

# MOHAMMEDAN IS IN STRAIGHTS

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—Robbed, ragged, starving and forgotten in the big concentration camp of Pokrowsky, a few miles distant from this city, is the fate of the Hevdiar, Khan of Khiva, who, until a few months ago was one of the richest of the Mohammedan rulers of Central Asia. As he is nearly 80 years old, he may die there.

Hevdiar, successor to Tamerlane the Great and Genghis Khan, who ruled from China to Germany in the Middle Ages, is a pure-blooded Uzoec Turk to whom the Sultan of Turkey is a mere modern upstart. He has been brought to his present plight through the revolutions engineered by the Moscow Soviet in Russian Turkestan, aided by Enverasha, recently denounced by Mutapha Kemal Pasha as the arch-traitor of Turkey.

The treatment of the Khan of Khiva, not yet widely known by people of the Mohammedan world, is expected in time to widen the rift that has long threatened between the Russian Soviet and the Mohammedans of India and the old Turkish dominions. The Russians have long been hated for their conquest of Khiva, Bokhara and the rest of the territory known for the past 60 years as Russian Turkestan.

For two centuries the Russians tried in vain to conquer these war-like peoples and only in 1873 was Khiva humbled and its Khans made subject princes of Russia. But they retained their religious influence and their vast wealth and when they came to the imperial court at Petrograd their presents in gold and jewels surpassed easily the treasures of that gorgeous court.

For the past two years the Soviet influence has been slowly tightening its hold on old Russian Turkestan, under General Dautoff, aided by 100,000 German war prisoners. First, a Soviet revolutionary committee was formed at Tashkent, after the approved Bolshevik manner, and later at Bokhara, and finally at Khiva. Those committees in turn gave way to the formation of Soviet republics, as in Baku and Tiflis, at the point of the Red army's bayonet.

The Emir of Bokhara was reduced to a figurehead, though still held as a possible religious successor to the Sultan of Turkey.

Hevdiar was unseated in his rule by the new order but when his advisers showed him how the palace walls were falling about him, he got together with the choicest of his inherited jewels, his favorite wives, a large stock of his royal robes, together with 400 pounds avoirdupois of solid gold, ordered a train at Bokhara and started overland to reach it. At the depot in Bokhara, the Cheka, or secret police, swooped down upon him, robbed him of his wives, his jewels and gold, and made him prisoner, together with his 20-year-old son and his heir apparent.

Both were put aboard the train under heavy guard, and sent to Moscow, to the old convent prison of Pokrowsky, where they have since been.

With a heavy white beard the Khan retains his proud bearing and still looks the part of a great ruler in exile. Silent and uncomplaining, after the manner of his people, he sometimes attends the concerts organized for the prisoners.

In answer to his request to the Soviet Khivah Mission for food, he was sent exactly one pound of bread.

"It is the will of Allah," said the Khan when the bread came. His son has fared somewhat better. He does odd jobs such as scrubbing floors, for the more fortunate prisoners whose friends send them food, and in this way keeps soul and body together.

# INDIAN LANDS SOLD BY U. S.

(By Associated Press.)  
PENDLETON, Jan. 21.—Eight out of 20 pieces of Umatilla Indian Reservation land advertised for sale by the government were sold yesterday at the agency for a total of \$45,890.10, there being no bids received on the remaining 12 pieces.

With the exception of \$4500 paid in cash by F. H. Mytinger, local dairyman, covering the total cost of 73 acres which he purchased, all bidders took advantage of the deferred payment plan, which permits of paying one-fourth cash at the time of purchase, the remainder to be paid in quarterly installments each year with interest at six per cent.

# ASK FOR LOW PRESS RATES

(By Associated Press.)  
HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 21.—President Harding and congress were asked to maintain and extend the use of the United States Naval communications service for press messages after July 1, 1922, when present arrangement expires, in a petition signed by the officers of the Pan-Pacific Press Congress, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu Advertiser, and the Honolulu chamber of commerce, which was sent to Washington.

The petition, containing the bulk of the resolution adopted by the re-

sent press congress of the world here, stated that the temporary service, now being rendered by the naval radio, under act of congress, is excellent.

Action to broaden the scope of the service to include foreign countries bordering the Pacific, now hampered through government regulation, also was requested in the petition, which said that the Pacific forms the "principal theater of the world's events" and "one of the chief causes of war is national ignorance of the purposes, aims and ideals of other countries." Wide dissemination of international news, made possible by efficient service at reasonable rates, would correct this condition, the petition said.

# Churches

Letter Day Saints.—Regular services at the Tabernacle. Sunday school commences at 10:30 a. m. Sacramental services, 2 o'clock p. m. Mutual Improvement Association, Sunday at 7:00 p. m. Teachers' training class, Monday at 7:00 p. m. Priesthood and Relief Society meeting at 7:00 p. m. Primary association at the tabernacle Tuesday, for children, 4 p. m. Primary association on north side at the little chapel, for children, Thursday at 4 p. m. Religion class at tabernacle Thursday at 2:30 and 4 p. m. Religion class at the chapel on north side at 2:30 and 4 p. m. Tuesday. Regular choir practice at the Tabernacle Thursday at 7 p. m. Regular Fast Day services at 2 p. m. The First Sunday of each month. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of our services.—Charles J. Black, Bishop.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.—Corner First and Washington. Sunday morning services at 11:00. Subject, "Truth." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8:00. The reading room is open to the public every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m. All are welcome to attend our services.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.—"What are we to believe about the Bible?" will be discussed in the sermon at the forenoon service. This will be the first address in a series of sermon lectures on great themes treated from the standpoint of modern inquiry. If you are finding it difficult to accept the current religious teaching, you are especially invited to hear these addresses. Special music under the direction of Mrs. Williams. Shelley's beautiful song "Saviour, When Night Involves the Skies" will be sung. Happy Hour service Sunday evening at 7:30. One of the special musical features will be the singing of the popular duet "Whispering Hope," by Mrs. Aldrich and Mr. Quigley. They will be accompanied by Miss Quigley, violin; Mr. Aldrich, flute, and Miss Osterling, piano. Sermon topic: "Three Conceptions of Christianity Compared." A fine place to spend a pleasant hour. Come! Bible school at 9:45. The new series of lessons are proving very interesting especially to the adult mind. There is a place in a good-class for you. Mr. H. Hessert, superintendent. Epworth League meeting for all young people at 8:30. Subject, "Christian Education." Mildred Gauthier, leader. Harvey Carter, president. The church is maintained for your benefit. Why not make use of it?—G. H. Quigley, minister.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church.—Corner Fourth and O streets. Calendar for the week beginning January 22nd, the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; church school, 9:45; morning prayer and sermon 11:00; evening prayer and address 7:30. Sermon topic at morning service will be "Starting an Idea." On Wednesday evening the Girl's Friendly Society will hold its regular meeting at Honan Hall beginning at 5:30 sharp. The program is to begin with a Pot Luck Supper, followed by the opening exercises and regular business and will close with a session of parliamentary practice led by Mrs. Mossman. Thursday at 8 p. m. is the regular choir rehearsal. We invite all to come and get acquainted.—Jos. W. Gunn, rector.

First Baptist Church.—Sunday school at 10 a. m. G. B. Hogan, superintendent. Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Lord's Command." Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost. In keeping with the national Thrift program, Young People's meeting at 6:30. Miss More, leader. Evening sermon, "Stewardship." Baptismal service at this hour. Let's make it a great day.—A. R. Sitton, minister.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday school at 9:45. Young People's meeting at 6:30. There will be no church services at 11:00 or at 7:30.

NAVIGATION STOPPED  
(By Associated Press.)  
TRIESTE, Italy, Jan. 21.—The severe winter which the whole of Central Europe is experiencing has seriously handicapped the navigation of the Danube. The cold wave was so sudden that more than 60 vessels belonging to several nations have been caught in the ice and will be forced to tie up for the whole winter unless an antidote for thaw comes in the meantime.

Their Remaining Years.  
Statistics tell us that, according to figures, if the husband dies first, the wife lives, on the average, another 11 years. If the wife dies first, the husband lives another nine years.

# BONE PICKER OF NOBILITY

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Jan. 21.—One of the rag and bone pickers of Paris has just made known his belief that he may be a descendant of the great Emperor Napoleon I. His name is Louis Napoleon Eugene Maximilien Laurent Mamson. He is called "Napoleon" and gives as the reason for his use of that name the following explanation:

"My father was a shoe cobbler and second-hand dealer who used to rescue dogs' and cats' bodies from the Seine to sell for making brooms. My mother was a traveling mender of pots and pans.

"My mother's mother was Rosalie de Mandel, of Spanish origin and noble. Her husband, my grandfather, named Firmin, was from Ireland. They kept an inn at Clethy in the department of Pas de Calais, where coaches changed horses.

"One evening the emperor arrived at Clethy and my grandmother warned him to go no farther as there were English soldiers about. My grandfather fled and hid in a ravine. My grandmother hid Napoleon in the part of our two-storyed cellar until he could leave in safety. When my mother was born, my grandfather always refused to recognize her as his child, declaring that Napoleon was her father.

"You will find a reference to Napoleon's stay in Clethy in Marshal Bertrand's Memoirs with something about the child that resulted from it.

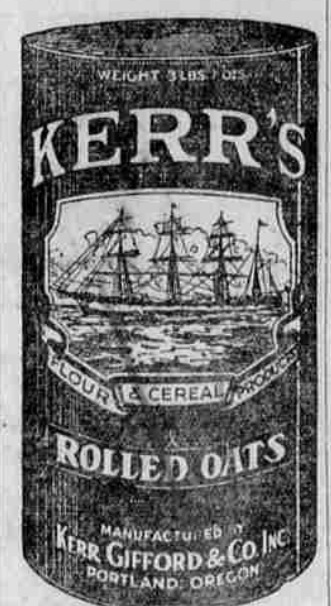
"That's why I am better known as Napoleon, and with reason."

# PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN OREGON

The production of precious metals made in Oregon in 1921 is estimated by J. M. Hill of the San Francisco office of the United States geological survey, to have been approximately 37,500 ounces of gold, valued at \$775,194; 45,120 ounces of silver, 274,400 pounds of copper and 350 pounds of lead, says a Washington dispatch. Although this represents a decrease of \$242,296 in value of the gold, 48 per cent in quantity of silver and 88 per cent in the quantity of copper, as compared with 1920, mining in the state at the end of 1921 was far from being as depressed as these figures might indicate.

The decrease was due largely to the curtailment of the operations of the Cornucopia and the Homestead Iron Dyke mines, in the eastern part of the state. The lessened activity

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at the Iron Dyke was due directly to the depression in the copper market. The dredges in Baker and Grant counties were active and made good returns. The United States Metals company developed a considerable quantity of silver-copper-lead ore at the Bay Horse mine, near Huntington, and expects to begin shipping from stock piles and from the mine in a short while. The Blue Mountain Mines company at Bourne increased its production.

In southwestern Oregon there was a decided midsummer revival of activity in the region tributary to Jackson and Gold Hill. The Old Sylvanite mine is being reopened by the Oregon-Pittsburg Mining company and the Boswell mine, in the Holland district, by the Boswell Mining company. The Opp mine, near Jackson, was reopened in July, and the Millinaire, which has been under development for more than a year, has been milling steadily.

In addition to these mines a number of others not so well known were under development, and since the middle of 1921 several of them have been making shipments.

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# Millions of Acres Concealed in Russia

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—A special commission named to locate grain-fields which were cultivated this year, but upon which the cultivators had failed to make any tax returns in kind, have located over 5,000,000 acres of concealed cultivation.

The tax upon grain is about 10 percent of the crop. The government is having great difficulty in collecting this levy in remote sections, especially in the Ukraine, where bandit peasants resist the government agents.

# Campaign of Courtesy Is Inaugurated

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 21.—A campaign of courtesy for the year 1922 has been inaugurated by the Louisville Railway company. Instea-

of the "step lively" or "all aboard" or office, or meeting you in the course of the conductor, he will politely invite his passengers to move as rapidly as possible, if the plan of James P. Barnes, president of the company, are carried out.

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# Why La Grande Should Get Permanent City Water Supply From Wells

Nampa, Idaho, Dec. 22, 1921.

Mr. R. A. West,  
La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiry regarding the water system of the city of Nampa has been referred to me. Some of the information for which you ask is not readily available, however, I hope that the following will be of some service to you.

Our domestic water supply is obtained from two wells, drilled 110 and 165 feet deep respectively, both wells being fitted with six inch casings. We employ an air lift to get the water from the wells into a sump tank situated directly underneath the engine room floor. The wells deliver approximately 1,000 gallons per minute to the sump, which has a capacity of approximately 30,000 gallons. The water is pumped from the sump to a steel storage tank which is in the neighborhood of 155 feet high, giving a pressure of about 65 pounds per square inch. The capacity of the steel tank is 75,000 gallons. In case of fire however, water is pumped directly to the mains at 100 pounds per square inch pressure.

Nampa has a population of about 8,000. No record is readily available of the cost of drilling the wells.

The cost of water delivered from the wells to the storage tank is approximately six and seven-tenths cents per thousand gallons. The cost of power (all our machinery is electrically driven), engineer's wages and incidental expenses such as waste, oil, etc., are thereby items figured in this estimate, no account being taken of interest, depreciation, etc.

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