

FLASHES

The ^{train} railway from Vienna to Paris is ^{running} ~~open~~ again after six years of war. Through the Alps the railway climbs to nearly five thousand feet, passing through the six-mile long Arlberg tunnel. Hereabouts the route winds its way through some of the finest scenery in Europe. Passengers on the first train to make the trip under peace-time conditions found the cooking in the restaurant car almost up to peace-time standard. It's a symptom of returning sanity that some of the famous continental trains are running again.

However, the return to normal is a slow business. Barter has been resorted to in Munich as the only solution to the breakdown of normal trade. In return for every article traded in a ticket is received stating its pre-war value. The ticket can be exchanged for goods any time the holder desires. ~~Toys of course are much in demand at the moment.~~ The Germans seem to have plenty of goods. We have money, coupons, and practically nothing to buy. But then, we won the war.

The famous Hagenbeck Zoo near Hamburg is again open ^{wartime} to the public. Through/food shortage the Zoo lost 22 lions ~~and~~ 200 monkeys and fifteen bears, but the animal family is still pretty large.

British tommies were much amused to see the Hagenbeck elephants clearing up bomb damage, central heating included. It's very nice for the ~~tommies~~ to see other people doing ~~the~~ ^{the} fatigues. The elephant has strength but fortunately no malice; otherwise he might say to the soldiers, Thee knocked it down, thee pick it up.

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Inventory at the Hagenbeck Zoo

Hagenbeck, the famous Zoo in Stellingen near Hamburg, makes a first inventory after the heavy ravages of war. Many valuable animals were lost... 22 lions. 250 monkeys and 15 bears among them... but even so a large number of beasts ~~xxxx~~ still crowd the enclosures. The Military Government assists the Hagenbeck family in the maintenance and the furthering of the zoo.

The Indian rhino as ugly as it is rare.

The two popular elephants Kiri and Männi are now being used for clearance work in the district of Bimsbüttel. They are able to lift loads of 18 Zentners and thus earn their "heavy-workers" extra ration of 40 kilos of hay.

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