DESERTERS IN

SWITZERLAND

Hundreds From All Belliger

ent Countries Refuse to Be

Sent Home to Eight

Zurich, Dec. 14 (Correspondence

of The Associated Press) .- All Switzerland is amazed at the audacity of

some four hundred deserters from varous adjoining countres who, in solemn conclave, have protested vio-

lently aganst the measures recently

U.S. PREPARED TO **MAKE POISON GAS**

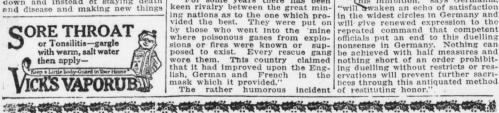
Sec. Lane Reveals Chemists Report Showing Readiness For War

Washington, Dec. 14.—In the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Lane, made public yesterday, it is disclosed that a group of chemists, representing "the best genius of the country in this science," were recently in conference at the Secretary's office to discuss the problem of poison gases.

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The result of that conference was that American chemists were found to have "a reserve of knowledge as to what gases will kill and what will choke and what will burn and what will hasten disease which in a war of cumulative frightfulness would makes the United States modestly distinguished if it wished to so shine."

The report adds:
"One of the group said: 'We chemists in America have never turned our minds to the destruction of human life. Our work has been constructive—the chemistry of the soil, of cement, of printers' link, of the by-products from petroleum and tar, of 10,000 things that will make for a longer, happier life for man. But if the world is to be turned upside down and instead of staying death and disease and making new things



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effects of the gases sent adrift by their enemies.

"The soldier's kit, which was so simple a thing in other wars, had to be increased by a gas mask not unlike the helmet of a deep-sea diver, with a box of chemicats adapted for offsetting the effects of the various kinds of gas the enemy was known to use, and for special use in dugouts and saps filled with concentrated gas an oxygen supply was furnished. These outfits were not new to the world.

which led to the opening of five mines yielding 400 tons of pyrite a day, with a promise of 1000 tons a day before the end of winter—more than fifteen good shipt could bring from Spain to our coast if kept in a continuous circle—was related by the Secretary, as follows:

Gas Masks Perfected
The report also states:

"When the Bureau of Mines was created by Congress nive years ago it was hardly to have been imagined that the methods used for the saving of life in the coal mines of the United States would become of vital use in the problem of saving lives and destroying lives in a world war, yet this is just what happened.

"Germany, which has been foremost for some years in the science of chemistry, has out of its extensive experience developed a form of warfar which had not before been known, a modern expression of those diabolical inventions such as the cervi and stimuli which made Caesar's campaign in Gaul to be characterized as a war of science. To met this new method of attack by deadly gases, the western powers promptly provided gas masks which to contained chemical absorbents or other agents that would negative the effects of the gases sent adrift by their enemies.

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solemn conclave, have protested violently aganst the measures recently adopted by the authorities for controlling the undesirable stranger element in the country.

Switzerland had believed that its measures—the requirement of a bond from those who had fied to the republic to escape military duty, enforced labor or internment in case of undesirable conduct, etc.—were unusually lenient, and regret has been expressed in many quarters that the powers that be had not seen fit to take sharper steps against a stratum of the population which is looked upon here as a necessary evil. The Zurich deserters, however, many if not most of them of the anarchistic type, have adopted and sent broadcast through Switzerland a resolution which calls the attention of the Socialist party to denunciation of deserters, declares that the measures taken to control deserters here are caused by the "capitalistic character" of the staje, and are due to fear lest the example of the deserters in refusing military service to their respective icountries may strengthen the antimilitary spirit among the working classes.

The deserters recommended that the problem be solved, not by lows against the deserters or for their control, but by the alteration of existing citizenship laws so' that all foreigners here would be embraced by them.

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WOULD PROHIBIT DUELLING

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"For some years there has been keen rivalry between the great mining nations as to the one which provided the best. They were put on by those who went into the 'mine where poisonous gases from explosions or fires were known or supposed to exist. Every rescue gang wore them. This country claimed that it had improved upon the English, German and French in the mask which it provided."

The rather humorous incident

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isting citizenship laws so that all foreigners here would be embraced by them.

The resolution concludes with an appeal to the Socialist party to take up the matter at once and do all in its power to solve the foreigner question along this line. And the Socialist papers, nearly if not all of them of the violent, semi-anarchistic type, have made themselves more unpopular than ever by espousing the cause of the deserters.

Aside from the resentment which the conservative press and citizenship express at the action of undesirable or at least uninvited guests in Switzerland in attempting to dictate the treatment which they shall receive, the affair arouses the gravest fears that it will give impetus to a movement to encourage the refusal to do military duty in defense of Switzerland's neutrality.

The deserters' conference has for the moment obliterated party lines in the great majority of the Swiss press, and all but the radical Socialistic papers join in vying with one another in their denunciation of them.

"Impudence." "nerve." "audacity." "presumptuous foreigners," are but a few of the terms that are being applied to the Zurich deserter delegates and their action.

Lehigh County Will Rent Tractors to Farmers Unable to Purchase

Lehigh county has evolved a plan which promises to be of more value in disposing of the farm labor problem during next season. The local PuNic Safety Committee is raising funds to secure various types of farm tractors which are to be hired out to farmers who may be unable to purchase such machinery. The committee is also organizing "cooperative rings" among the farmers for co-operation in the use of motordriven implements.

Another method of helping the farmer which has been in operation in Lycoming county is proving to be a great success. It is the plan of L. J. Fisk, superintendent of the Williamsport Co-operative Employment Eureau, and it places husinessympt

J. Fisk, superintendent of the Williamsport Co-operative Employment Bureau, and it places businessmen in squads at farm work on Sundays and holidays. Mr. Fisk has received a letter of thanks from William Ellis Haines who states that a group of sixteen workers sent to him, added by six local farm hands, husked 1,106 bushels of corn on a recent Sunday at an average cost of five cents perbushel. Through the assistance given by these working squads the harvest situation in Lycoming county was kept well in hand.

Beautiful Painting Portrays Memories in Soldier's Diary

"Memories from my Diary" is a eautiful painting which shows an iderly man of a future date reading

elderly man of a future date reading from a comment and conveniently sized book in which as a young soldier he had recorded experiences in the great war. In the background of the picture passing as shadows are seen marching troops suggesting the scenes pictured in the man's mind. The picture forcefully portrays the value of keeping a diary. Many a soul-thrilling scene would be forgotten if it were not recorded while fresh in memory.

Every person should set down a record of personal experiences. The best book for this purpose is The Soldiers-Sailors Diary and English-French Dictionary, a richly bound textile leather book of convenient pocket size. This book was made luxurious as well as durable for the reason that each one will be treasured in after years as a valued possession. Copies of it are being supplied to readers by newspapers of the United States and Canada to encourage the keeping of war records and the study of French.

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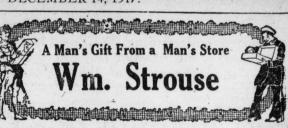
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