

SERBIA RUINED SAYS DUBLIN

Suffered Terribly at Hands of Bulgarians, Declares Statistician

New York, March 10.—Serbia, from Belgrade on the north to Monastir on the south, was described as both an economic and physical ruin by Dr. I. Dublin, a statistician of New York, who has just returned here from an important mission in the service of the American Red Cross which carried him into Italy, Greece, Serbia and Jugoslavia.

Claims to Be Bravest Village in England

London, March 10.—The quaint little village of Golspie in Gutherlandshire is pressing its claims upon the British people for the distinction of being the "bravest village in the Empire," because in proportion to its population it received more military honors than any other community.

The village sent one-fourth of its 1,559 inhabitants into the military and naval service, and of this number 30 were decorated for some form of "conspicuous gallantry" or "devotion to duty." Among them were two members of the Duke of Sutherland's household, and one of the Duke of Devonshire's household.

Canda Assisting Disabled Soldiers

Winnipeg, Man., March 10.—Preliminary measures have been taken by the Dominion Repatriation Committee for carrying out the broad plan of assisting returned soldiers and their dependents, which may involve a government expenditure of \$100,000,000.

15,000 SOLDIERS TAKE COURSE IN ARMY COLLEGE

Faculty of 500 Members Are Employed in Biggest University

New York, March 10.—The American Army University, the largest university in the English-speaking world, has been opened in Beaune, southeast of Paris.

Fifteen thousand soldiers have enrolled for a three months' course. The faculty of 500 members, chiefly drawn from the American expeditionary force, is headed by Colonel Ira I. Reeves, formerly president of Norwich University in Vermont.

Hindenburg Plans Drive on Bolsheviks

Coblenz, March 10.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is planning to use volunteer units in a drive against the Bolsheviks, with Libau as the base of his operations, it is indicated by information which has reached American intelligence officers.

TELLS FARMERS OF TAX REPORTS

Bureau of Internal Revenue Reports on How to Determine Income

Washington, March 10.—Instructions to farmers for making out income tax returns, issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, explain what outlays may be regarded as expenses and deducted from gross income to determine net income which is taxable.

The cost of ordinary tools of short life or small cost, it is explained, such as shovels, hoes and rakes, may be included. The cost of feeding and raising live stock may be treated as an expense deduction, insofar as the cost represents actual outlay, but not including the value of feed grown upon the farm, or the labor of the taxpayer.

Williams Resigns From Railroad Administration

Washington, March 10.—John Skelton Williams has resigned as director of the railroad administration's division of finance and purchases, but will remain as chairman of advisory committees to Director General Hines, and will continue his duties as controller of the currency.

U. S. MERCHANT SHIPS IN 7 SEAS

Carry American Products to All Corners of the Earth

Washington, March 10.—For the first time since the days of the famous "clipper" ships, American merchant craft now are plying the seven seas, carrying to Europe and the United States to the farthest corners of the earth and bringing home both essentials and luxuries.

The Shipping Board announced that 100 American merchant marine vessels built up under the spur of war's necessity now represented nearly one-fifth of the entire seagoing tonnage of the world and comprised 46 per cent of all ships clearing from United States ports, as compared with 9.7 per cent before the great war.

Trade routes not traversed by American craft for more than fifty years once more are invaded, with new routes established to China, Australia, New Zealand, India, the Dutch East Indies, the West coast of Africa and ports on the Mediterranean. Ships flying the Stars and Stripes also are running regularly to South America, Great Britain and Continental Europe as well as to Canada and Mexico.

Industrial Board To Work for Return of Normal Conditions

Washington, March 10.—Completion of the personnel of the industrial board of the Department of Commerce today with the addition of the board for hastening the return of prices and wages to a normal level is announced through the Council of National Defense.

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