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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Easy Way to Have Money.

If money is any criterion, the Bolshevik regime is rolling in wealth. The soviet workingmen are paid big wages. But how much good that does them may be inferred from the following facts:

Last month beef was selling in Moscow for $42.50 a pound and pork and lard for $65 a pound. Bread was $15 to $23 a pound, and poor stuff at that. Potatoes were $1.50 apiece. Butter was $85 to $100 a pound, and sugar about the same.

The result was that the workingman, no matter how big a "wad" he had in his pocket, could hardly buy enough to eat. Other necessaries of life were nearly as prohibitive. The situation is said to be no better today.

This is due only in part to the scarcity of food. The main cause is the enormous inflation of Russian currency by the Lenine government. Gold and silver disappeared from circulation long ago. These prices represent the paper currency printed by the Bolsheviki presses. The way the country has been flooded with this cheap paper probably has no parallel except in the paper currency issued a few years ago by Mexican revolutionary governments.

Count Ilya Tolstoy, the son of Leo Tolstoy, says: "Everybody has lots of money. The Bolsheviki ship it out from the cities in sheets as big as bed sheets. All a man has to do to make money is to cut it apart. The Bolsheviki print the sheets, but they are too busy to cut them apart."

All of which sheds new light on Bolshevik economics and finances. The only possible outcome of such a financial policy is economic ruin.

United States Always Keeps Faith.

The assurance of early independence given to the Philippine mission at Washington, represents of course no new policy or sudden change of opinion on the part of the United States.

Repeatedly, by executive statement and by resolution of congress, in both Republican and Democratic administrations, it has been declared that the United States never had any intention of keeping the Filipinos in subjection and that the only purpose behind the authority exercised over them by the United States was to train them for political independence.

That purpose was given formal expression in connection with the act of August 29, 1916, which created the Filipino congress and plated the islands on about the same plane of self-government as that of Canada to Great Britain. That act contained the following preamble:

"Whereas, It was never the intention of the people of the United States in the inception of the war with Spain to make it a war of conquest for territorial aggrandisement; and

"Whereas, It has always been the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine islands and to recognize their independency as soon as a stable government can be established therein; and

"Whereas, For the speedy accomplishment of such purpose it is desirable to place in the hands of the people of the Philippines as large a control of their domestic affairs as can be given them without, in the meantime, relinquishing the exercise of the rights of sovereignty by the people of the United States, and order that, in the use and exercise of powers from time to time and governmental powers, they may be the better prepared to assume the responsibilities and enjoy the privileges of complete independence

"It is hereby conceived that the

key, so explicitly declared, would have been repudiated under any circumstances. The United States is not a pledge-breaker. The only question has been, and is, whether the Filipinos are yet ready for independence. President Wilson evidently thinks they are or will be by the time American authority in the islands can be wound up and the necessary steps taken to set them free. There is no question that the Filipinos have made much progress in the last few years.

La Grande Loses Valuable Citizen.

By the removal of Mrs. T. N. Murphy to Boise La Grande sustains a loss. In these days of trouble throughout the world and particularly during the past two years when our own country has been going through a most crucial period the moral faith and upkeep has depended on women as well as on men. If it were worth while to attempt any distinction in the way of faithfully staying on the home "firing line" the honors would preponderate toward the side of the women. And in the forefront of all such activities in our own community would be found the name of Mrs. T. N. Murphy.

Being a woman of more than usual business ability and long experience in business affairs Mrs. Murphy filled a special place and filled it exceptionally well. For this reason she was the logical person to take hold of the Red Cross efforts and turn to use and value a source of benefit that would otherwise have been a waste and a loss. It was fine business ability that turned over hundreds of dollars to the benefit fund that was essentially created out of nothing and involved no contribution from the people that called for an outright contribution of money.

This is the thing which Mrs. Murphy did in the management of the Red Cross salvage department. But it was not alone the business "knack" but hours and hours of straight hard work as well that made the Red Cross shop an invaluable part of the relief efforts of the La Grande chapter.

In all the usual community and social affairs Mrs. Murphy took a prominent and enthusiastic part. She leaves La Grande with the good will and the "good luck" wishes of the community.

FARM BUREAUS START THINGS

Farm bureaus in Oregon study their own needs and make and direct their own plans of work. Neither Washington nor the state agricultural college attempts to say what lines of work—crops, dairying, livestock, poultry, irrigation and drainage, fruit growing or plant protection—the farmers in any community shall begin and carry on. Both the federal and the state departments help organize the county and community so that the things selected by the farmers will be done in organized way, but the real movement is from the farm through the college to Washington. Farmers are helped, not hampered.

WORTH KNOWING

A form holder for concrete work has been invented that can be left in the concrete to re-enforce it or to provide a socket for attachments.

Gold is being mined at a depth of more than 3,000 feet in South Africa and it is believed that the shafts can be sunk 3,000 feet deeper.

An inventor has patented a tool by which live electric wires can be tapped and other wires attached without danger to a person using it.

Chinese are estimated to destroy $10,000,000 worth of gold annually by their custom of burning small pieces of gold leaf on certain anniversaries.

Gasoline motor cars on one European railroad have radiators on their roofs to cool water that is used to prevent the motors overheating.

"The Barrier," the gripping Alaskan story by Rex Beach at the Star, Saturday and Sunday. 4-8-tf

DO YOU OWE THIS TAX?

All Dealers in Narcotic Preparations Must Register.

Under the provisions of the original Harrison Narcotic Law, remedies or preparations which contain not more than two grains of opium, or one-fourth grain of morphine, or one-fourth grain of heroin, or one grain of codeine to the ounce, are exempt. This applies also to liniments, ointments, or other preparations for external use only. However, as amended by the revenue act of 1919, all storekeepers who handle such preparations, even if their narcotic content exempts them from the provisions of the Harrison act, are required to register with the collector of internal revenue at Portland, and pay a tax of $1 a year or fractional part thereof, and further, to keep records of all sales of such preparations.

Many merchants in Oregon, other than retail druggists carry such preparations and they should immediately apply to Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue at Portland for the necessary blanks to register.

The tax is payable not later than April 25th, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919.

NEEDS OF ALASKA

Condition of the Coal Supply Takes Important Rank.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 12.—(By Mail)—Definite and comprehensive action should be taken by the federal government to bring about early and proper development of the coal resources of Alaska, Andrew Christensen, manager of the land and industrial department of the Alaskan Engineer Commission, declares in a report just submitted at Washington, D. C. to William C. Edes, chairman of the commission.

"There is still complaint," the report says, "against the provision of the leasing law, and also against the terms of the lease, and it may be in order to offer necessary inducements, both the law and terms of the lease should be amended.

"Congress on July 1, 1918, provided $1,000,000 for use of the navy for mining or contracting for coal in Alaska. It also provided that part of this money should be used in transporting such coal to tidewater, but as yet no mining operations or contracts for coal have been made by the navy.

"During the summer of 1918 the secretary of the interior appointed a special commission to investigate the question of coal land development. This committee was in Alaska during September and October and made a thorough study of Alaskan resources. It is hoped that when this committee submits its report a definite and comprehensive policy will be adopted for the development of the coal lands, in Alaska. There is no question but that of most vital item to the success of the government railroad in Alaska is an early development of the coal industry.

"In adopting a policy the following are some of the questions that should be considered:

"Whether there should be any change in the coal land leasing law of October 20, 1914.

"Whether there should be any changes made in the terms of the present lease and the leasing regulations under the law.

"Whether or not the government should undertake the mining of coal under the million dollar appropriation.

"To what extent, if any, should the government undertake the mining of coal.

"Should the government interpose objections to the construction by private interests of railroad into the Bering river coal field.

"If so, what should be the policy of the government with reference to furnishing the necessary transportation facilities for the Bering river coal.

"What steps, if any, should be taken with reference to furnishing necessary transportation facilities for coal between Alaska and the states."

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Like Father, Like Son—Roosevelt

Like father, like son! It is daddy Theodore Roosevelt at home again reunited with wife and family. Like his illustrious father, the late Teddy, Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt is very fond of children. His wife was also a war worker in France, doing canteen duty. The children from left to right are Grace, Cornelius and Theodore, Jr., or, Theodore III.

CHINESE GAMBLING SYMBOLS DISCLOSED

Returned Missionary Makes Discovery Right Under Nose of Police Department.

Neat little criss-crosses in genuine Chinese script have long graced Chinese residences which surround the police station, says the Portland Telegram. Policemen in their savage war against the gambling vices in the oriental quarter around the station have long gazed at the crazy Chinese writing and perhaps have wondered what kind of a chop-suey the hieroglyphics stood for.

A few days ago a retired missionary to China, whose name is withheld, appeared at District Attorney Evans' office.

"Do you know," he began, "that next door to the police station there are three notices in Chinese that gambling and lottery games are carried on in the building? And across the street from the station I counted nine notices in Chinese and Japanese that advertised lottery games."

District Attorney Evans is looking up the list of tenants in the buildings and says that he will evoke the law on anyone he finds in the building who has been convicted of gambling.

He also incidentally added, after the missionary had departed, that every Chinese gambler-hunter should have a thorough course in the intricacies of the Chinese language.

Sherry's Thursday and Friday—"Riders of the Purple Sage." 4-8-1t

Strange Plant.

A little plant called the adeya or meschatel is often found in Welsh hedgerows, and is (writes a naturalist) the only species of its genera in that country. The leaves have this peculiarity that whilst they emit a delightful musk-like odor when handled or crushed they become absolutely scentless.

NATIONAL PARK ATTRACTIVE

POCATELLO, Idaho, April 9.—Yellowstone Park will be available as a playground earlier this season than usual owing to the comparative mildness of the past winter. Officials of the Oregon Short Line who cleared the divide and canyon road in two days, working through snow from six to sixteen feet deep. The party included a number of sportsmen with the result that a number of messes of excellent fish were provided for the outfit.

Along the route to the Park from Pocatello every county is bonding to put the roads in fine shape. The new game law is in operation. The native license is $1.50; non-resident fishing $2; non-resident bird $5; non-resident big game, $10; alien game license $50; alien fish license $10.

The fish limit is 15 pounds in one day, 30 pounds possession; grouse, quail and other birds are plentiful and there is considerable big game

HOW BROODER CHICKS ARE FED

Take chicks out of brooder 24 to 36 hours after hatching. Give all the sour milk or buttermilk they will drink. The morning of the second day start feeding a grain mixture of 7 pounds fine cracked corn, 2 pounds steel cut oats, and 1 pound cracked wheat. If this mixture can not be obtained a good grade of commercial chick feed will do. Feed a little of the grain five times a day, keeping the chicks a little hungry till night, when they are given all they will eat. From the fourth day keep wheat bran before them in small hoppers or shallow troughs. Give them all the sour milk or buttermilk they will drink, also all the kale or other green feed, cut fine, they will eat. Keep fine grit and graguiated bone before them all the time.—C. S. Brewster, O. A. C.

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Perhaps the season's most favored silk dress is the georgette crepe, either plain or combined with satin.

These new dresses of georgette we are showing in the newest and most fashionable models for spring and summer wear. Perhaps the most beautiful is the new Henna shade.

We have them in the following colors: Pekin blue, pink, white, flesh, taupe, henna, figured rayy, beige and green. See them in our ladies' ready-to-wear department.

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