

New Culture Is Dream of Reds

Huge Sums are Expended by Bolsheviks to Promote Their Propaganda.

SEE WEIRD EFFECTS IN ART

Democratized Paintings are Splashes of Color That Outdo the Work of Cubists—Newspapers and Books are Scarce.

London—"Proletarianizing Russian culture," is one of the tasks attended to by the bolshevik government of Lenin and Trotzky. What this process consists of is told by the Copenhagen correspondent of the London Morning Post. He says:

"If the bolshevik system, as seems likely, disappears altogether from Russia during the present summer, a curious experiment in 'culture' thereby will be brought to an end. Beyond doubt nine-tenths of bolshevism is common murder and plunder—the bolshevik dictator, Zinovieff, in a speech of May 16, admitted that 'three-quarters of the 140,000 soviet officials care only for their own pockets,' but the other tenth is honest fanaticism with the customary foundation of delusions.

"One delusion is that there can be a specific 'proletarian culture.' Last month the Moscow provincial soviet (in the intervals of shooting old men and boys whose kinsmen of service age refused to fight) set about organizing biograph and graphophone entertainments in the villages, 'at which,' says the Krasnaya Gazetta, 'in addition to showing pictorially and screaming stridently the infamies of our former foes, we are providing real proletarian education, art, science, philosophy, history.' It is culture stamped with the irresistible 'proletkult' mark. This 'proletkult,' a word concocted by Lunatcharsky, is the official name of a state department with headquarters in Catherine street, Petrograd, and in the Moscow Morosoff palace. The concocted word goes with Sovnarcom (for Council of People's Commissaries), Glavsakhar (for chief sugar monopoly), Sovdep, and other barbarous neologisms which, with bolshevism, have enriched the language of Turgenieff and Tolstoy.

Millions Expended on Cult.
"The commissariat of education, over which Lunatcharsky presides, spent in 1918 2,900,000,000 roubles (nominally \$1,450,000,000), and the estimates of its expenditure for the first half of 1919 alone amount to 4,897,000,000 roubles, nominally about 50 per cent more than the whole annual budget before the war. Of the first mentioned sum over 250,000,000 roubles, the Krasnaya Gazetta says, was on the encouragement of literature and the arts, 'that is, of the specific artistic and literary forms which are gloriously known as 'proletkult.' Thus art and literature are violently democratized.

"During the whole of last winter, in

Fortune Teller Takes Long Trip She Predicted

Kansas City, Mo.—"Mister, you are going on a long, long journey," said Allie Rico, a fortune teller, to Detective Harry Arthur.

"I want company; come with me to police headquarters," Arthur told Allie.

In police court Allie was fined \$200 and costs. She was given a stay on condition she close up her establishment.

the Morosoff palace were held weekly competitive soirees, which M. Lunatcharsky and even 'our mighty Ilitch' (I. e., Lenin) did not shrink from attending, though the ordeal for Lenin, who is a cultivated man, must have been hard. Bolsheviki poets read aloud their verses, and bolshevik painters showed how hopelessly they had left post-impressionists, cubists and expressionists behind. Two of their paintings shown to me at Stockholm were mere splashes of color, framed in zigzags of common tar.

Many Papers Suspended.
"The plight of proletarian culture has grown markedly worse during the last few months, mainly owing to lack of paper. In Petrograd, instead of nine newspapers, there have appeared since April 1 only five. The bolshevik propaganda is still turning out many thin political pamphlets, some of which I have seen; but book publishing has almost entirely ceased; and the best known Russian novelists, Andreyeff, Kurpin and Merezhkovsky, are beginning the publication of their writings with Bonnier of Stockholm. The inability to produce books at home will certainly continue for years."

Returned Yank Given \$125,000

Aunt Reimburses Gotham Lieutenant for Money His Uncle Squandered.

VICTIM OF CONFIDENCE

Share in Estate of Grandmother Is Misappropriated by Former Congressman—Nephew Accepts Settlement After Court Action.

New York.—As the result of a settlement announced, James F. Dechert, who served as a lieutenant in France, will receive \$125,000 as his share of the estate of his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah J. Flanagan, who died in 1906, although his uncle, De Witt C. Flanagan, formerly a congressman from New Jersey and original promoter of the Cape Cod canal, misappropriated his share of \$113,000 in his grandmother's estate.

The settlement under which the payment is to be made by his aunt, Mrs. Gertrude E. Shannon of 121 Madison avenue, follows the report of John Quinn, named in 1916 as referee to hear objections by Lieutenant Dechert in the accounting by Mrs. Shannon, and Mr. Flanagan, his uncle, as executors under his grandmother's will.

Takes Testimony Two Years.
Mr. Quinn took testimony in the case for two years in order to determine the accountability of Mrs. Shannon for the acts of her brother, and finally decided that the decisions in similar cases compelled him to hold that both Mrs. Shannon and Mr. Flanagan should account for Lieutenant Dechert's \$113,000, with interest since 1906.

Counsel for Mrs. Shannon objected to the liability ruling against her on the ground that she had acted innocently and had been guilty only of blind trust in her brother, but before the attorneys for Lieutenant Dechert had presented a decree to the surrogate directing the payment of the \$113,000 with 13 years' interest, overtures for a settlement were made, and as a result of the acceptance by her nephew

MISS EMILY FARNUM



Miss Emily Farnum of New York city, for many years connected with the department of commerce, has been named chief of the appointment division for the 1920 census.

BOSTON STREETS CONGESTED BY CAR STRIKE



Streets and sidewalks in Boston are congested by persons walking or riding to work in any sort of conveyance during the car strike, which has tied up transportation.

APACHES HOLD THEIR LAST TRIBAL MEETING



The remaining members of the famed Apache tribe, 600 in number, held their last encampment at Mescalera, N. M., recently. The tribe was once the most feared and populous of Indian groups in the West. The ceremonies this year took the form of ceremonial dances, feasting and other exercises dear to the heart of the redman.

MADE FROM CARTRIDGE SILK

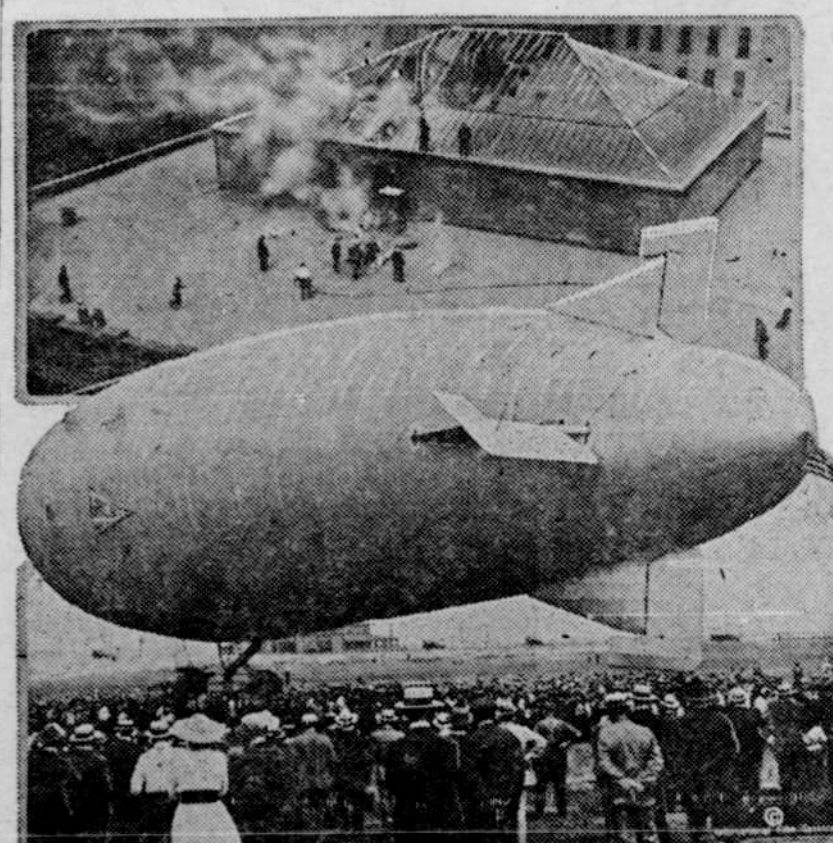


The ordnance bureau of the war department is offering to the dress goods trade 18,000,000 yards of material which will be a complete novelty to milady. It is a special silk made for wrapping cartridge bags, of a quality which should retail for two or three dollars a yard. To prove that the cloth is suitable for dress goods, Col. E. E. Garrison had a dress made and fitted to his secretary. Here it is.

Should Be Careful.
Every spring in Venice the question arises: "Shall the bathing suits be censured?" They were discussing the matter at the Woman's club the other night and one prim member said: "Really, I do think that the present costumes are rather underdone. I know they are better for swimming and all that, but you never know who sees you under the water, with all these submarines about."

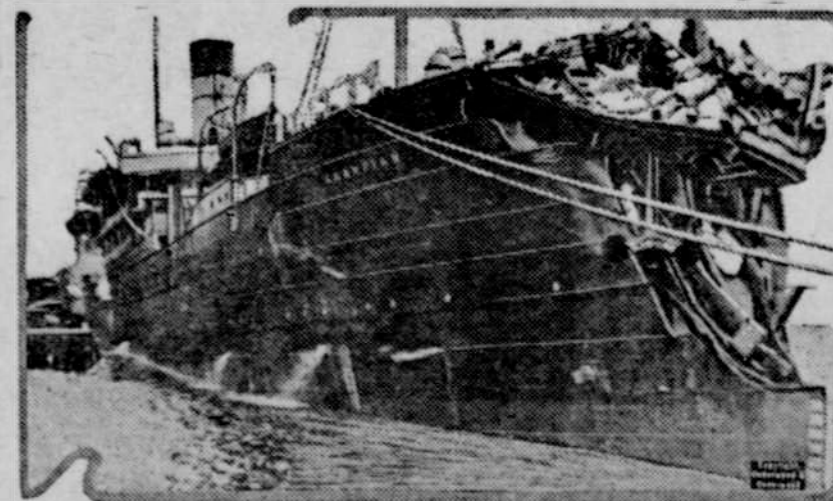
An' Ever'thing.
Martha, who is about ready to finish her kindergarten, had seen the circus parade, and, at dinner, was telling her father of the wonderful sights. "An', papa, I saw one o' those grea', grea' big potamusses; an' a whole lot o' shepherds (papa's questions developed she meant leopards) an' white mens; an' some elephants playin' crack the whip, hol' o' each other's tails; an' ever'thing in the world."

DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES; THIRTEEN KILLED



Below, the Goodyear blimp, which exploded above the loop district of Chicago and fell into a bank, killing ten bank employees and three members of the crew. Above, the skyight of the bank building through which the blimp crashed.

STEAMSHIP GRAMPAN HITS AN ICEBERG



The Canadian Pacific steamship Grampian in St. John's harbor with her bows stove in as a result of striking an iceberg. No damage was done under the water line. The Grampian steamed under her own power from Cape Race, where it hit the berg, back to St. John's.

TRADE BRIEFS

January is the wheat harvesting season of Australia.
Sheep are used as beasts of burden in northern India and carry 20-pound loads.
Bricks are being manufactured in the United Kingdom at the rate of 40,000,000 a week.
The Co-operative Wholesale society of Manchester, England, has decided that its employees, numbering 30,000, should join trades unions.

WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF FISH THIS IS?



Huge and unknown fish caught by mackerel fishers in a net at Torbay, England. It was 18 feet long and was of a species unknown to the fishermen, being a sort of cross between the man-eating shark and the gentle dolphin.

San Diego, Cal.—Radiography will be revolutionized by transmission through the earth and water, instead of the air as the result of discoveries made at a little experiment station located on a barge in San Diego bay. It is predicted by Lieut. A. A. Morton of the navy radio laboratory at Mare Island, who conducted the experiments. First proof of the success of the new method of radio transmission through the earth, it was revealed, was made when the United States navy department sent a message from the Annapolis station to the British admiralty that the dirigible R-34 had been sighted off the American coast. Lieutenant Morton was at his instruments, heard the message and copied it in its entirety, he said.

LIVE HIGH ON STRIKE BONUS

Genoa Longshoremen Get \$6.50 Day—Hire Underlings at \$2 to Do Work.

Genoa.—Genoa longshoremen recently converted themselves in twenty-four hours from striking workmen to employers of labor. They obtained through the strike a day wage rate of \$6.50 and the following day hired other men for their jobs at \$2 a day, thereafter living easy lives on the remaining \$4.50 for eight hours management of the \$2-a-day underling. Instances of strike winning with subsequent subletting of jobs according to the Genoa idea have been prevalent during the intermittent labor troubles throughout Italy.