

RUSSIAN COPS ARE SECRETIVE

MOSCOW (AP).—To Russians the Cheka is the most feared organization in Russia, the very mention of the name connecting terror and ruthlessness. Its chief purpose is to suppress counter-revolutionary activities and to punish all who attempt to injure the present Soviet regime.

In a larger sense the Cheka resembles the American secret service or the English Scotland Yard, except it has much greater scope, exercises plenary powers, acts as "judge, jury and executioner," maintains its own army, prisons, and is all-powerful in every department of Russian life. There is no appeal from its decisions.

With the Red army, the Cheka constitutes the most formidable weapon the Bolsheviks possess for maintaining themselves in power. No person, no group, no community, however influential, is strong enough to resist the all-embracing tentacles of the Cheka, actions which reach out to every nook and corner of Russia. The number of counter-revolutionaries and political prisoners it put to death during the revolution and terror runs into tens of thousands.

Since the late Premier Lenin introduced the so-called "new economic policy" of the government, the Cheka has been rechristened with a view to depriving it in the minds of the Russians of its sinister aspect. It now goes by the mild name of "state political department" or "G. P. U.," these being the initial letters of the Russian words. In it are employed many of the agents of the old "Great secret service," whose knowledge of all political offenders is of special value.

The G. P. U. is the most highly organized and severely disciplined of all Soviet institutions, and its members are the most devoted to the Communist cause. Any disclosure of their name, or any employee or agent would mean certain death. Its working force numbers hundreds of thousands of men and women. Every employe of every Communist institution throughout Russia is a potential agent or spy of the G. P. U.

Felix Dzerzhinsky, the multi-speaking, soft-mannered Pole who brought the organization up to its present high state of efficiency, has been elevated to the chairmanship of the supreme executive council, but he still directs the broad policy of the G. P. U. Within the building serving as the G. P. U. headquarters is a great courtyard, along the sides of which are steel-barred cells. The occupants are regarded as the more dangerous of the political prisoners. They are awaiting either death or deportation to Siberia for life.

Water Filled Cave in Utah Baffles Local Explorers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP).—Exploration of a large unnamed cave near Navajo lake, southern Utah, has been begun by a party of Cedar City residents. Recently five men, wading in water sometimes three feet deep, penetrated the cave for 200 feet but they were forced out by lack of oxygen.

The entrance, about five feet in diameter, was discovered several years ago. Just how far back the cave runs could not be determined by those in the exploration party, but in some places inside it was 50 feet from the floor to the roof. When more suitable equipment is received a more thorough survey is planned.

Australia Studies Closely American Immigration Control

MELBOURNE (AP).—Members of all parties in the Commonwealth parliament are watching with keen interest the way America is meeting its immigration problem. Although it is recognized that the question of Asiatic immigration is not exactly similar to the issue of European immigration to the United States, all the effects of the Johnson bill, including the Japanese exclusion measure, are looked on as test cases which one day may be applicable to Australia.

Supporters of the "white Australia" policy protested warmly recently against the increasing numbers of Italians, Czechoslovaks, Magyars and other European nationalities who have been pouring into the commonwealth to fill the labor demand in the sugar and cotton fields. This was the policy on which Sir Henry Parkes, premier of South Australia, practically lost the election for the National party in that state.

Advocates of a white Australia are more active than ever.

Constitution Week Plans Made. HOOD RIVER, Ore.—With Jas. H. Haslett, local attorney, in charge, active preparations are under way for celebration of Constitution week. Programmes will be given in all schools. Next Sunday every church of the community will pay some special attention to the constitution in each of its services.

Damascus to Have Fair OREGON CITY, Ore.—A district fair will be held at the Union school house in the Damascus district Saturday, September 12 when grains and grasses as well as needlework and good things to eat will be on display. Many women of that section have prepared home products to show and to enter for the premiums.

Funny that low boys can break out of jail when some of our best citizens seem unable to break in.

Golden Tresses for All



The girls are gliding their locks in Paris now. In the theaters, in the cabarets, at all sorts of parties, they are wearing golden and silver wigs. They just slip them on over their bobbed locks. DeSousse, the designer, originated the fad.

WOULD TEACH OF INJUSTICE

PARIS (AP).—The United Federation of School Teachers of France, in session in this city, has resolved that school children be taught revolutionary principles. In the discussion that preceded the vote different orators declared that teachers should take matters in their own hands and begin their class strike propaganda with the little ones, discarding all text books, and "bringing the children to understand that modern society is filled with the germs of injustice."

The federation comprises about 5000 teachers who previously belonged to the federation which affiliated with the French Federation of Labor, and which separated from that body when the communists split with the socialist party.

The ranks of the communist teachers will be considerably swelled if the amnesty bill passed by the chamber is adopted by the senate. This bill reinstates teachers who have been dismissed for subversive action, or for any other reason, and provides for their promotion to posts they would in the ordinary course have reached had they not been dismissed.

ROSEBURG SHOW OPENS.

ROSEBURG, Ore.—Roseburg's first annual home products show opened at the armory with every indication that it will far exceed the plans of its organizers. Nearly every garage near Roseburg is represented, and a wonderful collection of agricultural and manufactured exhibits has been arranged. Reports sent enough to fill two large boats.

In one end of the hall the county's exhibit, which is to be placed at the state fair, will be shown. Liberal prizes have been awarded and local business houses, and banks, unthought, have added premiums. A prize breaking contest is one of the features. The show will run three days.

Dairy Herd Returns Profit

PENDLETON, Ore.—A herd of dairy cows owned by the county has returned a profit of slightly more than \$1550 during the first seven months of 1924, according to the report made to the county court by A. G. Hall, superintendent of the farm. Labor costs, feed and 25¢ each month of the superintendent's salary were charged against the herd.

Women have more courage. No man with a bad cold would go forth with four square inches of white and lace.

A Queen



It was long hair that won the honor of being queen of the Tri-State Fair in Parsons, Kas., for Olive Baker. "Bobbed hair is not queenly," said the fair directors in announcing her selection. Miss Baker is president of the Parsons Business and Professional Women's Club.

WILL PROTECT TEDDY'S CABIN

BISMARCK, N. D. (AP).—The Roosevelt cabin, once occupied by Roosevelt when recuperating at the old Mattice ranch, seven miles south of the village of Madison in the Little Missouri Red Lake of North Dakota, is to be preserved in a fitting manner, according to the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Lewis E. Crawford, curator of the society, is preparing plans for a stone shrine of stately and substantial design to be erected over the building. Assistance through popular subscription from every state is being considered. Mr. Crawford states, owing to requests from all sections for the shrine's establishment.

The cabin has historical interest in North Dakota and the northwest. No other building in the state has traveled as much. It was taken from the Mattice ranch, where it had stood for

more than 20 years, and shipped to the St. Louis exposition in 1904. At the close of the exposition, the cabin was returned here and set up on the capitol grounds.

The building is constructed of pine logs, cut on the upper waters of the Little Missouri in 1850-51.

JURIST IS HOLDING OWN SALEM, Ore.—The condition of Justice John McCourt of the Oregon supreme court, who has been seriously ill at his home here for more than two weeks, remained unchanged, according to the attending physicians.

It was said that Justice McCourt was in a critical condition tonight, with only slight hopes for recovery.

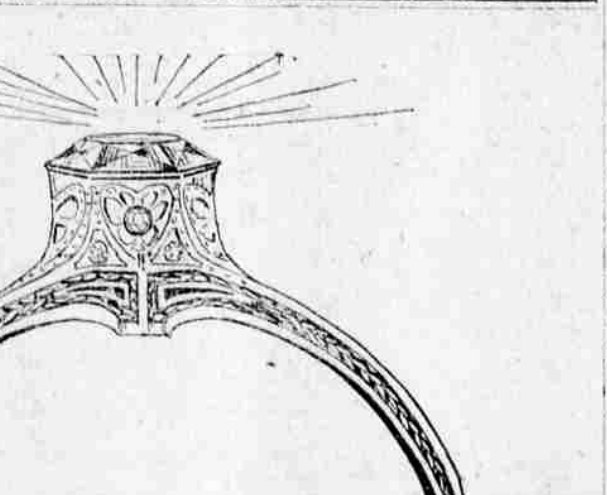
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agents, at a sort of indignation meeting held here, charged that certain members of the Salem school board had played favorites in awarding insurance on the sev-

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