

OFFICIALS IN RUSSIA HIDE

Kremlin Is Now Armed Bolshevik Fort to Protect Higher-Ups from Onslaught.

MOSCOW. (AP)—Russia's Bolshevik government is probably the only one in the world which barricades itself behind a fortress. Every department of the present Soviet regime, with three or four notable exceptions, has its headquarters within the high walls of the Kremlin, which, stripped of its churches, shrines, museums and art treasures, is nothing more than an armed citadel, almost invulnerable from attack.

No feudal king of the Middle Ages, secure in his castle of stone and steel, surrounded by moats, battlemented walls and earth-works, was better fortified against attack than are the members of the Soviet ministry. Not only are the entire precincts of the Kremlin carefully policed day and night by sentries with drawn bayonets, but the whole place is an arsenal of machine guns, small mortars, defensive works and battalions of reserve soldiers. On the rare occasions when a cabinet member leaves the Kremlin he is carefully guarded by plain-clothes detectives and personal bodyguards. Trotsky, who usually rides in an automobile, invariably sits in the front seat with the chauffeur while two secret service men occupy the rear seat.

No political faction in present-day Russia is strong enough or foolhardy enough, foreign observers believe, to essay an open assault on the government, powerfully entrenched as it is both militarily and politically. But the government believes constant vigilance is the price of safety, and it takes no chances. In the event of an armed insurrection in Moscow, the entire Kremlin would be alive with troops, guns and bayonets in the twinkling of an eye. The Moscow garrison alone consists of many thousands of soldiers, available at an instant's notice in case of a counter-revolutionary movement on the part of any of the dissatisfied elements now in Russia.

While the Bolsheviks are able to maintain their Red Army and state political organization (formerly the notorious "Cheka") at their present strength and efficiency, disinterested foreign observers in Moscow believe there is little likelihood for a long time to come of the present government being dislodged. They feel that only a violent, unprovoked upheaval among the millions of peasants scattered throughout the country would be capable of breaking down the formidable military, political and bureaucratic machine which the Bolsheviks have created in every important center of Russia during the last seven years.

Viewing Alaska from Clouds Becomes Popular with Tourists

ANCHORAGE, Alaska. (AP)—Viewing Alaska from the clouds has become popular since the introduction of passenger planes, the first of which made its appearance here July 1. This machine is operating from 15 to 20 hours a day, to accommodate the large number of tourists wanting to see Mount McKinley from altitudes of from 5,000 to 10,000 feet.

The peak, about 29,000 feet high, often is obscured by surface fogs by haze or clouds, but usually stands out magnificently a few thousand feet up.

Papeete Boosts Traffic Cop.

PAPEETE, Tahiti. (AP)—Papeete has acquired its first traffic cop. The number of motor cars has increased so much during recent months that the highways of the town have become too congested for uncontrolled traffic. The rise in the price of vanilla has brought a great deal of money into the islands and nearly every native landowner is now possessed of some sort of motor car.

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SALONICA JEWS PREFER SATURDAY AS DAY OF REST

SALONICA. (AP)—The Greek press is publishing sharp comments on the action of the Salonica Jews, who number about 80,000, in having made an appeal to their co-religionists in America and other western countries for the reinstatement of Saturday as their day of rest.

At the urging of a press campaign at Athens, Premier Papangas had a bill offered to the chamber decreeing uniformity of observance of the day of rest as Sunday. For centuries the Jews of Salonica had been observing Saturday as their day of rest.

Under the new law the right to this historic observance, which had been recognized under the Turkish domination, was denied to the Israeli community. The Jews complained to their co-religionists abroad and a movement was put under way to appeal to the League of Nations for the reestablishment of their ancient right under the minorities rule of the league.

The Greek press is denouncing this alleged interference with the sovereign rights of the Greek nation.

Sofia Town Crier Calls Citizens to Work on Roads

SOPIA. (AP)—Conscript labor, though only three years old, is becoming a definite part of the life of the Bulgarian people as conscript soldiers used to be. The highways leading out of Sofia are badly in need of repair, so recently the town crier went successively to the principal points of the city, beating a drum. The first roll was the signal for the collecting of a crowd, consisting mostly of little boys and girls. Then the crier cried:

"All male citizens between the ages of 20 and 40 are requested by the city government to report at their respective district city halls at the hour of nine Monday morning. The work to be done is the repair of roads."

Of course, it was expected that the boys and girls would notify their fathers and the authorities were evidently correct in their surmise, for on the following Monday morning at the five district city halls the labor conscripts appeared with shovels, spades, wheelbarrows and carts, ready to work on the roads.

Sweden Tries to Preserve Last of European Buffalo

STOCKHOLM. (AP)—An effort to rescue and revive the dying dynasty of "bison" or "European buffaloes," said to be the rarest living mammals in the world today, has just begun here in the opening of a 100-acre preserve where these animals will be allowed to live and breed under natural conditions.

Out of a total of only 55 "bisons" in the world, seven are to be found in Sweden, and up to the present time this herd has been kept in the open-air museum of Stockholm. But the animals did not seem to thrive well in the restricted space. Information regarding the situation came to Consul-General Axel A. Johnson, who immediately offered to set aside 100 acres of the wildest part of his estate in central Sweden as a preserve. The offer was accepted and now a built "bison" and two females have been turned out into the kind of country over which their ancestors roamed thousands of years ago.

Purse Snatchers Prey on Foreigners in Moscow

MOSCOW. (AP)—Russian pickpockets are particularly active and audacious at the present time, in spite of efforts of the police to suppress them. Scores of these petty thieves have been arrested in crowded trolley cars, trains, theaters and churches, but the number of them still at large is so great that citizens themselves are asked to make arrests when they detect a pickpocket.

American visitors some of whom have been robbed, have adopted the expedient of carrying their money and valuables in waistbands under their clothing, while others to foil the pickpockets, have avoided riding on train cars and trains. One American was recently relieved of \$700 in a church.

Giant Orrey Shows All Stars

MUNICH. (AP)—The "starry vault of heaven" with every constellation known to man moving in its celestial orbits, has been reproduced within the cupola of the newly erected German museum by means of a large orrey.

Forty-one projecting cameras will be used to reconstruct the intricate movements of the heavenly bodies.

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Four Billion Matches Used Daily in America

PETERBORO, N. H. (AP)—The United States uses more than 1,500,000,000 matches made out of wood every year. (This is about 37 matches a day for every man, woman and child in the country, based on a population of 110,000,000. Recent statistics from Europe have placed the per capita consumption there at 14 matches a day.) The world output costs \$200,000,000 and reaches a total of 4,675,650,000 matches a year. Eight million tons of paper are being used in the United States every year. These are some of the interesting statements made by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree Association of Washington in a speech tonight before the New England Forestry conference.

Mr. Pack pointed out that this is the time to "sell forestry" to the people of the United States. He urged the conference to get down to facts the public could

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readily understand, saying that the way to get the American people interested in the vital economic problem of where wood was to come from was to talk to them in terms that they could quickly grasp.

Russia Has Many Universities
RIGA. (AP)—According to Russian educational authorities, there are 255 universities in Soviet Russia, besides 94 workingmen's high schools, otherwise called "people's universities." Nearly 50 per cent of the 4856 professors listed resided in Leningrad and Moscow.

About one pig for each 5 to 20 acres of grain stubble may safely be grown in eastern Oregon where a gain of 50 or more pounds can be had from grazing. This gain is not all net profit generally, the college station reports, as the remainder of the gain for market condition will probably be made at a loss, which will be slight if alfalfa pasture is available.

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