

received recently by a number of American meteorologists. The following one came to the editor of the *Monthly Weather Review* on October 6:

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In view of our calamities in Austria, I beg you to help my colleagues, the members of the staff of the Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie in Vienna, in their great need of food. The American Relief Administration Warehouse has published the following circular.

For several weeks the American Relief Administration Warehouses in Austria have been delivering food parcels to holders of food drafts. You can buy at any bank in the United States American Relief Warehouse Drafts and send them to us in Vienna. On presentation of these food drafts at the warehouse in Vienna, we can also draw American food. We are in great need of food in Austria. Individual food parcels sent from America usually do not reach us. Money does us no good when there is no food to buy. Help us in our distress by sending an American Relief Warehouse Food Draft—quickly! For further information apply to American Relief Administration, 115 [present address, 42] Broadway, New York City, or to your own or the nearest bank.

Allow me to draw your attention to it. We are, the families included, 67 persons. We all would thank you very heartily for your kindness.

I am, dear Sir yours very respectfully,
DR. MORIZ TOPOLOANSKY, *Secretary*

Contributions whether to a general fund or for any specific class or individual may be sent direct to the American Relief Administration 42 Broadway, New York City. If any further information as to the general situation among the intellectual classes in central and eastern Europe is desired, it may be had from Dr. Vernon Kellogg, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

A fund for the purchase of food drafts for Austrian meteorologists in the name of the American Meteorological Society has been started by some members of the society. Contributions toward this fund may be sent to

Charles F. Brooks, Secretary, Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

THE GILMAN MEMORIAL LECTURES ON GEOGRAPHY

THE Johns Hopkins University announces the inauguration of a course of lectures to be known as The Gilman Memorial Lectures on Geography. These lectures are made possible through the generosity of the family of Daniel Coit Gilman, first president of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gilman began his teaching career at Yale (1863-72) as professor of physical and political geography and was a member of the U. S. Commission on the boundary line between Venezuela and British Guiana in 1896-97.

The first series of lectures will begin October 18, and will continue weekly, throughout the academic year. They will be given by Major Lawrence Martin, of the General Staff Corps, who as the chief of the Geographic Section, Military Intelligence Division, U. S. Army, attached to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, had unusual opportunities for studying at first hand the geographical factors affecting trade in the reorganized states of Europe, Asia Minor and the Caucasus.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the sixth International Congress of Mathematicians, held at Strasbourg at the end of September, addresses were given by Sir Joseph Larmor, Professor L. E. Dickson, M. de la Vallée-Poussin, M. Volterra and M. Nörlund.

THE Botanical Society of Washington has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Charles E. Chambliss; *Vice-president*, P. L. Ricker; *Recording Secretary*, Roy G. Pierce; *Corresponding Secretary*, R. Kent Beattie; *Treasurer*, L. L. Harter.

THE Italian government has conferred upon Dr. Leonard Hill, F.R.S., the Italian silver medal "Ai Benemeriti della Salute Publica."

THE Council for Scientific and Industrial Research of Canada has awarded \$5,000 to as-