

# The Bamberg Gerald



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## BERLIN A STARVING CITY

BOSTON GIRL SAYS PEOPLE'S NERVES ARE SHATTERED.

They Quarrel Over Trifles, But Are Unit in Belief They are Right. Interesting Narrative.

Fifteen months in Berlin-it seemed like an age to a young Boston girl, Josephine Marzynski, the singer, who returned from the Prussian capital recently. Here was a remarkable experience and an extraordinary opportunity to observe conditions. A little more than eight weeks ago this slim and exceedingly girlish young American made her veritable escape from the German metropolis. Only by the most desperate and importunate efforts did she obtain her passports. She brings back a vivid picture of Berlin today -grimly resigned to terrible privation and resolutely determined to fight to the end.

"Do the Germans still believe that they will win the war?"

"They do!" she replied to my first question. "The general feeling in Berlin is that our allies are exhausted and that a decisive blow will have been struck before we become a factor on the western front.

"I left Berlin just as reports from Italy indicated successes of the new offensive, and Italy out of the war as result, and as reports from Russia pointed to a peace that would insure food for the starving people of Germany.

"They were very, very confident of the Russian peace, and it was regarded as the solution of the food problem, which is really the biggest one problem now bothering Germany. 'Peace with Russia,' was on the lips of everyone, and it was always said with a smile that implied food.

"Food! You can not imagine what the word means in Berlin. Morning, noon and night the whole citly talks food. The topic is discussed more than the war. Wherever you go, you are greeted with some sort of comment on its scarcity and the efeffect upon the speaker. And you simply can not get food-as we know food-in Berlin and the larger cities. In the smaller cities the shortage is much more endurable.

Laborers Are Best Fed. "Now, during my fifteen months there I lived with very wealthy people. Had I been dependent upon my own efforts and purse for food, 'I I did for the want of nourishing food. They are able to obtain an occasional goose, now and then some eggs and occasionally some fruit, vegetables, butter and cheese in excess of the regular rations.

"Poorer people, who perform hard work, were much better off in a way. The Government saw to it they were allowed proportionately much more of the necessities of life.

"On the other hand, I knew personally of the case of the family of a banker who was rich. Yet the family was literally starving and suffering more privation than the family of a poor laborer.

"The 'underground' food supply on which the rich depended was it. Two dollars a pound for butter off-the-handle' temperament. and \$2.50 a dozen for eggs gives you some idea.

#### Operagoers Hungry.

see the hungry ladies of society, Everyone seemed hypersensitive, the extreme, calmly eating sand- to get their minds off the war. wiches in the boxes."

would indicate German weaknesses?" I asked.

"I did not," Miss Marzynski answered. "You must remember Berfor man power than Germany is.

"And talk about 'giving comfort to the enemy.' Every utterance of any Englishman, Frenchman or American in criticism or opposition of the war is published in full and devoured by the Berliners. Lord Northcliffe's speed.-I believe it was directed at Lloyd George-was read

with the greatest glee. "I heard many rumors of dissatisfaction among the peasants of Bathere any organized opposition to the war. I knew many people opposed to the war, but only as individuals. They were continually deploring the existance of the war, but never con- ment, if they could?"

demning Germany's part in it.

going into the army-a very vain effort. The biggest mistake we can make is to hold our enemy so cheap-

"A young man in Berlin of well-todo folks and a friend of my friends was notified his class was about to be called to the colors. He promptly cut down on what little food he had been eating. In three weeks he was a living skeleton. But they accepted

'Toward the close of 1917, everyhand. I forget the exact date, but I Reichstag was in session. Unofficially it had been given out that peace-a German peace-was assured that afternoon.

"I shall never forget the spectacle March. . that followed. All Berlin burst out into hysterical tears. Everybody quit work. The streets were packed with people-all crying. Of course, it was a delusion, but when the people realized it there was no violent reac-

"Toward the end of my stay in Berlin I would often ask the women if they thought peace was coming. One and all as a rule would throw up their hands and exclaim, 'Ach! We will never have peace again. This fighting business will last forever!'

A Division of Opinion. "Another mistake we made is our belief that Germany is not as a unit in this war. I tell you there is no such thing as division of any kind between the people and the Government. In Berlin they laughed at President Wilson for making the distinction that he was warring upon the German autocracy and not the

turn the table on me by saying: "'We are not fighting you Americans; it is that President of yours who has led you blind ones into war.'

German people. And then they would

On the day that the President declared war on Germany I was scared to death-actually trembling with fear. So that when a young American boy called on me that afternoon to go to a concert it was with the self to be persuaded into going.

"We had hardly sat down in a street car, when, in a spirit of bravado, he began to talk in English until as circulating libraries on the way a stranger sitting next to him whispered in Engilsh in our ears, 'Fools! of debarkation and the books sent This is no place to speak English.' It was a timely warning, and my friend immediately desisted.

"But the funny part of the trip happened when we changed cars and went into the subway. A short, fat young German was sitting opposite, reading the news of our entrance into would have suffered even more than the war. He laid his paper down on his knee, looked up and groaned

> "'Beleef me, I vish I vas in der Choonited Stavds terday.'

Always Watched By Police. "I was so firmly established as a student, and because of my name and my ability to speak German, I probably escaped many annoyances and insults. Nevertheless, I was always under the eyes of the police, and they handled me without gloves on the occasions that I was obliged to report.

"All Berlin is in what I call a neurotic state of mind because of the war." Miss Marzynski went on. "Lack of food and heat and the killing and wounding of its friends and relatives, naturally costly in proportion to the and four years of wartime conditions risk the farmers took in disposing of | in general, have given everyone a 'fly-

"At home, in the street cars, at the theatres, voices are pitched high. Violent altercations break out be-"It was amusing at the opera to tween friends over some mere trifle. dressed in their finery and decked ready to resent any fancied grievance; with diamonds and conventional to and all jump at the slightest chance

"So that the theaters and concerts "Did you notice any signs that are simply packed, and the race track is black with people every day. All amusements are running full blast and at the urge of the government.

"Soldiers on furlough make up a lin believes our allies are worse off large part of the audiences, but they never appear in uniform. I supposed it was to keep the stay-at-homes' mind off the war and to keep secret the location of the various regiments. "It was at the races that I saw this

feverish nervousness let loose. People go literally frantic over each race.

"Any change in the German point of view as to the right or wrong in I shall never forget the stupefied their part of the war? Not a particle! I can assure you the German people never will be convinced they varvia, but nowhere in Germany is are in the wrong about this war. Dropping propaganda from airplanes will not change over a single mind."

"Aren't there many individuals impressed with the German viewwho would work against the govern- point?" I suggested.

GOES TO WASHINGTON.

Former Denmark Pastor to Fill Pulpit in Capital For Month.

Washington, Feb. 16 .- The board of stewards of Mount Vernon Place Methodist church, acting with Dr. Harry M. Canter, presiding elder, have secured the services of the Rev. H. G. Hardin, a brother of the retiring pastor, the Rev. Edward K. Harbody in Berlin thought peace was at | din, D. D., to fill out the unexpired portion of the conference year, due remember the occasion very well., The to the assignment of the latter to the pastorate of Central church, Asheville, N. C. The Rev. H. G. Hardin will supply the pulpit of Mount Vernon Place during the month of in full: .

> The new pastor is not a total stranger to the congregation of the Mount Vernon Place church. During a visit to his brother here a year or two ago he preached at one of the Sunday services and the impression he made then is responsible for the committee's invitation to him to serve the church at this time. His church at McColl, S. C., generously agreed to grant him leave of absence to take up the work here. He will arrive in Washington during the week beginning February 25 and Dr. E. K. Hardin will leave for Asheville during the same week.

> Rev. H. G. Hardin has many friends and acquaintances in Bamberg county, who will be interested in the above Washington dispatch. He was pastor a few years ago of the Denmark Methodist church, and has preached a number of times at Trinity church in this city. He impressed his acquaintances here as being a young preacher of unusual ability, and it is no surprise to them to know that he has been called upon to fill the pulpit of one of the large Washington churches.

Transports Carry Books to Troops. The overseas service of American Library Association is in operation. greatest reluctance I permitted my- Although space is extremely valuable aboard transports, they have been provided with bookcases holding collections of books which are used over. The cases are emptied at port to the men in the field.

As a means of further increasing the supply of books among the overseas forces, the association plans to have each soldier carry a book in his kit, to be put in circulation when he reaches the other side.

Germany will give in before we sacrifice our men.

"Berlin is no longer the beautiful city you saw when you visited it mamma," said the young singer suddenly turning to her mother. "Once its proud boast was that it was the cleanest city in the world.

Berlin a Filthy City.

"Today the erstwhile spotless streets are filthy, buildings are covered with dirt, windows black, garbage accumulates in the back yards and sewerage is in bad shape.

"There is no pleasure living in a German home these days. If a window is broken you must board it up. Servants can not be had; they've all gone to the munition factories. Sitting down to a meal, of course, is a

"You can only have hot water on

had declared war had not folks here ing, 2nd grade. Reading 1st grade.invested so much in my musical edu-

their best to stay me. But my persistence overcame their violent objections, and after stripping me of everything except my money and personal belongings, they allowed me to go. Believe me, when I reached Copenhagen I did nothing but eat for

#### Sausage and Mothy Beef.

"'Mein Gott! Two kinds of meat! amazement of the guests at the 'spread' arranged for the students throw. and myself just before I left Berlin. And the two kinds of meat were sickly sausage and mothy-looking beef.'

"It's a wonder you have not been

"Nothing doing on "Surely, there are. But Germany viewpoint!" declared Miss MarzynsFIELD DAY PROGRAMME.

April 11th and 12th.

The annual field day events will be held this year in Bamberg on Thursday evening, April 11th, and Friday, space for the following: April 12th. The field day committee has prepared a very attractive pro- food administrator for Bamberg gramme for this annual school occasion. Last year the field day was a tremendous success, and it is hoped by those who have the matter in is very important that we save all the charge that every school in the county will participate this year, and make field day the biggest event ever held by the schools in Bamberg county. The following is the programme

Thursday Evening, April 11th.

At the Bamberg school auditorium. Graded aand high school declamation el for the State in the conservation and recitation contests. Each school will be allowed one boy in the high school and one in the graded school declamation contests. Each school will also be allowed one girl in the high and one in the graded school adopted recommendation made at our

Friday, April 12th.

9:30 a. m. Assembling of the schools of the county in the auditorium of the Bamberg graded school.

9:40 a. m. Address of welcome. Response. Announcements.

lowing subjects: English composition, English grammar, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, geography, reading, spelling Latin, and general sci-

12:00 m. to 1:00 p. m. Dinner. (Promptly at one o'clock the schools will come together for a parade to the have on hand in excess of thirty days athletic field.)

1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. Athletic

4:30 p. m. Announcements of winners and awarding of trophy cups. MENTAL CONTEST.

grammar, analysis of sentences and person accurately making them will parsing of words. Theme writingon some topic of today. Arithmetic other unpatriotic act. This will make -percentage and interest. Algebra plan popular. Certificate should be 1st-through fractions. Algebra 2nd very simple. I suggest the following: -to simultaneous quadratics. Plane "I have on hand blank pounds of geometry-books I-II. Solid geome- flour in excess of 30 days supply. try-books VI-VIII. Latin-Caesar, Suggest that this census may result books I-III. General science-pages in great saving of transportation 1-232. History-West's modern world, to part VI.

CLASS B.

5th, 6th, and 7th grades. Arithmetic, 5th grade-Smith's Advanced, pages 1-100. Arithmetic, 6th grade to any of the following gentlemen Arithmetic, 7th grade-Smith's Ad-| tors for their districts: vanced, pages 164-283. Grammar, 5th grade-Kinard & Withers', to page 242. Grammar, 6th grade-Analysis of sentences and parsing of Ehrhardt; Mr. M. J. Black, Bamberg; nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Grammar, 7th grade-analysis of sentences and parsing of words. Spelling, 5th grade—Arnold's Mastery of Words, to page 82. Spelling, 6th grade-Arnold's Mastery of Words, to page 128. Spelling, 7th grade—Arnold's Mastery of Words, part 11 to page 38. Geography, 5th grade-Groups of States with capitals and chief cities. Geography, 6th tests. grade-Leading occupations with the chief products of the different States. Geography, 7th grade-Questions on capitals, forms of government, leading occupations, and the chief products of the countries now at war.

CLASS C. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, pro- subtraction, multiplication division. viding you have the fuel to heat the Arithmetic, 4th grade-Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division. "Everybody travels in the street Arithmetic, 3rd grade-addition, subcars, since all automobiles have been traction together with multiplication commandeered. I had to literally fight tables. Arithmetic, 2nd grade-admy way out of Germany. I would dition and subtraction. Reading, 4th not have remained there after we grade. Reading, 3rd grade. Read-Readers to be selected. Spelling, 4th grade-Arnold's Mastery of Words "Last October it became deadly to page 50; spelling, 3rd gradeplain a winter of frightful suffering Hunt's Progressive Speller, book I, was ahead for everybody. They did section I. Spelling, 2nd grade-Hunt's Modern Word Book for Primary grades to page 50.

#### Athletic Programme.

Boys over 14-100 yard dash; mile relay race; running high jump; running broad jump; pole vault.

Girls over 14-50 yard dash; 1-4 mile relay race; running broad jump; potato race; baseball throw.

Boys under 14-75 yard dash; running high jump; running broad jump; 1-2 mile relay race; baseball

Girls under 14-40 yard dash; running broad jump; 75 yard dash; 1-4 mile relay race; sack race.

The following are the rules, regulations and suggestions for field day to take part in this programme.

"I also knew German mothers does not let them make any headway. ki vehemently. "I am for the good entry for each mental contest. This entry for each mental contest. This were trying to keep their sons from We'll never win this war if we hope old U. S. A. first, last and always!" means, of course, that there can be

ASKS FOR COOPERATION.

Annual School Events to Be Held on Food Administrator Appoints Assis tant Administrators.

> Mr. A. M. Brabham, food administrator of Bamberg county, requests

"Having been appointed county county, I would like to ask the white and colored people to do all they can to help me carry on this work. It food that we can so that our boys across the water can be fed. Our allies are asking us for wheat and meat more than any other foods and we should be willing, without being and Mrs. Wesley Berry. forced to do so, to send them all that it is possible for us to send.

"Let us make our county a modand making of food and feed.

"I have received the following telegroms from Mr. Elliott, the State administrator:

"'National administration has meeting Monday concerning farmers who have their own corn meal; blanks for millers being printed and mailed and statement of plan given Sunday papers. Please note most important point is to get county papers to publish the news. Please prepare for 10:00 a. m. Contests in the fol- this. Full details mailed later. Telegram authorizing plan received this morning.'

"'Washington has authorized flour census on basis agreed upon at our meeting as follows: All persons are invited to report to county food administrator amount of flour they supply. It should be made entirely clear that they should keep this flour unless some disposition of it is ordered by food administration and that it is a census and not a plan of confiscation; also make clear that when Class A, high school.-English these written reports are filed the be relieved of charge of hoarding or since shortage can be thus equalized I will be glad to have suggestions in order that I may pass on to others to make plan a success.'

"Please make your report to me or -Smith's Advanced, pages 100-164. who have been appointed administra-

"Mr. F. V. James, Denmark; Mr McP. Eubanks, Govan; Mr. W. B Chitty, Olar; Mr. W. Max Walker, Mr. G. E. Kearse, Olar, R. F. D. and Mr. Norman Fender, Hunter's Chapel."

one from each for every contest in that grade.

All who expect to enter any of these contests will report to Prof. Allen's office where they will register and be directed to the room where their contests will be held. One hour will be allowed for these con-Declamation and Recitation Contests.

Each school which expects to enter these contests should send the names of the pupils who are to speak, along with the name of the school, to Pro. Allen, Bamberg, S. C., two days before the contest.

No one who won a medal in either declamation or recitation contest last year will be eligible to speak this

Athletic Contests.

Each school will be allowed one entry in each athletic contest. However, no pupil may enter more than three athletic contests. No pupil who won first place in any athletic contest last year will be allowed to enter the same contest this year.

All pupils who wish to enter any athletic contest will be required to register at Prof. Allen's office before the hour for beginning these contests.

Trophy Cups.

this year. One will be awarded to the rural graded school making the highest number of points, and one to the town graded school making the highest number of points. In day with Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Copecase any rural school should make a land, of the Oak Grove section. higher number of points than the highest made by a town school, it will be awarded both cups. On the from this and other sections enjoyed other hand, no town school will be a Velentine party at he home of Miss eligible to compete for the rural

In counting points there shall be first and second only. In the declamation and recitation contests first place shall count twenty points and each second place ten points.

In the mental contests, first place will count ten points, and second

place five. In athletic contests, first place shall count five, and second place

We earnestly request all schools

The teachers of Bamberg county

### COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Branchville Briefs.

Branchville, Feb. 16 .- Mrs. Garland Wooding, of Danville, Va., is spending some time here with Mrs. E. F. Cabell. Mrs. Susie Stoble, of Washington,

D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. Miss Inez Rushton, of Columbia

college, spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Rushton. Miss Lucile Weimer has returned

from a visit to friends in Charleston. P. A. Watson, Jr., of Atlanta, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. P. A. Watson.

Mrs. W. A. Bass is visiting relatives in Florida. Mrs. Pearce and Miss Blanche Wood, of Windsor, N. C., visited

Q. W. Myers, of Atlanta, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. W. A. Bass during the past

Blackville Brevities.

Blackville, Feb. 16 .- Miss Marie Farrell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Milner, in Aiken.

Miss Beartha Rich is visiting Mrs. Henry Zeigler in Bamberg. Mrs. James Hammond, of Colum-

bia, is visiting Maj. and Mrs. E. S. Hammond. Mr. and Mrs. A. 1 Ninestein have returned from a trip to New York.

Miss Hattie Rena Milhous is spending a while with her sister, Miss Vera Milhous, in Washington, D. C. The Misses Brooker, of Colum-

bia, are visiting relatives here.

Denmark Dots.

Denmark, Feb. 18.-Mr. J. B. White has sold his farm to Mr. D. N. Cox and will move this week to the city of Greenwood, where he has purchased a residence. He will continue farming in Greenwood county, having bought a plantation near Corono-

Mr. M. T. Willis has bought the J. B. White home and sold his home

to Mr. W. B. Smoak. Mr. J. B. Guess is enlarging the store formerly occupied by Mr. J. H. Walker, converting it into a garage. When completed it will consist of two apartments, measuring

77 feet by 60 feet. On a corner one block from the Seaboard Air Line freight depot, Mr. W. H. Faust is erecting a brick livery stable, 100 feet by 50 feet, which will be leased to the Virginia Live Stock company, Mr. B. Newsome man-

#### Colston Clippings.

Colston, February 20 .- Rev. Walter Black will fill his regular appointment at Colston church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sunday school scholars will please be present at 3 o'clock.

night and Sunday with Miss Octavie Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clayton visited

Miss Aileen Beard spent Saturday

relatives at Fairfax last Sunday. Miss Mamie McMillan, of Bamberg, spent last week-end with Miss Alberta Kearse. Messrs. G. C. and Talbert Padgett,

of Bamberg, spent last Sunday with their parents in this section. Mr. Frank Kirkland, Jr., spent Sat-

urday night with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Jennings. Mr. Johnnie Clayton was the Satur-

There are to be two cups awarded day night and Sunday visitor of Mr. Roy McMillan. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and family and Miss Pearle Hutson spent Sun-

A large crowd of young people

Laura McMillan. Misses Nettie and Inez Clayton and Master Ernest Clayton were the guests of their brother, Mr. H. H. Clayton, of the Kearse section, last

Mrs. H. K. Clayton and children are visiting relatives near Denmark. 'Mrs. Hammie Varn and children, Olive and William Oxner, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. P.

are urged to meet at the graded portance are to be discussed. It is school auditorium next Saturday af- urged that as many teachers as por Each school will be allowed one ternoon at 3 o'clock. The field day sible be present at this meeting.