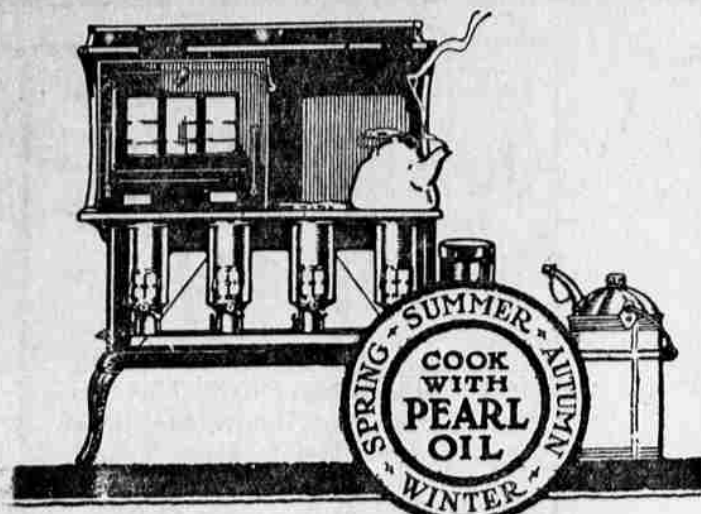




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FINLAND CHERISHES IDEA OF PARTIAL FREEDOM FROM RUSSIA

FINNS WANT RIGHT TO PRESEVE THEIR LANGUAGE, HISTORY AND LITERATURE--ALSO THE RIGHT TO MANAGE THEIR BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND DEVELOP THEIR COUNTRY

(Note—This is the first of a series of four articles intended to show concisely what some of the small nations hope to achieve as the result of the world war. They carry the latest information available from representative Finns, Poles, Armenians and Jews regarding the present problems and aspirations of these people, concluding with an interview in which Israel Zangwill predicts the rehabilitation of the Jewish nation immediately following the war.—Editor.)

BY LOWELL MELLETT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, April 29.—(By mail)—“Kultur.” That, so Jan Jansen declared, is what Finland hopes to win from this war.

But Jansen, let it be added hastily, was talking in Finnish and he didn't mean the thing which German Kultur has come to mean to everybody except the Germans. The boss of the Russian branch bank, in which Jansen is a clerk, and the bank's English interpreter explained what it meant.

Finland wants Finnish schoolhouses—with Finland's flag floating above them—filled with Finnish children learning their own language, literature and history. The Finnish people want the right to pursue their own way unmolested. They are ready to believe that the war not only will give them the right, but that, through the Russian revolution, it has already done so.

Full freedom from Russian rule is not expected; but self-government in all affairs that solely concern Finland is part of the people's demand. They wish to manage their business affairs, to continue the development of their country, their road and harbor building, for the benefit of themselves. Above all they want their nationality preserved.

Any American city or community that has its Finnish colony will understand this for in every such community the center of the people's life is Finnish Hall, an institution devoted to culture rather than hilarity. Finnish Halls keep the native language alive as far as possible, even in America. It is easy to understand the implacable attitude of the Finns at home toward Russian efforts to stamp out their mother tongue.

Finland's complaint against Russia, now happily dissolving, was only a dozen years old, said Mr. Jansen. It dated from that extra-reactionary regime which following, and apparently regretting, the Czar's concessions to the people in 1905, sought to upset all the benefits granted Finland. Since that time, Jansen declared, Russian governors sent to govern Finland have devoted themselves largely to the difficult task of stamping out the identity of the Finns as separate people.

“Von Seyn concentrated on the job of making Russian moujiks out of the Finns,” he said.

“The Finns are a peaceful, patient people. It is hard to see what the old regime feared from them. Possibly it was simply a way of extorting more money; thirty million marks has been taken annually in taxes for the Imperial government in recent years, part of this being spent in the maintenance of Russian officials and troops in Finland.”

Finland, if all goes well with the war from this time forth, stands to gain a great deal at comparatively small sacrifice. It will have its autonomy assured without ever having put a soldier in the field.

But the Finns have felt bitter, nevertheless. The men have not been

slaughtered, the women and children have not been brutally mistreated. Only their language, their literature and their cherished institutions have been put to the sword. The murder has not been complete, however, and probably never would have been. The Finns accepting such suppression outwardly probably would have continued secretly their loyalty to their own for many generations to come, had not the revolution intervened to make secrecy unnecessary.

(Note—In a later article Correspondent Mellett will tell of Poland's hazardous position now and what the Poles expect following the war.)

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