

GERMAN FILE CLAIMS

American Headquarters, Coblenz, Germany, Jan. 21.—Claims for damages to streets, buildings, farms and even individuals all reputed to have been done by American soldiers or American equipment of some kind since the Army of Occupation reached the Rhine, aggregate something more than 5,000,000 marks. Those allowed total approximately 250,000 marks. Many claims are unique and some without any justification.

A woman who contended that her facial appearance had been marred for life, owing to cuts caused by flying glass due to an explosion at an ammunition dump, sent in the modest claim of 250 marks. It was allowed.

Another woman, whose husband had been killed by American distributors of contraband liquor, submitted a claim to the Americans for 250,000 marks, contending that her sole support had been taken from her. The American maintained that the German had been killed by the American soldier who was acting within his rights in line of duty. The claim was disapproved.

Some of the claims are humorous. Last summer the Eighty-ninth division borrowed a goat for a circus at its headquarters. Recently a claim

was filed with the American for major asking damages on the contention that the health of the goat had been injured. This claim was pigeonholed.

A Rhineland farmer recently demanded five marks for a bean pole alleged to have been stolen by an American soldier. An army commission heard the case and threw out the claim on the ground there was no evidence to show that an American had committed the theft.

Rechristening Wood-Alcohol.

"Woodbine"—does it sound more poisonous than "wood-alcohol?" An editorial writer in Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering (New York, January 21) says that certain manufacturing chemists have suggested this change of name to the Commission of Internal Revenue, on the ground that it would be a step toward the elimination of confusing distinctions. The recent fatalities in New England and New York, he says, should stimulate every chemist to use his individual influence in spreading information regarding the poisonous nature of this compound. To the chemist "alcohol" is a generic term and, since he is familiar with a large number of compounds belonging to this same class, the term is not necessarily associated in his mind

with ethyl alcohol for beverage use. He continues:

"Unfortunately, the public seems to be able to distinguish only two kinds of alcohol: denatured alcohol containing some evil-smelling or ill-tasting compound which obviously renders it unfit for human consumption, and alcohol which can be used in beverages. Wood-alcohol, not being specifically designated as denatured (altho, of course, it is used as a denaturing agent in many cases) is undoubtedly considered by many as belonging to the second class. The fact that containers of wood-alcohol bear a label 'poison' has even been explained by certain unscrupulous dealers as a ruse to prevent the Government from placing an internal revenue tax upon the contents. In order to prevent this confusion, manufacturing chemists have suggested to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that the word alcohol be eliminated and that wood-alcohol be known in the future as 'woodine.' While this name may not meet with approval, viewed in the light of standard organic terminology, this action is a step toward the elimination of distinctions confusing to the non-technical mind.

"Dr. Reid Hunt, in a recent bulletin on wood-alcohol, prepared at the request of the American Chemical Society, calls attention to the fact that the senses of taste and smell can not be relied upon to indicate the presence of wood-alcohol and that poisonous is an inherent quality of the substance, since it is oxidized in the human system to formic acid (and perhaps formaldehyde), while ethyl alcohol is converted into water and carbon dioxide, both harmless and easily eliminated.

REVOLUTION IN KOREA

A revolution is reported in Korea. Several thousand Koreans, armed by the Bolsheviks, are said to have entered Korea from Manchuria, attacked and captured an army post in northern Korea garrisoned by 700 Japanese troops, killing 300 and capturing the remainder.

Other clashes have, it is said, occurred with small Japanese garrisons, the Japanese being outnumbered and defeated in almost every case.

This information will occasion no surprise to those who have kept in touch with recent events in Korea. Here is a country which, according to the last census had about 16,000,000 people, or about twice the population of Canada at that time, and which, only a few years ago, without any justification or excuse whatever, was subjugated and appropriated by Japan.

This was possible not because the Koreans are an inferior race in intellectually morally, or physically, but purely because for many generations they have devoted themselves to the pursuit of the arts of peace and have followed a policy of non-resistance in dealing with their neighbors. The situation is then, that although the Koreans are generally recognized as being, both intellectually and morally, the superiors of their present masters, the Japanese, they have been ruthlessly robbed of the freedom which they enjoyed as an independent nation for nearly three thousand years and are now being held in complete subjection by the armies of Japan.

Moreover since Japan is a member of the League of Nations, a perpetual, continuation of this utterly

unjust condition is now practically guaranteed by all of the members of the League, since all nations are barred from aiding Korea to regain her independence.

This fact is, of course, no reflection upon the form or purpose of the League of Nations, but it is a serious reflection upon the wisdom and fair-mindedness of those who in preparing the League plan, failed to insist upon reasonable remedial provisions for situations of this kind.

No doubt Japan will be able to suppress the present revolt, but the spirit of revolution is spreading rapidly throughout all Korea and will be strengthened rather than crushed by temporary defeat. Korea may never regain complete independence but it is believed that Japan will before long be made to realize that Korean people should be given at least a reasonable measure of self-government.

LAMONT GOES TO JAPAN IN BEHALF OF CHINESE LOAN

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and Co., is leaving New York this week for Japan and China. The special object of Mr. Lamont's trip is, as representative of the American banking group of the Chinese consortium, to confer with members of the Japanese group. Mr. Lamont will also confer with the leading Chinese financial representatives.

It is believed that Mr. Lamont will try to persuade the Japanese members of the consortium to recede from their present position with regard to financing China. When the consortium was formed, in May of last year, it was understood that no country should attempt to cultivate special "spheres of influence" and that, so far as practicable, all options then held by members of the group, which includes the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, should be turned into the consortium as a whole. These principles, in a general way, were agreed to by all of the groups, both through their banking and diplomatic agents, but Japan later expressed some reservation in regard to certain portions of China in which she feels she has particular interests. This attitude on the part of Japan has resulted in delaying the consortium. It is Mr. Lamont's intention to find out definitely whether Japan intends to enter the consortium on a basis satisfactory to the other nations.

A person representing himself to be a representative of "the envoys of the elected government of the Irish republic," appeared at the first sessions of the league of nations to protest against that body proceeding further. His protest stigmatized the league as "the instrument of empire."



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SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

Every man and woman, sick or well, should drink each morning before breakfast a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, to wash from the liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible material, the poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

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