

HER CREDIT UNCERTAIN

Effects of War Drain Already Beginning to Be Felt Throughout Russian Empire.

GOVERNMENT USING PAPER

Pays for Military Stores With Bills in Frantic Effort to Maintain Gold Reserve at Usual Level.

New York, Aug. 5.—The first effects of the war in the far east are beginning to be felt on Russian credit at home, which is already considerably shaken, says a Russian correspondent of the Times.

In the first place many important orders for military stores are not being paid for with ready money, but by bills of two years date. Moreover, although the amount of paper money issued is stated only to be not more than \$50,000,000, it is believed that the sum is three or four times as large.

Russian credit, both at home and abroad, is based entirely on the presence of a large gold reserve and the government is sparing no effort to keep gold in the country. The moment it begins to flow out the national credit will collapse. Already it is declared to be doubtful whether the imperial bank will discount bills on the Nizhni Novgorod fair this year, as it has always done before, for everything in the business world is now very uncertain and the bank wishes to run no risks.

LEFT JEWELS IN FIREPLACE.

And Wireless Message Gave Hotel Manager Name of Loser.

New York, Aug. 5.—While engaged in cleaning the fire grate of a bedroom of one of a suite of rooms recently occupied by a wealthy American, his wife and daughter, a chambermaid of the Savoy hotel, according to a Herald dispatch from London, discovered in the ash pan a silk handkerchief tied up in the form of a bag which contained five valuable diamonds, one turquoise ring, one diamond and pearl necklace, a diamond tiara, a gold pencil case and a gold watch, a purse containing \$250 in bank of England notes and \$120 in bills. The manager of the hotel when informed of the find, did not know to whom the valuables belonged, but he later received the following telegram: "We left something in fireplace of room, please hold till we return. Advise if found. In mid-Atlantic." The American's daughter, who secreted the jewels in so strange a hiding place, discovered her loss, and a wireless message was dispatched. Within an hour or so after its receipt, a reply was dispatched.

Trolley Dining Car.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—A trolley dining car is an innovation about to be established by the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway Company. Within 15 days the new car, which will rival a Pullman in equipment, will be placed in commission. Although at first only available to special parties, the new dining car eventually will be placed in general service, making four runs daily between the Aurora and Elgin terminus and Chicago. No attempt will be made to equal the elaborate menu of a Pullman, the intention being to make the service more of the light buffet order.

ARE LEAVING PORT ARTHUR.

Refugees Arriving at Chefoo in Great Numbers Daily.

Chefoo, Aug. 5, 10 a. m.—Thirty more refugees arrived today on junks from Port Arthur, which place they left August 1. The departure of all civilians from Port Arthur is said to be owing to the exhaustive preparations for a final stand against the Japanese. Chefoo is being taxed to provide for the unusual influx of travelers. The only good hotel in the city is assigning three or four to a room and the overflow is compelled to accept squalid quarters elsewhere.

SPHINX MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Great Image Was Intended for Likeness of Harmachis.

For 2000 years and more the belief has prevailed all over the civilized world that the marvelous figure of the Sphinx was intended to represent a woman, but this theory is now forever dispelled through the ingenuity of the well known American student of antiquity, Colonel Ram, who

has just solved the greatest enigma that ever perplexed mankind.

The great image has fallen from its height of mighty mysteriousness, to be shown by unassailable proof to be nothing but a colossal portrait of Harmachis, which, as god of the morning and conquerer of darkness, faces the rising sun.

Colonel Ram, whose discovery has now made him world famous, has been for some time past making excavations around the Sphinx, but not until recently did he succeed in finally uncovering the foundations of the great statue and bringing to light many interesting features which were previously unknown.

The haunting secrecy which has enshrouded the Sphinx for centuries Colonel Ram has successfully penetrated, but not until men had given their lives to the attempt to unravel it, legends and stories had been born in its shadow and had died, and books, works of a lifetime, had been completed and destroyed and other equally ponderous works raised on their ashes.

Colonel Ram, while he was removing this fascinating veil, has supplied the Sphinx with a history the interest of which quite makes up for the loss of the mystery.

Among the heretofore unknown features of the stone figure which he has just brought to light is the temple surrounding the base, which was intended for the worship of Harmachis, and several chambers hewn in the rock which were the tombs of kings and priests devoted to his worship.

Colonel Ram had already discovered a stone cap with a sacred asp carved on the forehead, which once covered the head of the Sphinx like a royal helmet, and must have added to its grandeur, particularly if it was gilded, as the colonel believes.

The Sphinx is not an independent structure. The body and head are actually hewn out of the solid rock, but much sandstone masonry was built in to make the outlines perfect and cover defects in the material. This reinforcement of the original rock is apparent now to a close observer, but originally they were concealed, for scientists believe the entire image was once covered with enamel. Indeed, it is yet possible to find fragments still adhering to the surface which resemble the porcelain tiles found in tombs and the ruins of the ancient palaces.

LOGGERS WILL NOT QUIT.

Conflicting Interests Make Combination Utterly Impossible.

It looks at this time as though the attempt of the loggers of the Columbia river to agree on a curtailment of the output was to end in failure. Leading timbermen spoken to on the subject have no hopes of organizing, while the committee whose duty it is to call upon the loggers and obtain signatures has nothing to report.

In the meantime, the loggers are cutting timber and dumping it into the streams at a positive loss in many instances, while very few admit that they are making anything by the operation in view of the price of labor and material, and the value of the logs when they are delivered.

"So this logging must go on until one after another of the logging companies has touched bottom and quit," a well known timberman said. "There is no use in trying to combine, as there are too many conflicting interests."

"But it would be cheaper on the whole for them to let their timber stand. It will continue to grow in value, and they could make more money in the long run by permitting the trees to stand until they can get what the timber is worth."

"Loggers hate to quit, as they have their outfits and railroads, and these deteriorate as fast when not in use as when they are in operation. I look for some loggers to go broke while waiting for this vexed question of cheap logs to settle itself."

HARDSHIP ON THE BANKERS

Strike Reduces Loans and Gives Promise of Demoralizing Rate of Interest.

PACKERS PAYING OFF DEBTS

Millions of Dollars Piling Up That Ordinarily Would Be Loaned to Operators of Beef Plants.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Chicago bankers complain that the packing house strike is having a most serious effect on the local money market. Millions of dollars that under normal business conditions would be used by the bankers are now piling up in Chicago banks and threaten to depress interest rates.

The packers are heavy borrowers under normal conditions, not alone in Chicago, but all over the world. They carry loans and notes amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$100,000,000. Of this sum about \$40,000,000 is carried by Chicago banks and since the beginning of the strike business has contracted so much that instead of borrowing, the packers are paying off loans and taking up notes.

A prominent local banker estimates that the packing companies had paid off \$1,000,000 of their loans in Chicago since the beginning of the strike and that they were beginning to retire their obligations at the rate of \$4,000,000 a week.

Early today, Celestear Chera, aged 22 years, a French Canadian employed at the Armour plant, was badly beaten by three men at Fifty-fourth and Halstead streets.

The Death Penalty.

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Really Good Fishing.

At the amateur journalists' convention in Baltimore a Philadelphian said of James M. Beck, who is one of the association's members:

"When we had our convention in Philadelphia, Mr. Beck was the life of it. He kept the table in a roar. In repartee it was impossible to get the better of him."

"At one time he was talking about fishing."

"The best day's sport I ever had," he said, "was off the Florida coast. There were three of us, we each had three rods, and all day long we pulled in fish as fast as we could throw out our lines. I forgot," he added thoughtfully, "what kind of fish they were."

"Perhaps they were whales," some one suggested.

"Whales!" said Mr. Beck. "Why man, we were baiting with whales."

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NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given, that up to the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1904, the committee on Public Property of the common council of the City of Astoria, at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge therein, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a City Hall for the City of Astoria according to the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and ordinance number 2953 of said city providing for the time and manner of constructing said City Hall. The bids must be accompanied with a certified check of the bidder payable to the Auditor and Police Judge or order, in five per cent of the amount bid, to be forfeited to the City of Astoria in case the bid shall be accepted and the bidder shall fail to enter into contract within three days from notice of said acceptance.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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Committee on Public Property of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., July 28, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., August 27, 1904, and then opened for the construction and plumbing of an addition to a frame guardhouse at Fort Stevens, Ore. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction," and addressed, Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Oregon.

Treasury Department, U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C., July 26, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2:00 o'clock p. m. of Friday, August 26, 1904, and then publicly opened, for the construction of a floating bathhouse for Grays Harbor (Washington) Life-Saving Station. Specifications and drawings, forms of proposal, etc., can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Construction of Life-Saving Stations, Pacific Coast, Room 35, New Appraisers' Stores, San Francisco, Cal.; to the Assistant Inspector of Life-Saving Stations, Coasts of Washington and Oregon, 13th District, Tacoma, Washington; or to this office. Horace L. Piper, Acting General Superintendent.

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