courier of Monday, the writer has the following to say:

"Last week some of our best horse men made a visit to where one of the headquarters infantry companies were encamped, and tried riding a Western broncho, which had never been

ridden before. "This beautiful black horse was led out on one of the big drill fields, had a twister put on him, then a big Western saddle, and was then mounted by one of our men, who endeavored to "charm" him. He was twice thrown but the third time rode the horse off Halsall have scores of friends in Cam-I the field and all the way back to camp with no trouble.

"A tremendous crowd of Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina men were there to witness it, and so It did one good to see Mr. A. B. Whitaker with the honors for our troop. Many others are quite anxious now to share Mr. Whitaker's nonors with him, of the Blaney section. The remains so I guess we will all have the pleasure of seeing several more bucks and falls before long."

AUTOMOBILE THIEF CAPTURED

Sold Car to Robert Mickle and Then Russia's Internal Situation Shows Con-Attempted To Get Away With It.

A white man giving his name as C. Moore, and claiming Ensley, Ala., as his home was arrested as he was entering Columbia Tuesday morning driv ing an Overland touring car.

Moore and a woman, whom he claim-For more than fifty years her life in ed was his wife, had been working site is approximately 12 miles square, this community has been an example with the Hardaway Construction Co., near the Southern Power Co's works the new cabinet members was defer-'n West Wateree. He made a sale red for a day. of his car several days ago to Joseph Topschy, a former citizen of Camden, but now of Columbia. Topschy gave him a check for \$350 and before Moore chased, but no such man was known in Ensley. Topschy returned the car to Moore and Moore returned Later Moore made a sale of the car

o Mr. Robert Mickle of near Lugoff for \$400, Mr. Mickle paid Moore \$300 of the amount and on Tuesday the two drove to Camden. Mr. Mickle had business with the Camden Wholesale Grocery and told Moore that he would probably be in the office twenty minutes. When he came out of the office he found that Moore and the car had of its abuse of privileges. one. Inquiry at the Camden garages town. Becoming suspicious Mr. Mickle of into another car and drove rapidiv to the rivr just in time to see him leaving the flat on the West side. Comback to Camden he wired to Co-'umbia and other places to have him intercepted. He was captured as he was going into Columbia by the Richand officers and was returned to Cam-

In the meantime the woman who was "id to be his wife had left for parts unknown. The car was practically a

The New Stamp Taxes.

The new war revenue bill, which has passed congress carries stamp taxes as follows: On bonds of indebtedness, 5 cents on each \$100; on parmany friends who assembled to do cel post packages, I cent if carrying at Verdun, where Paris reports the her honor eloquently attested to the postage of 25 cents or more; on cap- French successful in regaining most was held in the community where she a graduated tax of 2 cents upon capital stock sales; sales of produce on Friday. Mrs. Chestnut is survived by three exchange, a graduated tax of 2 cents children, Mrs. Screven Dozier and Hp; drafts or checks payable otherfractional part thereof; power of at- Mr. W. O. Hay last week had a The pall bearers, W. T. Chestnut, torney, 25 cents; proxies for voting, new Bowser gasoline filling station

Probate had issued 404 whiskey permits. The quart a month law went in chine is its accuracy, thereby proving to effect on April 25. From April 25 to 30 only one quart was sold. During the month of May 29; June 114; July 55; August 109; to September 15th, 78-making a total of 404 quarts ordered in this county since the law became operative.

Married.

Miss Lillian Lee and Mr. W. C. Roberts, both of Camden, were quietly married on Monday at the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. John H. Graves officiating. Miss Lee is the youngest daughter of Mr. J. S. Lee, now of Camden, but for many years a citizen of Lancaster. Mr. Roberts is the son of Mr. W. R. Roberts of near Camden.

Dillon Boy in Riga.

The capture of Riga, the great Russian seaport, by the Germans is of local interest because of the fact that Brooks Afford a Dillon boy is American vice consul at that port. Mr. Alford, who is a son of Mrs. Annie Alford, went to Riga about the first of the year. Prior to his appointment he was private secretary to Congressman Ragsdale. Mr. Alford has been in constant communication with friends and relatives in this country since his arrival in Russia but no word has been received from him since the final ittack was made upon the city. Press dispatches, however, state that the civilian population left Riga three weeks before it was taken and it is likely that Mr. Alford was among those who escaped.—Dillon Herald.

Newspaper for Soldiers. Washington, Sept. 19. - A four nge weekly newspaper devoted en-

tirely to cantonment activities and carrying no advertising will be distributed free to soldiers. It will be published as the result of efforts throughout the country. Editors at practically every cantonment site have been enlisted to aid, Three pages will be prepared at the New York Y. M. C. A. head quarters, while the fourth page will be prepared and all press work done by the paper at the cantonment town, President Willon has lendorsed the

Funeral Held at Blaney. The funeral services of the late Mrs. Aline Nelson were held Friday at Blaney. Mrs. Nelson died at a local hospital Thursday. She was the wife

GEN. KORNILOFF ARRESTED

siderable Improvement.

Russia's internal situation was considerably clarified by Saturday's news dispatches which announced the arret of General Korniloff, marking the definite end of his revolt, and the formation of a new cabinet at Petrograd. Publication of the names of

With General Korniloff was arrested General Lokomsky who was in command on the Russion northern front when the revolt started and who cast his lot with his chief. What the fate of the two men will be is problematical. Opinion in Russia seems widely divergent as to the treatment that should be meted out to them.

Sweden is minded to do everything possible to set matters right so far as she was concerned with the German dispatches tranmitted through her foreign office, as brought in the recent Washington disclosures, Foreign Minister Lindman informed the Associated Press correspondent in Stockholm. She has stopped the practice and will not renew it, he stated, and has asked Germany for an explanation

Germany and Austria have prodisclosed the fact that he was not in claimed the creation of a regency to govern Poland, the two nations retaining joint control of foreign affairs during the period of occupation and of certain other powers of government not yet made clear.

Military activities on most of the fronts seem at a minimum for this season, when active operations are Withers Trotter, Troy West, DeWitt len Tuesday afternoon and placed in still possible virtually everywhere in fail to await trial at the coming term the field of hostilities.

> Rome's official statement, while reporting a rectification of the Italian lines on the Bainsizza plateau, does not mention particularly the fight for Monte San Gabriele, which height on Friday was reported in diplomatic dispatches to Washington to have been captured.

On the Franco- Belgian front the only actions were mindr affairs, except etrated north of Caurieres wood on

On the Riga front the Russians are still on the aggressive and their war office reports advances which resulted Betta Heath, Fassifern...

New Filling Station.

neade by the Bowser people, and certainly is the largest and most up-to-Up to September 15th the Judge of date out in in Camden, Mr. Hay says the greatest feature of this new maa wing to him and his customers. It is also a time saver.

Sale of Real Estate. . ". P. DuBose, realty dealers, announce the sale this week of the E.

McLeod cottage on corner of Mackey and Fair streets to Mrs. I. Scotta Sal

Also the Nettles property near the Wateree mill pond, formerly the property of S. B. Kirkland but more lately belonging to Savage and Crocker, of Camden, to Caleb Ticknor and Son. I'mon this property is located a part of the Sarsfield golf links, and it is the purpose of the new owners to have the property improved.

ACCUSED BY UNCLE SAM Five Charged With Conspiracy and Fraud at Columbia.

Columbia, Sept. 17.-Charged with alleged conspiracy, forgery and defrauding the United States government M. Shannon, G. L. Shannon, Tom Brawdy, J. B. Davis and M. M. Hamiter, all of Columbia, have been arrested on warrants sworn out here before R. Beverly Sloan, United States commissioner. The men were taken into custody by the military police and lodged in the Richland county jail and all have been released on \$2,000 bonds, each, except Tom Brawdy.

It is alleged by the government agents that the men put in time for more than one job simultaneously, collecting for more work than they had done. It is said that the men got more than one work badge, collecting wages on each badge, and that the foreman of the gang in which they worked cooperated with them in help ing to defraud the government, as it is alleged. The foreman was among those arrested.

W. M. U. Meeting. The annual meeting of the Baptist

Woman's Missionary Union of Kershaw Association will be held Sept. 27th and 28th at Mt. Olivet Church. churches having missionary societies please send delegates and those churches not yet with societies please urge ladies to attend also,

Mrs. Robt. Goodale,

Two Women Arrested.

Rebecca Marsh and Lucy Marsh, two white women were placed in jail Wedhospital Thursday. She was the wife of Mrs. Baker. The women resided on could not be transported owing to lack of J. L. Nelson a well known planter of the Blaney section. The remains were taken to Blaney this morning for the funeral and interment. Friday's officers have against the two women life are mounting to extraordinary we have not been able to learn. nesday in connection with the killing we have not been able to learn."

MORE MEN TO CAMP

Thirty New Men Left Wednesday To Become Soldiers For Uncle Sam.

Thirty more men of the selective draft list left Camden Wednesday for Camp Jackson at Columbia to begin training for the National Army. The men were from all sections of the counand were in charge of Walter S Cauthen. Quite a large crowd was at the Seaboard station to see the men off On the same train was quite a birge contingent from Chesterfield and other towns up the Seaboard.

During the day several car loads of drafted men from North Carolina pass ed through Camden over the Seaboard and a good many from Rutherfordton and other section up the Southern line came through Camden over the South ern en route to Columbia.

Below is a list of the men who left this county. There are many more men in this county ready and anxious to go but the men sent away Wedneslay were the only ones that have been certified by the district board;

Hampton R. Horton, Yancey Lee angley, Oscar Small, Albert Hinson, Charles Baker, Benj. T. Davis, B. J. Cassiday, M. C. Watts, Willie Lee Dixon, Issaac Robertson, John E. Gaylord, Fletcher E. Polson, W. S. McCoy, F. M. Ogburn, Grover E. Rabon, Blake Branham, George Reynolds, Fletcher Jack-son, Benj. I. Maddox, Walter S. Cauthen, Hazel E. Estridge, Ed. Lee Truesdale, Jas. E. Smith, Tillman Matthews. Joe T. Hornsby, Gary E. Branham, Dan J. Polson, Shelly Gardner, Belton Tidwell, Isaac J. Holland, W. F. Redfern.

Off For College,

The boys and girls attending schools and colleges from Camden and Kershaw county are: Claude Williams, Rush, Clemson; Teddy deLoach. Wiliam Trotter, Carolina; Cecil Brasington Furman ; G. T. Little, Chick Spring ; John T. Mackey, Vance Hough. .: Charlie Hough, Bingham Military Institute: Eugene Zemp, Clarence Dunn George Nicholson, John Nelson, Will Goodale, Nettles Lindsay, Citadel; Ed-win Guy, Leon Schlosburg, Georgia Tech; Dick Singleton, John Kennedy DuBose, Episcopal High; Joe McCas-kill, Dayidson; John Porter, Porter's Military Acadamey, Ralph Dunn, Johns Hopkins; Misses Nan deLoach, Wrennie Boykin, Ernestine Bateman, Coker College; Miss Sara Wolfe, Notre Dame, Baltiniore; Miss Ellen Boykin, Converse; Misses Margaret Lenoir, Elise Kirkland, Sarah Mickle, Lois Williams, Olga Rush, Lucile Bruce, Nancy Lindsay. Margaret Taylor, Winthrop; Miss

Important Church Conference. All members of the Caniden Baptist Ohurch are requested to attend a

church conference Sunday morning. September 23rd at 11:15 o'clock, Affairs of vital interest will come up at this time to be acted upon and it is imone portant that all church members be order of church conference held last Wednesday evening.

R. T. Goodale. Moderator,

Farmers of Antioch to Meet. The Antioch Farmers Local Associa-tion will meet at the Woodmen Hall Friday the 28th at 8 p. m. This is a very important meeting and every member is requested to be there. The food and crop situation are some of the questions that will be considered.

C. E. Davis. British Losses in Ships.

London, Sept. 18 .- British merchant ships of 1,600 tons and over sunk by mine or submarine during the past week numbered eight, according to the admiralty report tonight. Twenty ships under 1,600 tons were also sunk and one fishing vessel. The foregoing number of vessels of

more than 1,600 tons is the smallest sunk by mines or submarines in one week since Germany began her intensified submarine campaign February, but the number under 1,600 tons is the largest for any week but one since mid-February. The total number of ships sunk is the largest since the week ending June 24.

The admiralty statement for the week ending September 9 showed 12 British vessels of more than 1,600 tons sunk by mines or submarines. That was the lowest mark since the weel ending March 13, when ten vessels of that category was sunk. The greatest number of vessels under 1,600 tons was in the week ending May 5, when twenty-two went down.

Asks Fund to Equip 2,300,000.

Washington, Sept. 19.—While inco-bilization of the first major increment of the national army was proceeding today throughout the country Secretary Baker and the chiefs of the war department appeared before the Senate appropriation committee to present requests for an additional \$287,416,000 with which to provide equipment for a total force of 2,300,000

Austria Can't Last Winter.

Geneva, September, 17.—The Frei Zeitung of Bern publishes an article from a high Austrian official, who recently travelled through several sec tions of this country in which the writer states that Austria-Hungary cannot hold out the coming winter owing to economic reasons, as both sol diers and civilians will be starved.

He gives several reasons notably crops in the richest regions of Hungary by the cold and heavy rain, while 3.000,000 tons of Rumanian cereals could not be transported owing to lack of rolling stock, which first of all is