

HOW GERMANS HIDE THE TRUTH.

Series of Secret Instructions Falls into Hands of Americans.

Evidence of the care the German government is taking to direct public opinion and to deceive not only its enemies, but its own people, is contained in a series of secret instructions issued to the German press by the censorship, which have fallen into the hands of the State department at Washington. These instructions cover a period of less than three months last year, but they tell a very complete story of how the Teutonic war lords control public opinion.

Owners of newspapers and publishers generally not only are limited as to the character of the articles printed, but in many cases are told what they should publish and in what terms. Labor disturbances, food shortage and difficulties in securing and distributing coal are placed under the ban, but newspapers are urged to give prominence to enemy losses and to certain prescribed interpretations of international situations.

Severe Punishment.

A hint of the relentlessness of the authorities in punishing infractions of orders is contained in one notice, in which attention is called to the fact that the police "have again been notified to seek out and to bring to ruthless punishment originators and communicators of untrue military, political, financial and economic reports." In another notice similar warning is given that the police will proceed energetically against those who repeat untrue reports. Interesting light is thrown upon Berlin's view of the preparations for war in the United States by a paragraph of an order dated June 6 last. It says:

America's Entry.

"While the news about America's war preparations, such as the organization and outfitting of an army one million strong to reinforce the French-English front, is looked upon, in that form, as 'bluff,' the spreading of which may unfavorably affect the opinion of the German people, yet the facts must not be overlooked, on the other hand, that the United States, with the support of its capacity for material and industrial management, is arming itself for war with great energy and tenacity. The war preparations in America are, therefore, as was intimated in the Reichstag at the time not at all to be made little of, but must be taken seriously without on that account being made a source of worry."

Another, dated June, says:

Pershing's Army.

"Petit Parisien informs us that five American divisions, numbering 125,000 men, may be expected in France in the autumn of 1917. It is urgently requested not to reproduce this information without some comment. We do not wish to underestimate the ability of America to accomplish things, but must not, on the other hand, overestimate. In order to bring a division over from America 75,000 tons must make the trip twice, therefore from the mere fact of lack of space, the transportation of such a body of troops within certain fixed time limits is impossible. However, it is impossible to train these troops properly by autumn. These facts, which have been recently discussed in the German war news, cannot be too strongly emphasized in the discussion of that of French news."

Strictly Forbidden.

Printing of anti-German speeches in the Austrian parliament are forbidden in various instances, and the attitude to be taken by the German press, both for its effect at home and upon Austria-Hungary is indicated in the following dated June 6:

"A few days ago the Austro-Hungarian press was left free to discuss the war aims. We can unreservedly endorse the war aims given out in the majority of the Austro-Hungarian press. Of course, the fully warranted and no inconsiderable war aims which are needed for the conservation and the development of the confederated monarchy, as well as for a world peace can only be accomplished if Austria-Hungary adheres to her understanding with the German empire and its allies and with positive reference to her military economy and political forces, announces clearly and positively her firm will to hold out and win, as is the case with the overwhelming majority of the German people. Suggestions on this point to our press are recommended."

Nearly twenty square miles of new army blankets have been ordered by the Quartermaster General since war was declared. Some 4,000 acres of them—5,990,236—blankets had been delivered up to December 1. Overcoats contracted for numbered 5,691,350. The army is particularly well supplied with shoes, 21,117,612 pairs have been contracted for, and 8,525,298 pairs delivered. Every soldier can use up four pairs before the supply on hand is exhausted.

Where Red Cross Money Goes.

One dollar has been given as membership fee by every member of the American Red Cross. In addition to that sum, the American people have given a cool \$100,000,000 to the Red Cross work. What has become of that vast sum of money? This question is answered in the Philadelphia Telegraph as follows:

H. P. Davison, head of the Red Cross work, says that only \$1,500,000 of that great sum goes to paying the expense of administering the Red Cross work.

The other \$101,500,000 "goes to the spot."

Nifty work, I should say, and few corporations in the world have so great a net surplus to distribute in a year.

Well, what does the Red Cross do with its money?

It has given \$1,000,000 for sick and wounded French soldiers.

Established twenty dispensaries in the American army zone.

Distributes supplies to 3,423 French military hospitals.

Gives surgical supplies to 2,000 French hospitals.

Operates ten army canteens at the front.

Accommodates 30,000 French soldiers daily at six other railway canteens.

Creating an artificial army and leg factory.

Building a movable hospital with 1,000 beds.

Established camps for thousands of French refugee children.

Caring for 500 French children daily, who are sent back to France by the German army.

Built a hospital for such repatriates, who are coming in 1,000 a day.

Arranging for another 1,000 hospital beds at Paris for victims of tuberculosis.

Getting 200 tons of supplies at Paris daily and reshipping 125 tons daily to different parts of France.

To create a line of autos through Switzerland to carry French and German exchanged prisoners.

Recently in one day, all unknown to our people generally 8,000 American soldiers "passing through" were fed here at Philadelphia by the Red Cross.

Patriotic.

Missionaire—"My doctor says I have to take a tonic."

Tough Guy—"Why not try beer?"

Missionaire (shocked badly)—"O, that's Teutonic."—Life.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

The auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days and dates mentioned for the purpose of receiving returns for all real estate and personal property in the county of Bamberg:

Farrell's Store—Thursday, January 17, 1918, from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

Lees—Friday, January 18, 1918.

Denmark—Thursday and Friday, January 24, and 25, 1918.

Govan—Thursday, January 31, 1918.

Olar—Friday, February 1, 1918.

Ehrhardt—Thursday and Friday, February 7, and 8, 1918.

St. John's—Friday, February 15, from 10 a. m. to 12 m. Kearse's from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Make out the list of property you own and bring it with you. Also find out the name of township and name and number of the school district in which your property is situated. By doing this you will avoid mistakes, and make it easier for yourself and the auditor. Come yourself, for by sending someone else to make your return mistakes are liable to occur.

In sending in your returns by mail, be sure and write them in ink, and swear to them before a notary public.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 (except confederate veterans and sailors who are exempt at 50) are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00.

All able bodied persons between the ages of 21 and 55 are liable to the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars, except those living in an incorporated town.

The time for making returns is from January 1, 1918, to February 20th, 1918. After the 20th of February the 50 per cent. penalty will be added to all returns not made.

Meet the auditor promptly on the days and dates mentioned above.

W. D. ROWELL,
Auditor Bamberg County.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

At a meeting of the State Board of Education held last week it was decided to hold an examination for teachers' certificates in the various counties of the State on Saturday, January 19, 1918. Teachers holding second and third grade certificates, and all others desiring to stand this examination, are requested to be at the court house in Bamberg, S. C., on this day promptly at 9 o'clock, a. m.

W. D. ROWELL,
County Supt. of Education.
Jan. 2, 1918.

FOR SALE.

One two-story dwelling at Ehrhardt. Well located.

Two stores situated on Broadway street, Ehrhardt, cheap.

Four brick stores in the heart of Denmark. Terms to suit the purchasers.

One six-room residence in Bamberg, with outbuildings and 1 1-2 acres of land, for \$1,000; \$400 cash, balance to suit the purchaser.

Three brick stores on Main street, Bamberg. Prices and terms right.

One nice residence lot of one acre of land, \$500.

Several lots on Elmore Heights, \$100 each.

Sixteen acres on Main street, near Mr. E. C. Bruce's, \$200 per acre. Well suited for peanut factory, or oil mill.

400 acres of land four miles from Bamberg for \$11 per acre. Nice dwelling and all necessary outbuildings.

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No matter whether you farm on a large scale or only plant vegetables or flowers in a small way, you need Hastings' 1918 Seed Catalogue. It's ready now and we have a copy for you absolutely free, if you write for it, mentioning the name of this paper.

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Good seeds of almost every kind are scarce this season, and you can't afford to take chances in your seed supply. Hastings' Seeds are dependable seeds, the kind you can always depend on having "good luck" with.

You are going to garden or farm this spring. Why not insure success so far as possible by starting with the right seed? Don't take chances that you do not have to in seeds.

Write today for Hastings' 1918 Catalogue. It's free and will both interest and help you to succeed in 1918. —H. G. HASTINGS CO., Seedsmen, Atlanta, Ga.—Advt.

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"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at . . . Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere." We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. E-77

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The best fountain pen manufactured. Come in and let us prove it to you.

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