PETROGRAD'S PLIGHT WORST EVER KNOWN

Inhabitants of City Shivering and Starving.

MORTALITY NOW TERRIBLE

Once Magnificent Imperial Russian City Now Declared Fast Drifting Toward Ruin.

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LONDON, Jan. 5.—(Special Cable.)—M. Amande, a native of Petrograd, gives in the Riga Rundschau the following appalling picture of conditions in his native city:

"For three years a comparatively good harvest has benefited the bolsheviki, but now a catastrophe is facing Russia. The harvest has been a failure; famine is stalking through the country. The collapse of the railways following that of the waterways transportation system has prevented imports from reaching the city. The misery of the inhabitants, exposed to the frightful cold, has reached its apex and the mortality is terrible.

"These words are no exaggeration; matters have actually gone so far that Russia's former capital is nearing its end. The entire population of soviet Russia has been reduced 10 per cent, that of the towns 40 per cent, Moscow 45 and Petrograd 70.

City Drifting to Ruin.

"Famine and cold have been responsible for terrible ravages. In Petrograd the wooden pavements have been burned, wooden houses torn down and the planks sawed up for firewood, stone houses are falling into decay, bridges are in a dangerous condition; in fact not only the inhabitants of the once magnificent imperial city but the devastated and neglected buildings themselves are drifting toward ruin.

"Everywhere one sees ruin, dirt, decay. The people have no clothing save that made from rope, and while at one time their food consisted of horse and dog flesh, today there are no animals left in the city. Epidemics rage unchecked; typhus, scurvy and other diseases are playing their part.

"Now that the railways can no longer be used, it is not even possible for the inhabitants to save themselves by migration. They are condemned to death and their existence has become entirely useless. In the workshops the temperature is two or three degrees below zero. Nothing is being produced or manufactured, for besides the cold, tools, raw materials and fuel are lacking.

"Between 10 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon there is some life on the streets, as every one is trying to buy food. For months the citizenry has been living on the sale of their last remaining possessions. People die in barracks and houses or, without sound, on the streets. Every evening carts convey corpses from the hospitals through the city.

Coffins Sold for Food.

"Wood is dear, coffins are rare, and since grave diggers must live they burn the bodies and sell the coffins for use again. The struggle of one class against another continues, but even the workers, their wives and children are famine stricken.

"Only the leaders of the communist party fare better. There are still soviet institutions which have everything and where hunger is unknown. In Petrograd there are today wines and delicacies which are at the disposal of the commissaries, especially those of the commission for fighting the counter revolution and speculation, a notorious organization that has flung its net of spies and informers over the whole city.

"The terrible business of the destruction of the weakest by the less weak is now beginning. Friends, family, connections, enemies are being denounced, sold or betrayed. Domiciliary visits, arrests and revenge are destroying the weaker vessels, while the stronger, by using what strength remains to them, are able, as members of the gorochovaja (spy organization), to keep their heads above water for the time.

"To save themselves from hunger or death, the inhabitants of the city are ready to stoop to any baseness or deception."

GREEK ROYALTY CHEERED

CONSTANTINE READS MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT.

Assembly Meeting Made Gala Occasion—King and Queen Appear Ill and Worn.

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—King Constantine delivered his message to parliament today, reading it in a halting manner. The ceremony was solemn. Beside him stood Queen Sophie, and in a box above were the princesses, in mourning.

The assembly meeting was made a gala occasion. It was the first time that the king and his family had appeared publicly since their arrival. Police lined the streets.

Both the king, who was in a marshal's uniform, and the queen looked ill and worn. The queen's heavy expression deepened when Constantine said that the only consolation in the death of Alexander was the wonderful manifestation of the people. There was much cheering before and after the message.

THREE PASTORS HEARD

Baptist Conference on Christian Fundamentals Continues.

Sermons by Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. Frederick W. Farr and Dr. W. B. Hinson were the features of the fourth day's programme of the Baptist conference on Christian fundamentals at White Temple yesterday.

Dr. Dodd will speak today at 2:30 P. M. on "The Mission of a Church," and at 8 P. M. on "Constraining Love." Dr. Farr's subjects will be "The Enduement and Endowment of the Holy Spirit," at 10:30 A. M., and "Resurrection and Ascension of the Son of God," at 7:30 P. M.

FRUIT GROWERS CONVENE

Idaho Horticulturists Assemble to Discuss Vital Questions.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Idaho Horticultural association opened its annual convention in the chamber of commerce rooms today, with about 50 fruit growers of the state in attendance and others expected to arrive some time before the close of the three-day session. Important problems to the fruit growers are scheduled to be discussed during the convention.

The address of welcome to the members in attendance was made by W. H. P. Hill, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and responded to by D. L. Ingard, president of the association. Ingard said the year 1920 did not bring the success that it was thought it would a year ago. High labor and materials costs and high transportation rates he cited as some of the reasons, together with the large fruit crop in the east. He held out hopes, however, for a better condition this year.

The Idaho Cattle and Horse Growers' association has completed a convention here this week and Thursday the Idaho State Wool Growers association meets here.

OUSTER AGAIN IS ASKED

FOUR RESOLUTIONS DEMAND REMOVAL OF SOCIALISTS.

Members Will Be Allowed to Retain Seats Until Judiciary Committee Acts.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—For the third time within a year the state assembly today was asked to expel the socialist representation, which this year includes three members. Four resolutions demanding that the seats of Charles Solomon and Henry Jager, members from Kings, and Samuel Orr of the Bronx be declared vacant, were offered by republicans.

Action on the resolutions was deferred and the socialists permitted to retain their seats, temporarily at least. By unanimous vote, the assembly referred the resolutions to the judiciary committee.

Solomon in the resolutions was declared "ineligible" to sit in the assembly in view of the fact that he had been adjudged guilty of "disloyalty" by a previous assembly; while other resolutions called for the expulsion of Jager and Orr because the two "are members of the socialist party of America, which aims to establish a socialist proletariat and that the establishment of such as advocated by the socialist party of America can be accomplished only by the overthrow of our democratic form of government."

"HOME BREW" PROTECTED

Federal Officers Exempt Private Stock From Seizure.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—"Home brew," where held in a private residence without evidence of sale, may not be molested by federal officers under an interpretation of the prohibition acts reached by Donald A. McDonald, federal prohibition director for Washington and Alaska, and Robert C. Saunders, United States district attorney, at a conference here today, Mr. Saunders announced.

Mr. Saunders said the law was not clear on the question of entering a private home in search of illegal stills and other liquor making apparatus, but it decided that where affidavit is made that the liquor is being manufactured a search warrant may be issued.

NOTABLES HELP SERBIANS

Benefit Ball Given at Washington for War Orphans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Many notables tonight participated in and paid for all expenses of a ball given for the benefit of destitute Serbian war orphans.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Bainbridge Colby, Madame Jusserand, Lady Geddes, Baroness de Cartier and Madame Grouich, wife of the Serbian minister, were patronesses.

Announcement for the affair states that while Serbia is not included in the appeals of organizations now carrying on European relief, on the ground that Serbia, being able to grow food, is not distressed, there is need of relief because of prohibitive prices of food, clothing and housing.

AMEDEE M. SMITH NAMED

President of Portland Federation of Churches Is Elected.

Amedee M. Smith was elected president of the Portland Federation of churches at a meeting of the executive council of the federation yesterday noon in the Y. M. C. A. He succeeds Rev. Joshua Stansfield, although during the last few months James F. Ewing, first vice-president, has acted temporarily as president. Mr. Smith is the first layman to be elected to this office. The federation has a membership of 75 local churches, representing 11 denominations.

The council also voted to send a letter of appreciation to Robert Strong for his service as chairman of the Oregon committee for European relief.

BURGLARS BURN STORE

Merchant's Loss Is $16,000, Loss of Postoffice $400.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Evidence brought in today from Kings valley indicates that the postoffice and store fire there a few nights ago was of incendiary origin and that the incendiaries were burglars who set fire to the building to cover their crime.

Persons heard a railroad "speeder" shortly before the alarm was sounded. A mail sack and some of its contents have been found by the side of the track. The store was owned by Frank McGrath, who was postmaster. His loss is estimated at $16,000, half covered by insurance. The postoffice loss is about $400.

THEFT SECRET 53 YEARS

Overdue Pang of Conscience Wrings $135 From Horse Thief.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 5.—A pang of conscience, more than a half century overdue, netted W. C. Nanny of Rutherford county $135 yesterday.

A letter received from Tennessee contained the money and the statement that the repentant horse thief who sent it had sold a horse stolen from Nanny's father-in-law in 1867 for the amount transmitted.

Contempt Complaint Threatened.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—C. F. Stone, legal counsel for the Main street courthouse faction, tonight said that a contempt complaint will be lodged against the county court for passing the budget containing the $50,000 levy for building the Hot Springs courthouse which was forbidden by an injunction issued by Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford.

RED SPECTER RISES TO AGITATE FRANCE

Sudden Socialistic Swing to Bolshevism Alarms.

MOSCOW IDEALS ADOPTED

Legally Constituted Party Pledged to Violent Revolution for First Time in Country's History.

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PARIS, Jan. 5.—(Special cable.)—There exists today in France for the first time a legally constituted party pledged to the violent overthrow of the present system of government.

That is the meaning of the recent decision reached by the vote of an overwhelming majority of the French socialist congress at Tours. Of nearly 5000 delegates representing it, it is claimed, 5,000,000 socialists in this country and her colonies, more than 3000 voted to join the Third Internationale, the organization created by Russian bolsheviki two years ago for the promotion of world-wide revolution.

The conditions for entry into that body laid down by Zimovieff and his associates of the Moscow executive committee were accepted with acclamation by the delegates. Thereby all who remain members of the French socialist party—or communist party, as in accordance with Moscow's terms it must be called henceforth—are sworn to devote all their energies, openly and secretly, legally and illegally, to bring about, by violence, if necessary, the downfall of the bourgeois regime.

Bolshevism Now in Saddle.

Hitherto no recognized political group in France has subscribed to a platform of violent revolution. The socialists united into one powerful party by Jean Jaures 15 years ago, eschewed unconstitutional action and sought to attain their ends by legitimate parliamentary methods. Today such "mollycoddle" tactics have been abandoned by virtually two-thirds of the socialist fraternity in favor of the reddest form of bolshevism.

Obviously this is a matter of great concern to the French government, whose authority was flouted by the Tours congress in the case of Clara Zetkin, the German socialist. Despite the refusal of the French embassy at Berlin to vise her passport, and the maintenance of a strict guard at all frontier stations, Clara Zetkin appeared at Tours on Tuesday afternoon, delivered a stirring appeal to the congress to affiliate with the Third Internationale, and was spirited away again in an automobile. The police believe she traveled in an airplane and returned to Germany in the same way, but thus far their inquiry has failed to establish anything definite.

Will Increase Surveillance.

Zetkin's defiance of the French law, which was loudly applauded by her French comrades, is regarded by officialdom as a mild example of what is going to happen when thousands of socialists all over the country begin working actively to foster a revolution. Premier Leygues and Minister of the Interior Steeg, who has charge of the French secret service, conferred this morning, and it is generally understood that measures to increase the surveillance that has always been maintained over political suspects in France will result from their talk.

A manifesto issued by the communist party reveals the extremists' resolve to pursue unfalteringly the policy ordered by Moscow. Evidently the work of paving the way to forcible seizure of the body politic and social by the proletariat will begin immediately.

The French government, more perhaps than any other, is determined to crush bolshevism at any cost. Hitherto the problem has been a comparatively simple one, but with several million communists scattered throughout the country eagerly following instructions from Moscow, the secret police are likely to have a job on their hands scarcely less ticklish than that which faced the counter-revolutionary agents of the czar in days gone by.

Wholesale Arrests Indicated.

Already there are rumors of the impending incarceration of whole batches of communist chieftains, including such members as Marcel Cachin, Louis Frossard, Daniel Renoult and Vaillant Couturier. Cachin and Couturier are both members of the chamber of deputies, as are several other moving spirits in the extreme bolshevik group. What attitude these reds will take in debates in the chamber of deputies is also causing considerable anxiety in governmental circles.

Whether the entire socialist minority, both wings of which were able to muster less than 1500 votes between them, will quit the new party or be ousted from it remains to be seen. There is no doubt that the extreme right, whose leaders, Albert Thomas and Marcel Sembat, both former ministers in war cabinets, oppose bolshevists in any form, will find it impossible to collaborate longer with communists. This faction, however, has become so small that its influence is virtually nil.

HUSBAND DECLARED IDLER

CICERO GAUNTT SAID TO HAVE BEEN JOBLESS 12 YEARS.

Wife in Divorce Action Says Rain Was Too Wet and Sun Too Hot for Work.

"When the sun shone it was too hot for him to work; when it was raining it was too wet," complained Mrs. Dessie Gauntt of her husband, Cicero Gauntt, who had not, she testified, "held a job for 12 years."

It was during the hearing of default divorce suits by Presiding Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday.

"Why, even when we were married, his sister had to send him the money with which to buy a license," she continued. "Our boys have helped support the family since they were 12 years old."

The Gauntts were married in Ohio, May 9, 1894, and had eight children. Gauntt liked to write for magazines, declared his wife, but stopped "because they didn't appreciate him." He was a school teacher when she married him. The decree was granted.

One of the things which helped R. F. Tucker to win the heart of his wife was the representation that he was the son of Circuit Judge Robert Tucker, testified Mrs. Marion M. Tucker. They were married in Vancouver, Wash., June 23, 1917, but she soon found out that he was not a relative of the judge. It humiliated her because she had told her girl friends of her capture, she asserted. Cruel treatment led to the divorce action, which was successful.

Other divorces granted by default were: Lena from Ferdinand Laslette, Jennie from George W. Arnhart, Violet P. from Raymond Wells, Walter C. from Katherine E. Brown, Arrenett from Fred H. Mills, Julia M. from Jess M. Brown, Eva M. from Leslie L. Savage, Vera E. from William J. Taylor, Nancy from Daniel Maybee and Sarah B. from Jacob Krimbel.

50 OF 264 ARE RESCUED

MOST UNABLE YET TO DESCRIBE CATASTROPHE.

Desperate Struggle for Life by Passengers and Crew of Lost Steamer Is Described.

CORUNNA, Spain, Jan. 5.—Most of the 50 odd persons rescued from the wreck of the Spanish steamer Santa Isabel, which went aground near Villagarcia early Sunday with the loss of 214 lives, were still in such a condition of exhaustion that they were unable today to supply details of the shipwreck or their experiences afterward.

The most graphic narrative was given by Fernandez Barreras of Arriola, who drew a striking picture of the desperate struggle for life by the passengers and crew thrown into the sea by the waves after the vessel crashed.

Barreras said he found himself in the water being tossed about by terrific breakers in pitch darkness. Many of those who went overboard were killed, he said, by being hurled against the rocky shore. In some cases several persons tried to seize the same projection, a struggle for life in the icy water ensuing in which the weaker swimmers slipped away and were drowned.

The cries of the women and children could be heard on all sides for some time, Barreras said, but one by one the struggling victims were silenced by the waves. Officials and citizens of Riveira began doing everything possible to relieve the survivors' sufferings.

DR. M'CONAUGHY ON VISIT

HEAD OF PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP IN PORTLAND.

Busy Day Is Passed Giving Addresses and Holding Conferences With Pastors and Laymen.

Dr. David G. McConaughy, head of the stewardship department in the Presbyterian church of the United States, with headquarters in New York city, visited Portland yesterday and passed a busy day in conference with local pastors and laymen of his church.

His day's programme included addresses in the morning, afternoon and night. At 10:30 A. M. he conferred with Presbyterian ministers of the city on problems of stewardship at a meeting in First Presbyterian church. At 2:30 P. M. he addressed a women's mass meeting at First Presbyterian church.

The necessity of a methodical system of giving and the sane and solid support of church activities through proper education of laymen were discussed by Dr. McConaughy at a dinner for the stewardship directors and other church members at the Y. M. C. A. dining hall. Rev. Monroe G. Everett, chairman of the stewardship committee of this presbytery, was in charge of arrangements for Dr. McConaughy's visit.

Dr. McConaughy will leave Portland this morning for Eugene, where he is scheduled for a conference with the Willamette presbytery.

SAILOR COMES TO GRIEF

William Smith Arrested on Whole String of Charges.

Although William "Spot" Smith, 35, sailor, has made many stormy voyages, he faced a rougher sea last night in the Portland jail than did the tars who weathered the recent storms on the north Pacific.

Smith, who was arrested last night by City Detectives Coleman and Collins, was accused of passing three bogus checks, of stealing a piano, an overcoat and $30 in cash, and is said to have confessed to the theft of a diamond ring valued at $75.

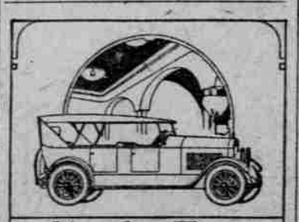
Smith was said by the police to have used the name of James Conley on three bogus checks which were cashed at grocery stores. The amounts were said to total about $60.

Travelogue to Be Given Tonight.

An illustrated travelogue will be given at Central library tonight at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Mazamas. Scenes from Robson and Kasper parks, in the Canadian Rockies, will be shown by a representative of the Canadian Alpine club. Other features of the entertainment will be moving pictures and a series of stereopticon views. The meeting will be free to the public.

Junction City Gets Bank.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The state superintendent of banks today granted a charter for the Junction City State bank. The capital stock of the institution is $25,000. Henry Harkson is president of the bank, while Thor Fagstadt has been selected as cashier.



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