



REVIEW OF "GERMAN WAR PRACTICES."

Book Issued by U. S. Government Reveals Bloody Horrors.—May be Had for the Asking.

Some of the blackest pages in all history, comprising a documentary record of "deeds that make one despair of the future of the human race," are found in a book named "German War Practices," which has just been issued at the Government Printing Office by the Committee on Public Information for free distribution.

The disturbing evidence which this book presents to the jury of mankind is drawn mainly from German and American sources, and includes official proclamations and utterances of the responsible heads of the Imperial German Government, letters and diaries of German soldiers, quotations from German newspapers, and material drawn from the archives of the State Department which lay bare the story of inconceivable German atrocities.

The purpose of the book is to show that the system of frightfulness, itself the greatest atrocity, is the definite policy of the German Government, so sinister that German soldiers have themselves at times revolted. Individual acts of wanton cruelty and barbaric destruction are cited only to illustrate the operation of the remorseless system.

The book supplements the Bryce report which was the first official survey of the path of horror, ruin, and death left by the German army on the lands of innocent and defenseless people.

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To indicate the number of the members of the society in the family a corresponding number of small crosses are to be posted in the white spaces of the corners of the large cross. The small crosses may be made by crossing two red strips of paper one inch wide by three inches long.

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TAKE BETTER CARE OF STOCK.

Animal Diseases Rob Army of 8 Months' Rations.

"One of the greatest problems before the American farmer today is not only to supply the animal products needed by the United States but also to supply the ever increasing demand for these products by our allies," asserted Dr. I. D. Wilson, veterinarian at the Pennsylvania State College. Conservative estimates taken in England and France alone show a decrease of 8,000,000 head of cattle, 7,000,000 hogs and 17,500,000 sheep in these countries since the beginning of the war.

It is estimated that the annual loss in the United States due to animal diseases is \$212,000,000. This amount of money is approximately sufficient to furnish the meat ration for 2,000,000 soldiers for 8 months.

During the past fifteen years the population of the United States has been increased by 15,000,000 people. During this same time there has been a decrease of 6,000,000 head of beef animals and 11,000,000 sheep. The number of hogs has increased only 11,000,000.

Displaying the Red Cross.

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Rural Mail Service Topped for a Day.

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Herbert Hoover, writing for this book of his experiences in Belgium, says: "The sight of the destroyed homes and cities, and widowed and fatherless, the destitute, the physical misery of the people but partially nourished at best, the deportation of men by tens of thousands to slavery in German mines and factories, the execution of men and women for patriotic effusions of their loyalty to their country, the slacking of every resource through financial robbery, the fattening of armies on the slender produce of the country, the denudation of the country of cattle, horses, and textiles; all these things we had to witness, dumb to help other than by protest and sympathy, during this long and terrible time, and still these are not the events of battle heat, but the effects of a grinding wheel of a race demanding the mastership of the world."

"Whenever a national war breaks out, terrorism becomes a necessary military principal."—General Von Hartmann.

"The city of Brussels, exclusive of its suburbs, has been punished by an additional fine of 5,000,000 francs on account of the attack made upon a German soldier by Ryckere, one of its police officials."—Baron Von Luttwitz, Governor of Brussels.

"I am thirsty; bring me some beer, girl, rum." "If you lie to me I will have you shot immediately."—These sentences are taken from a phrasebook supplied to German soldiers, according to Minister Brand Whitlock.

"The innocent must suffer with the guilty. All this must not in our eyes weigh as much as the life of a single one of our brave soldiers—the righteous accomplishment of duty is the emanation of a high Kultur, and in that the population of the enemy countries can learn a lesson from our armies."—General Von Bissing.

If you want to secure a copy of this book, absolutely free, write to the Committee on Public Information, 10 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., and request one copy of "German War Practices."

THE NEW DRAFT SYSTEM.

All Necessary Materials and Supplies to Put New Plan into Effect Received by Local Board.

There will be no delay nor semblance of a hitch in putting the new classification draft system into effect Saturday, December 15, all necessary materials and supplies for the purpose having been received by the local board in Bellefonte.

Beginning Saturday, the 15th, questionnaires will be mailed in daily allotments of five per cent. to the county total of registered men until all except those actually in the service have been supplied. The questionnaire is made up in booklet form having 16 pages and contains in all a list of 148 questions in 12 separate series.

Interest naturally centers in the type and character of the leading questions which must be answered by registrants. The full name, age, address and occupation and also the name of employer are first required. A table of occupations occupies page five and the registrant is obliged to designate the trade or profession in which he is experienced aside from the work he may actually be engaged in at the time.

Questions to the number of 31 are grouped under the dependency series. Among others the following are of interest: Have you a wife or child, or aged, infirm or invalid parents or grandparents or brother under 16 or sister under 15 years of age, or a helpless brother or sister of whatever age, mainly dependent upon your physical or mental labor for support?

What was your total income from all sources during the last 12 months, whether in cash or in any other thing of value? How much of this was the fruit of your labor, mental or physical? Give a full statement of all property owned or held in trust for you whether income producing or not and net income from same during the last 12 months.

State amount per month you consider necessary for the support of all your dependents. Has your wife ever been employed? If so in what calling? Do you or your wife live with her parents? (Answer fully.)

Do you own the house you live in? Does any of your family or dependents own it? Do you rent your house; if so state the monthly rent and the name and address of landlord.

Under the series of questions pertaining to claims for deferred classification the query is put: State the reasons why you cannot be easily replaced by another person.

MAIL GIFTS EARLY.

To help lighten the burdens of Uncle Sam's postal forces in their annual co-operated duties for Santa Claus, local post office authorities have erected cards containing admonitions about early shopping and mailing of gifts.

"Wrap Securely.—Address Plainly.—Mail Early" in big type is posted in well regulated post offices. The influx of holiday mail has already been started and the post office attaches will be kept busy during the next twenty days.

Because of freight congestion, the over-taxing of the express companies and other means of delivery, mails for the holiday period will likely surpass all previous seasons.

JERSEY SHORE'S BIG FIRE.

Business Houses and Residences Burn in Early Sunday Morning Blaze.—Loss Half Million.

The business section of Jersey Shore was visited by the most damaging fire in the history of the town early Sunday morning, when all the buildings except two churches and their parsonages, in two large blocks, were destroyed.

The fire spread north and south on Main street. Moving southward, the flames quickly burned the Willard block, a three-story structure, containing living apartments. The occupants were forced from their homes in scanty clothing. The march of fire continued to the large home of Alexander Brown, which quickly fell prey to the flames.

The parsonage of the First Methodist Church is the next building and the eburne joins the parsonage. The fire was easily checked here although the Brown home, ten feet away, was a total loss; neither the parsonage nor the church was damaged.

To the north the flames spread to South street. They quickly consumed the line of buildings to that thoroughfare, including the home of Philip Barrow, the home and undertaking establishment of J. W. Klechner, Carter's shoe store and the home of M. A. Keyser.

The Lock Haven fire department responded with two motor trucks to the call for help. Snow drifts made the trip of twelve miles from Lock Haven to Jersey Shore dangerous. When the chains on the trucks were ground to pieces, one of the crew walked a mile to a farmhouse to obtain log chains before the journey could be resumed.

Williamson apparatus which responded stuck in snow drifts five miles out of the city and had to return.

Court in Session.

Court convened on Monday morning with the Honorable Henry C. Quigley on the bench and the officers in their places. Considerable delay was experienced by reason of the blizzard on Sunday, and trials not getting in on time.

The grand jury was called and sworn, and W. A. Sickle, druggist of Snow Shoe borough, selected as foreman, and after being duly charged by the court as to its duty, they retired to the grand jury room to pass on the several bills of indictment to be placed before them by the district attorney.

The constables of the several boroughs, wards and townships made their quarterly report to the court.

The civil list of cases was then called over and the following disposed of: Burdine Butler vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; trespass, continued at the costs of the defendant. John C. Confer vs. Standard Fire Insurance Company of Trenton, N. J.; assumpsit. Settled.

J. B. Coit company, a corporation, vs. A. C. Kopler; assumpsit. Continued, pending settlement.

Court re-convened on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, but litigants not being ready and many witnesses being unable to get in on account of late-ness of train, court adjourned until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

Drive For New Red Cross Members.

The National Red Cross organization has resolved to make a Christmas drive to secure ten million new members before the Christmas holidays. The time especially set apart for this purpose is from December 15 to December 22, inclusive. Centre Hall has responded nobly to the cause of the Red Cross; the town has been well canvassed and has subscribed liberally.

Miss Jennie H. Bartger, of Spring Hill, represents Centre county on the West Chester State Normal school roll.

SPRING MILLS RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

Over One Hundred Members in the neighboring Auxiliary.

Red Cross work is progressing nicely in Penns Valley, where the various auxiliaries to the State College Chapter are constantly adding new members as well as doing work of various kinds.

Attached is a complete list of the members of the auxiliary with headquarters at Spring Mills.

- Mrs. W. H. Williams, Jacob Lee, T. M. Gramley, Samuel Ulrich, John Eckel, C. G. King, R. D. Musser, W. R. Hoeterman, R. G. Kennelley, W. H. Smith, W. H. Siskabine, C. P. Carter, D. W. Corman, Calvin Meyer, William Zemes, J. M. Heckman, Irma Shultz, C. G. Decker.

- Misses—Gertrude Mewer, Maggie Seltzinger, Leola Brown, Beatrice Lee, Helen Finkle, Ethel Gentzel, Kate Frederick, Alta Siskabine, Emma Hoeterman, Lydia Zeigler, Ruth Smith, Carrie Nease, Sara Sweeney, Orpha Gramley.

- Mrs.—W. H. Williams, T. M. Gramley, Eugene Gramley, John Wagner, John Smith, J. C. Lee, C. G. King, S. M. Ulrich, G. S. Weaver, M. W. Johnson, Dr. H. S. Braucht, Donald Allison, A. Allison, W. H. Siskabine, C. F. Albright, E. Roy Corman, Walter Wolfe, S. P. Hennigh, R. G. Kennelley.

- Misses—Ruth Musser, Cora McCormick, Margaret Zettie, Lottie Evans, Martha Smith, Ethel Hettinger, Catherine Siskabine, Sara Condo, Madeline Walker, Jennie Hoss, Lucy Musser, Nancy Hunter, Mabel Allison, Lib. Frederick.

- Mrs.—M. T. Zubler, W. C. Gramley, John Grawley, Emanuel Smith, W. Bright Bitter, A. B. Lee, S. C. Decker, Howard Weaver, S. M. Brown, C. B. Zerby, Dean Braucht, H. M. Allison, M. Weagley, J. Russell Condo, John W. Corman, Guy Corman, Roy Krumrine, Earl Vonada, Harold Meyer.

Winter is Here.

Winter—100 per cent. pure—was ushered in on Saturday when eight inches of snow fell. In the evening a gale of sixty-mile velocity, piled the loose snow in huge drifts, shutting off travel for the time being.

Big Loss By Fire.

Brief mention was made in these columns last week of the destruction by fire of the large bank barn on the farm of the late Mills Alexander, near Julian. Besides the barn, six large horses, thirty-six hogs, nine beef cattle, 400 bushels of wheat, 800 bushels of oats, 45 bushels of buckwheat, 60 tons of hay, 30 tons of straw, together with farm implements, wagons, luggies, etc., were totally destroyed.

The fire was a mystery, and incurred a loss of about \$10,000, with only \$1800 insurance. The farm was occupied by Carol Alexander. A threshing outfit, valued at \$1,000, belonging to Jacob Mitchell, was also destroyed.

Worthy's Big Road Fund.

It is worthy of note that the Rush township road supervisors at the present time have over \$4,000 in the treasury. In addition to this splendid sum they have due them the State bonus for the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917, amounting to about \$5,000. This surely is a splendid showing, no doubt surpassing any other township in the county and unequalled by few others in the state.

Crushed and Burned to Death.

A red hot pressed steel wheel, weighing over eight hundred pounds, became detached from a crane in the wheel rolling department of Barnham steel works, and fell upon the head and shoulders of George F. Hopple, aged twenty-nine years. He was crushed and literally roasted to death. Every particle of clothing was burned from his body. He was a resident of Lockport, Mifflin county.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

- Mrs. Jane Irwin, at Dicks Run, aged eighty-five years. Daniel Hall, of Fleming, aged seventy-one years. William K. Mauo, in Marsh Creek, of typhoid fever, aged almost twenty-two years. Samuel E. Campbell, a Civil War veteran, at Shiloh Church, aged seventy-seven years. James C. Wison, in Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, aged fifty years.

Wanted—Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Russian symphony orchestra will be at State College, Saturday evening, 15th inst.

Wanted—Turkey, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

John D. Lucas and family moved to Le-wistown Thursday of last week. Several motor trucks conveyed the household goods to their new quarters.

D. B. Goodlander, of Williamsport, had charge of the local railroad station during the time Agent W. Frank Bradford was on his annual hunting trip in the Seven Mountains.

Devoting one hour each Friday afternoon to knitting for the soldier boys has become a very popular innovation in the Phillipsburg public schools from the sixth grade up.

I need lots of poultry now. Use Leg Bands to mark your Poultry. Sell your cull stock. Any thing in the Poultry line. Both phones.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

It was so cold on Sunday night that the electric street lights in the borough were put out of commission, owing to the oil through which the wires connected with the time clock pass, becoming stiff.

The State College bakery, owned by T. E. Bauers, was broken into one night last week and eight gallons of ice cream and four hundred cakes taken. It is thought that the identity of the thief has been known.

Purchase Thrift Stamp and Savings Certificates with the dimes and nickels in the children's saving banks, and you will get interest at the rate of four per cent. compounded every three months. See any postmaster.

The marriage of the Miss Sarah Hastings, daughter of the late Governor Hastings, and Capt. Samuel Fleming, of Harrisburg, will take place in the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte, on the eighth day of January.

The United States department of Agriculture has appointed Robert W. Myer, of Centre county, farm help specialist for Pennsylvania to devise methods of supplying farmers with adequate labor during the coming year.

The infant son adopted by Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Longwell, of Centre Hall, is getting along so nicely that the foster parents are becoming real proud not only of the wee bit of humanity, but of their ability to properly care for a real baby.

Emer Hettinger was an early visitor to Centre Hall on Saturday. Among other things, Mr. Hettinger stated that Rankie Frazier would succeed Charles Poorman as tenant on the A. B. Lee farm, along Sinking creek. Mr. Poorman contemplates going to the works at Barnham to try his hand.

Eugen Weik, the progressive principal of the Bellefonte High school, is thinking seriously of joining the aviation corps and may leave some time next week, according to a statement in the Bellefonte Republican. The paper further says: He is doing excellent work here and there is little doubt but that he will be just as efficient in the air.

An Iowa man proves conclusively that Wilhelm von Hohenzollern has so thoroughly out done the Devil that his Satanic Majesty has resigned in favor of the Kaiser. The German Fiend accepted the position most graciously and is now on the job in every land in the world. And Old Nick William will get you if you don't watch out.

It is evident that deer are interested in the movements of residents in the district over which they roam. As proof of this statement it is mentioned that a buck deer looked into a window in the home of Frank Barker, and then leisurely trotted up the mountain. He selected Sunday as his day to pay this social visit, no doubt knowing that deer were protected by the Sunday hunting law. Barker just moved into his new home from Renovo, and Mr. Buck was anxious to have a view of the newcomer.

Clyde Bradford, a member of the Bradford hunting party, is out a fine buck this year because the mechanism of his Winchester frays up just when he had the finest opportunity to land a beauty and bring the total of the camp's kill up to five deer. Standing on a "wa ch" on Saturday morning a buck and a doe deer came up to within twelve steps of Bradford and stopped. The flying snow had entered the breach of the rifle and put the workings of the gun out of order, with the result that when Clyde drew a bead on the buck and pulled the trigger, there was no report save that made by two badly scared deer as they pulled out in another direction.

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