

BILDED CAGE FOR WAR PRISONERS

German Officers of Rank Have Every Comfort Given Them in Beautiful Chateau on River Loire.

SOME OF THE OFFICERS HAVE WIVES WITH THEM

Gymnasium, Billiard Rooms, Orchestra and Other Luxuries Enjoyed by Prisoners; Like Exclusive Clubs.

La Puy, France, Nov. 24—German officers living in a historic chateau on the banks of the romantic Loire, much as they would live in some castle on the Rhine, some of them with their wives and babies, with German orderlies, German cooks, German menus, German war maps, German orchestras, German games, German drills—these were some of the things making it apparent today that France was living up to the complete letter and spirit of its international obligation of looking after German prisoners of war.

The visit to this German officers' camp was made by the Associated Press through the courtesy of the ministry of foreign affairs, with two French army officers assigned from the ministry of war to assist in showing and explaining all the details of the care given to German officers.

The ancient castle of Roche-Arnaud is the temporary home of a hundred or more of these German officers, gathered in from the battle of Champagne and from all along the fighting line, and even from the remote German islands of the south Pacific which have been taken by the French landing parties. The castle dominates a sweep of thirty miles of v. lleys, hills and low mountains, much like the picturesque ranges of the Blue Ridge.

Entering the court of the castle was the passing into some vast German establishment, with German officers smart uniforms standing in knots or stepping sharply across the court, and the circle of surrounding windows crowded with smiling and good-natured faces of many other German officers. At the gate stood a broad shouldered Saxon officer with an artist's easel and canvass before him, on which he was laying on the color of these dominating tints of the Loire valley and mountains.

Photographs of all the imprisoned officers occupied the whole side of a wall in the reception room as one entered the place. Each photograph bore the name and regiment of the officer. The names were typically German—Major Schneider, Major von Erdt, Capt. Kasl. They were fine looking, big framed men, each in full uniform, with cap jauntily pushed back. And at the foot of the photographs were two which stood out from among these fighters—two faces of young German women, and beside them two tiny babies—war babies, born on French soil of German parents.

The full assemblage of German officers was seen for the first time as the party entered the gardens of the old chateau, for the officers seemed to have a taste which drew them into these beautiful gardens, finished in exquisite French taste, with flowers and foliage at every hand, and looking off into vistas of the Loire. There was not a sign of discontent about them, on the contrary they were a lot of well conditioned set of men, living a life of ease and even elegance. Their uniforms were spic and span; they were well turned out and well tailored, their coats fitting faultlessly and their trousers tightly over their big legs; they were well shaved, well fed, well conditioned as though they had recently stepped out of some military club on the Wilhelmstrasse.

There was a slight air of suspicion about the Germans as the French officers entered with the party. They raised their head proudly and strutted away in pairs and groups, until soon all of them were lost in the maze of shrubbery. But while they were in sight no one of them failed to come to attention and give deferential military salute to the French officers escorting the party. The latter, too, were most careful not to permit the visitors to intrude upon the privacy of the German prisoners by asking them personal questions, taking pictures of them or treating them as though they were an exhibit. It was this the German officers seemed to fear but the scrupulous care of the French officers overcame any such fears.

A stone wall, five feet high topped by four strands of barbed wire a foot apart, circled the out edge of the castle gardens.

"That is the only restraint," said the officer. "There are no bars or bolts for the officers are on their parole of honor and these strands of wire are little more than a formality."

The German officers continue to keep on their war maps showing their present location of the German sweep in France, Belgium and elsewhere, and with no restraint from the French officers. The maps were done with military care and precision. Small colored pins and flags showed the position of the German and allied forces. It was evident that German forces were still dominant in the colored pins and flags showed the Germans moving steadily forward in the various theaters of war.

hair done up in a coil. The furnishings were simple but good, and a large window threw a flood of sunshine on to a little cradle in which the baby was lying.

"It's nice you have such fresh air and sunshine for the baby," said the visitor.

"Yes," replied the German wife dubiously, "but the room is very small and the soldiers make much noise underneath at night."

That was her only comment, but so far as could be seen there was every evidence of creature comfort naturally to be expected under such conditions.

The visitors were also led to the assembly rooms of the German officers, equipped much like club quarters, with gymnasium, games, billiards and musical instruments. A huge bass violoncello was pointed out as part of the German orchestra. The officers were sitting about in easy chairs in the manner of clubmen. Many of them wore the iron cross conspicuously displayed on their left breast of their uniform.

"Do they retain the cross and all their decorations?" was asked.

"Yes," said the French commandant "they retain everything, their decorations and their household goods—everything but their arms, those they laid down at Champagnet."

MANY WANT TWO HIGH SCHOOLS HERE

Committee Appointed to Investigate Plan of Buildings for Boys and Girls.

In order that the plan to build separate high school buildings for boys and girls of this city could be investigated, the matter having been brought up at the meeting of the city commissioners and the advisory committee yesterday afternoon, Mayor J. E. Rankin appointed the following as members of a committee to look into the matter, Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather, E. C. Ward and S. P. Burton.

Although the joint committee was in session for sometime yesterday afternoon, at the city hall, the matters brought before the members were only discussed in a most informal manner and no action was taken regarding any of the propositions which have been received by the committee.

Several of the members of the committee made talks in which it was explained that local and out-of-town architects had been consulted regarding the nature of the building or buildings which are likely to be built here and it was stated that all of the architects consulted would give every possible co-operation. Another meeting of the committee will be held on December 8 at 7:30 o'clock at which time the committee appointed yesterday is expected to make a report.

SCHOOL RECEIVES FINE SET OF BOOKS

Mrs. Reuben Robertson Presents Orange Street School 1000 Stereoscopic Views.

Mrs. Reuben Robertson, president of the Orange Street Parent-Teachers' association, has given to the school a fine set of 1000 stereoscopic views, for use in geography work in the grades. This set is known as "The World Visualized." It contains pictures from all the important countries, showing the best scenery/leading geographical features, life and customs of the people, and other things that correlate closely with grammar school work.

Included in the outfit are a number of stereoscopes, so that the entire class can view at the same time.

Every year more and more stereoscopes are being used in school work throughout the country. Leading authorities on school matters agree that the schools are not using enough pictures. Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. commissioner of education, has said that every school should have a "picture," embracing the best photographs and paintings available. This is essential because so many impressions come to the mind through the eye.

The use of the stereoscope together with educational films on the moving picture machine, will be watched with interest by the patrons of Orange Street school.

Chairman W. E. Johnson of the board of county commissioners has issued a call for the members to hold a special meeting in the court house next Friday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the investigation of the escape of the fifteen white convicts from the Sandy Muck camp will be completed.

It is expected that several witnesses will be examined by the commissioners at this hearing, including guards of the camp, and convicts who escaped and have been captured and several who did not escape. The meeting Friday will be watched with interest by many people throughout the county.

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MAGNIFICENT GIFT FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

James A. Gray Gives \$10,000 to Methodist Home-Memorial to Mrs. Gray.

Charlotte, Nov. 24.—A long distance message from Mr. Walter Thompson, superintendent of the Children's home of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, to Rev. Dr. T. F. Marr, president of the board of trustees of the institution, yesterday announced the gift to the home of \$10,000 from James A. Gray, and children for the erection of a building as a memorial to Mrs. Gray who died about fifteen months ago.

Mr. Gray has been treasurer for the home since its establishment and has been much interested in its welfare, keeping in intimate touch with its needs and progress.

The gift of Mr. Gray and his children coming just at the climax of the state-wide movement for Thanksgiving offerings to the orphanages of the state is well calculated to stimulate that movement and result in larger and more numerous gifts. Mr. Thompson stated that the Thanksgiving donations of a day's earnings were coming in from a large number of people.

The Children's home at Winston-Salem has a good year in prospect in the way of building progress since the Charlotte building alone will no doubt be erected, over \$1,500 having already been subscribed for it. These two buildings will very largely increase the capacity and efficiency of the home.

AND TO THINK, BY HECK, THAT I HELPED PAY FOR THAT THING!

GET WISE IN TIME.

Why not get wise in time? Why wait till it is too late? People all over the country, north, south, east and west, are getting wise to the ruinous results of out-of-town buying. THINKING people are NOW refusing to patronize out-of-town houses. Are WE going to wait until we are knocked down and run over before we "get wise?" Let us spend our time and money in building up something that is OURS. Patronage of home business means the building up of a strong industrial community of our OWN. Neglect of home business interests means the building up of a machine that will one day crush us without mercy. Let us build for ourselves and for our friends and neighbors. Let us get wise before it is TOO LATE.

CASES CALLED IN THE POLICE COURT

The following cases were called in Police court this morning:

John Vance, colored, disorderly conduct, costs; resist arrest, \$5 and costs.

Mary Cole, assault, continued.

Annie Southerland, assault, not guilty.

Frank Wilson, gambling, \$15 and costs.

Will Moore, colored, larceny, four months, appeal.

John Hopkins, colored, larceny, four months, appeal.

Two "drunks" were up.

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THE WEATHER

Lowest	Last Night	Highest	Yesterday	Precipitation	Last 24 Hours
Ashville	37	67	.00		
Atlanta	42	60	.00		
Atlantic City	43	64	.00		
Birmingham	40	64	.00		
Cincinnati	40	64	.00		
Cleveland	40	64	.00		
Chicago	40	64	.00		
Charlotte	35	64	.00		
Denver	35	64	.00		
Indianapolis	35	64	.00		
Knoxville	34	64	.00		
Louisville	35	64	.00		
Mobile	36	66	.00		
Montgomery	40	68	.00		
New Orleans	45	70	.00		
New York	45	69	.00		
Baltimore	44	68	.00		

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☉ clear; ☁ partly cloudy; ☁ cloudy; ☔ rain; ☁ snow; ☁ report missing. Arrows by with the wind.