

REFUGEES FROM PARIS.

People Who Have Been Caring for Fugitives From Northern France Now Seek Safety in Southern France.

Paris, April 29.—Many Parisians, after harboring refugees from northern France for three and a-half years, have become refugees themselves. So many of them have fled to the sunny south that most of the resorts are reported full to overflowing. This exodus is attributed to the airraids but it is by no means an indication that Parisians have been terrorized by the Goths. The circumstances connected with the casualty lists show that the victims were not frightened enough, many deaths resulting from rash imprudence.

The average citizen is so proud of the share he takes in the general danger in these raids that he regards the fugitives to the south as deserters in the face of the enemy. Thus has been opened a debate as to the propriety of people of means abandoning the city. The majority agree with the philosopher, Emile Boutroux, who holds that the rich especially are in duty bound to stick to their posts as an example to those who are unable to leave.

LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Lieut. Joseph B. Edwards, R. M. C., Writes to His Mother.

The following letter from Lieut. Jos. B. Edwards, now in service in France, gives vividly the point of view and the spirit of the American soldiers who are fighting for humanity shoulder to shoulder with the soldiers of France and England. Lieut. Edwards is from Ridge Springs, S. C., and is a brother of Mrs. Jamie Cuttino of this city:

U. S. A. P. O. 716.
Somewhere in France,
April 7th, 1918.

My Dear Mama: Your letters of February 19th and 21st just received, and from the tone of them I fear you are a little blue. Now please get the idea out of your system that we are heroes by getting into this war. We certainly are not. To kill a snake does not make a hero, and God knows that is all we are doing, when we polish a bayonet on the insides of Fritz. I say this with due apologies to the snake, please understand. I long for the time for one big blow to be made that the Kaiser will realize was from the U. S. A. I hate no human being, but they are not human.

I don't know how our people in the States look at it, but I feel sure every man in the army was proud when Gen. Pershing told Gen. Foch: "Take me and my men and all I have and will have and use us as you see fit."

You wonder at the bravery of the French perhaps, I do not. As I go about my duty oftentimes over roads Napoleon has been, and those perhaps Josephine's footprints have made sacred; the lands where Caesar's mark is still visible; the land whose history Joan of Arc has made sacred as each road and chateau has its own peculiar story of bravery. I no longer wonder at France's heroism. She could not be otherwise. Can the bravest of the brave beget cowards? No, you no longer wonder when you have been here and know them. The spirits of Napoleon and Joan of Arc still lead on and guide this people in the right, and the men who gave their all at Verdun taught the world a new lesson in bravery.

I pray God that America may realize the glory of the privilege offered her to save the world.

Each soldier, regardless of politics, for there is no such thing in the army, is proud of President Wilson and realizes full well his wonderful grasp of the situation. Each man here echoes the desire, "and we won't be back till its over, over there."

We are proud that we are here, and looking unto God as our guide, we are prepared to cheerfully wade through hell to restore right, justice, humanity and mercy. I am well, reasonably happy and doing my part to the best of my ability.

Your devoted son,
Joseph B. Edwards,
1st Lieut. M. R. C., France,
P. S. When blue read Psalm 91.

ENGLISH SHIP BUILDING.

Seventeen Standard Steamers Turned Out This Year.

London, April 29.—An official announcement states that 17 standard ships have been completed in Great Britain, of which one has already been lost.

Seventy-seven ships damaged by submarines were under repair in British shipyards on March 1, and five more were awaiting repair facilities.

Montreal, April 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was taken suddenly ill while addressing a mass meeting of labor representatives here tonight.

CAMP JACKSON Y. M. C. A.

Letter of Thanks to Sumter County People for Entertaining Soldiers.

Camp Jackson, April 28.—There are so many friends of the Y. M. C. A. in Sumter that I shall have to ask you to allow me to use your widely read columns to thank them, for I really have not time to write so many personal letters. In the first place, I want to thank the Brick Church community for entertaining the boys two weeks ago and again last week, and the same thanks are likewise due to the town of Sumter. If you could have seen the boys when they returned from the trip and heard their many expressions of gratitude, it would be entirely unnecessary for me to say a word.

This week the good people of Wedgefield asked for 18 and Sumter for two. We were so anxious to get the full quota that we asked a number of boys, and they were to report by a certain hour at the Y, but as they did not, we went to one of the captains and asked him to give passes to some of his boys that they might accept our invitation, which he did at once. When we went to the station to get their tickets, we found that instead of the twenty for whom we had invitations, we had 27. Each boy began wondering if he had to be sent back to camp, and seemed so disappointed, that we had not the heart to send any of them back, but sent them on to Wedgefield and Sumter. Then we telephoned one of the hosts at Wedgefield and told him what we had done. He seemed rather glad than otherwise, and we had no fears for those boys who went to Sumter without an invitation and we await their reports tomorrow without any trepidation. A host in Wedgefield promised to phone the news of the inundation on to those in Sumter. Several times we have had to disappoint the hostess because all the boys asked could not come; but we feel that we are getting the plan better systematized and no one need fear for this reason to send an invitation.

If there is any one or any community that would like to entertain soldiers, if they will send me their names I shall be most happy to send them some soldiers.

I want to thank the teachers and pupils of Sumter and Wedgefield and the C. E.'s of Salem, Mayesville and Sumter for the beautiful flowers sent to the boys of the Base Hospital. The scrap-books and the Afghan were most welcome, and I will take them to the Base Hospital. Please make some more of them.

Words can not thank you for the big box of jellies which came through Miss Elizabeth White. They will speed some sick lads to health and strength.

I have just come from the receiving station where I saw six hundred boys from Tennessee and as many more from Florida detain. They were such a tired, lonesome looking bunch, so different from our soldiers. It was a wonder to think how Uncle Sam could make them in so short a time so fit. I was talking to the boys from Florida and it struck me it would be so nice if the Red Cross or the Y. M. C. A. would meet them at some of the stations and serve them sandwiches and hot coffee as they passed through. I know it would be appreciated.

Please send me some plants for the beds around the Y. M. C. A. building. Ours have been prepared for a month, just waiting for the plants. All the other buildings have theirs set out and growing.

Please direct all my mail to 136 Y. M. C. A. building as I know that some things sent me have never been received.

Yours truly,
Mrs. H. W. Beall.

HOLLAND YIELDS TO HUNS.

May Transport Sand and Gravel in Limited Quantities.

London, April 29.—Holland has yielded to Germany's demands concerning transport and the supply of sand and gravel, although it is understood that the amount of sand and gravel will be limited instead of unlimited, according to a dispatch from The Hague to The Daily Mail, dated Sunday. It is added that a general understanding will be required from Germany that the sand and gravel will not be used for military purposes.

Rumors are current in the Dutch capital, the dispatch adds, that Dr. John Londen, minister of foreign affairs, will resign. These, it is said, are based on the supposition that he could not retain office now that his undertaking respecting the gravel must be revoked.

Washington, April 30.—Dr. Carlos Marie Depena, minister from Uruguay, died at a hospital here today. He has been minister here since 1911.

WAGES IN GERMANY.

Salaries Have Increased Fifty Per Cent—Living Expenses Three Hundred.

Washington, April 29.—Increases in wages paid in Germany have utterly failed to keep pace with the increased cost of living says the April bulletin of the Department of Labor.

The average increase in wages has been 50 per cent, while the living cost has gone up 300 per cent. The greatest increase in wages has been received by Prussian metal workers who are now getting 69 per cent. more than they formerly received. Increases as low as 16 per cent. have been reported and some women are still being paid less than \$2.50 per week.

The purchasing power of money has dropped one-fourth its value before the war according to the bulletin. German workmen, it says, are being underfed. One egg per week is their allowance. Oleomargarine is limited to an ounce and a half for a family of four.

Sugar is more plentiful, the family allowance being one and one-half pounds. Coffee is practically unobtainable. Potatoes are the heaviest item in the ordinary diet.

DISLOYAL PERSONS MUST BE REPORTED.

Gov. Manning Issues Proclamation Urging Citizens to Do Their Part.

Columbia, April 29.—Members of the State and county councils of defense are adjured in a proclamation issued today by Gov. Manning to report all suspected cases of espionage, sedition, traitorous conduct and desertion from the army and the navy to the chairman or the secretary at the office of the State council in Columbia. Every such case reported will be thoroughly investigated by the agents of the United States secret service, and when they are true the suspected persons will be prosecuted.

The proclamation of Governor Manning is one of the incidents in the general drive to bring disloyal persons in this country to justice. There has been a general awakening in South Carolina and the people will not countenance anything that smacks of sedition, disloyalty or treason. The trouble heretofore has been that people have not known where to report disloyal acts and utterances, but on the face of the governor's proclamation that difficulty has been obviated. The council of defense suggests that when there is an apparent act or word of disloyalty the suspected person be reported to the chairman of the county council of defense in which it occurs. This chairman then can investigate and, if the case appears to be authenticated from the facts, he can notify the Columbia office, which will turn the matter over to the federal authorities.

Text of Proclamation.

The following is the text of the proclamation:

"In order that the laws of the State and nation against espionage, sedition, traitorous conduct and desertion from the Army and Navy of United States may be more thoroughly and promptly enforced, and in order that the people of South Carolina may know that in every locality there are agents of the government whose duty it is to take cognizance of, and promptly report all violations of law affecting the national security;

"Now, therefore, I, Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, do hereby especially charge all members of the South Carolina Council of Defense, all county chairmen and all members of the County Councils of the State, to take cognizance especially of the above mentioned offenses against the State and Federal laws, reporting same to the chairman or Secretary of the State Council of Defense at their office in Columbia.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia, this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord, 1918, and in the 142d year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SHIP BUILDERS RESPOND.

Washington, April 29.—American ship builders have responded to the Shipping Board's urgent demand for speed in production. In the week ending today they launched 41,105 tons, making a total of 1,465,000 tons launched since the building program got under way. Nearly 50,000 tons of completed ships were delivered during the week.

Washington, April 30.—Contracts have been let for the manufacture of three and a half million pairs of metallic fastened field shoes for overseas use, at an average price per pair of \$7.75 and two million pairs of field welt shoes at \$6.50 a pair.

WAR HELPS ARGENTINA.

Financial and Economic Conditions Strengthened by War Situation.

Buenos Aires, April 29.—Argentina's financial and economic condition apparently is being strengthened as the war drags on. The republic recently signed a convention for financing the sale of several million tons of cereals to the Entente Allies, which really amounted to a huge loan, and there have been no other events in financial circles which show that Argentine credit abroad and confidence at home are progressing hand in hand.

The fact that is being most widely commented upon by the Argentine newspapers is that confidence at home has become so strong that stocks of the National Mortgage Bank, known as "credulas hipotecarias" are being quoted at par for the first time in their history. These credulas are looked upon in financial circles as barometers of the nation's condition, for they are shares in a bank which is backed by the government and they fluctuate with the improvement or weakening of government credit. Usually they are quoted around 94 to 96 and they have never gone to par even during the boom seasons when everything else was being sought by investors.

Now there is an animated competition on the Stock Exchange for these credulas and large blocks of them are changing hands daily, which the newspapers take as an indication that the public's confidence in the Irigoyen government has become so strengthened that it, at last, is willing to invest in government shares the large surplus of money which has been lying idle in savings banks ever since the war began.

Cut Out Useless Work.

We all know, in a general way, that some men are engaged in nonessential work in every town in the country. In Athens, Ga., a census was taken to find out the exact wastage of muscle that could be turned to war work. It was found, according to conservative reports, that the non-essential house servants alone, in that town of 20,000 people, could furnish the labor for cultivating enough land to produce at a moderate yield 75,000 bushels of corn.

There is only one test to apply to any human effort today for the determination of its value—and that is, "Does it help win the war?"

Usually within a few hours' ride of towns where men are engaged in work that is utterly useless from a war-winning standpoint there are farmers seeking laborers to produce crops—crops that will help win the war—crops without which we cannot win the war!

In every town local public sentiment can cause these non-essential workers to go to farms and help win the war!

Do you suppose Hindenburg is losing sleep over the surplus servants in Athens, Ga.? Do you suppose the Kaiser worries because a town of 20,000 keeps enough useless house help to produce 75,000 bushels of corn—IF they were on farms? But, when Athens, Ga., actually has 75,000 additional bushels of corn to show for the work of the useless servants—when every town in this country has taken husky men from such jobs as running elevators, standing in liveried glory in front of hotel doors, checking grips, waiting on tables in hotels and restaurants, driving taxicabs and doing a score of things women can do or the public can do without or individuals do for themselves—then the blasphemous braggart of Berlin and his companion butchers will find in Athens, Ga., something fearful and foreboding—something to give them the dread that comes to all beasts when they sense the real arousing of a superior foe.

Our town is Athens, Ga. Every town is Athens, Ga. That particular place is named here merely for the sake of illustration, because it happens that Georgia extension workers took a careful survey there and the figures are available as substantiation of general statements applicable to practically all towns in the country. You know we can't win the war without food; you know food can't be produced without farm labor.

As long as our town continues to employ men in non-essential work while farmers in the county need help, you haven't gone to war! You may buy Liberty Bonds and give to the Red Cross, but you are not at war when farmers seek help and you continue husky men in needless work. Your windows may fly proud service flags, but you are contributing to the Hun's effort to crown with sombre crepe those brave banners.

After the survey, Athens, Ga., was asked these questions: "Have you a boy in camp or fighting in France? He is washing his

own clothes, perhaps, doing his own dressing, cleaning up his own place of abode and working many hours per day in the midst of danger. He is doing these things without useless servants. Are you better than your boy? Do you want him to do your fighting, and be his own servant, and at the same time go hungry, because your surplus servants were not sent to farms to grow food for him?"

You must answer that. Our town must answer it.

Apply the acid test: Is this work of war value; can the man now doing this non-essential work do valuable work on a farm? On that basis, Athens, Ga., found between 300 and 500 men uselessly employed in a town of 20,000. For example, the survey shows forty licensed chauffeurs, with the conclusion that thirty-five are non-essential. Women could take their places or owners could drive their own cars. These men handling farm tractors would be really helping to win the war. Eight men were running elevators, all of farm qualifications and all listed as non-essential, because in another office building in Athens girls are already running the elevators most satisfactorily.

Eighteen males who make their living shining shoes were listed as non-essential workers upon the theory that neatly polished shoes in Athens, Ga., do not help the American army break through to Berlin, whereas these eighteen strong men at work in the fields to produce food will help us to win—the Athenians shining their own shoes the while if necessary!


And so the survey continued through various classifications—useless deliverymen, soft drink dispensers, surplus servants. And farmers not far away desirous of labor to produce war crops?

Will our town do as Athens, Ga., declared it would—turn non-essential town workers to an activity that will really amount to something in this war?—Greenville Piedmont.

New York, April 29.—There are 107,000 women employed in the Prussian railroad service. The Prussian Railroad minister, von Breitenbach in so announcing in the Prussian House of Deputies, said it was astonishing to see what the women could do.

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LIBERTY OR "KULTUR"?

The most miserable people in America today are those who were presented with the iron cross a couple of years ago and those who

WONT Buy Liberty Bonds.

At heart both are German and un-American.

"KULTUR" cut the tongues out of grandfathers and grandmothers who refused to betray their Belgian fighting sons to Germany.

"KULTUR" turned over to German soldiers the daughters of the people who were only defending their homes and country.

"KULTUR" sent the male born of these daughters to Germany to grow up as German soldiers for wars of the future.

"KULTUR" bound the hands and feet of fathers and husbands and then buried them in clay, leaving their heads only above ground, so that their eyes could witness the outraging by German soldiers of their wives and daughters.

"KULTUR" outraged Serbian womanhood and then drove the poor ruined creatures into the hills to starve to death.

"KULTUR" has in this way murdered a million defenceless women and children.

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