

TEXT OF SOVIET RUSSIA'S PEACE NOTE PRESENTED

By Karl H. Von Wiegand
 Berlin, March 9.—I am able to give herewith exclusively the text of Soviet Russia's peace note to the United States government on February 24. It is contained in a wireless message from Moscow signed by the soviet foreign minister, M. Tchitcharin, in reply to an inquiry from me. M. Tchitcharin's message follows:
 "The peoples' commissariat of foreign affairs being desirous that American public opinion be enlightened upon the soviet proposals for peace negotiations with the United States government, and being convinced that no real antagonism can exist between the oldest and the youngest democracies in the world, I shall appreciate it if you will give publicity to its note addressed to the department of state under date of February 24, provided that you publish it in full."

TEXT OF THE NOTE
 "Moscow, February 24—
 "State department, Washington, D. C.
 "The victorious advance of the soviet army in Siberia and the universal popular movement against the counter-revolution and against foreign invasion which has spread with irresistible force throughout Eastern Siberia, have brought into immediate proximity the question of re-establishing connection between Soviet Russia and the United States of America.
 "Reports that have reached us from our representative Mr. Martens, show with full clearness that American commerce and industry are able to help in a very large measure in the great work of the reconstruction of Russia's economic life. It is the United States that play a gigantic role in the realization of this problem and that numerous prominent representatives of the American business world are quite willing to take an extensive part of this work.
AMERICA APEALED TO
 "The more the trials of civil war that Russia has gone through are retreating into the past, the more will all the forces of the Russian people concentrate upon the fundamental aim of reconstructing the country, and American production, wealth and enterprise can be among the greatest assets in helping us to attain our purpose.
 "It can be affirmed decidedly that the connection between soviet Russia and America will be of the greatest use to both parties and that both will reap from it the largest benefits.
 "Having no intention whatever of interfering with the internal affairs of America, and having for its sole aim peace and trade, the Russian soviet government is desirous of beginning without delay peace negotiations with the American government.
PEACE OFFER RENEWED
 "On December 5 and 7, the all-Russian congress of soviets solemnly proposed to all governments of the allied and associated powers, and to each of them separately, to commence negotiations with the view of concluding peace.
 "Once more this proposal is made and we ask the government of the United States of America to inform us of its wishes with respect of a place and time for peace negotiations between the two countries.
 "TCHITCHARIN."
 (Signed)
 "People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs."
 Fishermen in Slam use boats with low, sloping sides, painted white, which frighten fish so that they leap over the sides of the craft into nets.

RICHEST WOMAN IN ORIENT



Mrs. Yone Suzuki, of Japan, is by far the richest woman in the Orient, and probably the richest woman in the world in her own right. It is estimated that Mrs. Suzuki made from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 during the war. Her ships sail the seven seas carrying goods of all kinds from her many factories. She has branch offices in London, New York, San Francisco, Glasgow, Bombay, Melbourne, Hongkong and other big cities. Among her many interests are lead and copper mines, flour mills, rice plantations, alcohol manufacture, silks, tea and valuable woods.

American Hotel Man Is Holder of Option On London Property

By Gordon Stiles
 The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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 London, England, March 9.—It is reported that John McE. Bowman, a New York hotel owner, who has been negotiating for the site of the Devonshire house, where he proposed to erect a huge hotel on American lines, has taken an option on the Hotel Cecil property on the Strand. According to my information, the Devonshire house property was held at such a high figure that Mr. Bowman turned his attention to other quarters.
 The Cecil has an admirable location overlooking the Thames and was largely patronized by Americans before it was taken over by the air ministry.
 Although some of the London papers have omitted loud wails about Yankee hotel kings coming here, I am told that

Mr. Bowman is a British subject and formerly lived in Toronto.

John McE. Bowman was born in Canada. Since 1914 he has been the owner of the Billmore hotel in New York city and other hotel properties. He was a member of the federal food administration, representing the hotel and restaurant industry.

Belgrade Reports Cabinet Has Quit

By Gordon Stiles
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 London, England, March 9.—News has been received from Belgrade that the Prince Alexander has accepted the resignation and has asked M. Westinitch, the Serbian minister in Paris, to form a coalition ministry. The general feeling in Belgrade is that this last attempt at a coalition government will fail, and that the old radicals with M. Fashitch and M. Froitch will form a purely radical cabinet.

TRADE WITH WAR STRICKEN EUROPE DECLARED REMOTE

By William E. Nash
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 Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
 Paris, March 9.—A. P. Husband, secretary of the Millers' National Federation in Chicago, who has just finished a business trip through Northern Europe in the interests of his organization, believes that, except for absolute necessities, it will be impossible to resume business with these countries in the near future. Even in the neutral nations production is under normal, money has depreciated and shipping has been greatly damaged by the war.
 For flour, however, the product in which he is the most interested, the conditions are somewhat different. That is an article of prime necessity which will be bought at any cost perhaps in smaller quantities by Germany, Sweden, Holland and France. It was to investigate the possibility of reestablishing the foreign connections that Mr. Husband came to Europe.
 "The situation in the Scandinavian countries is particularly interesting," he said. "They suffer both ways in relation to the condition of the money market. Owing to the depreciation of their currency in New York they can buy little in America and owing to the enormous appreciation in Germany, Poland and Finland they can sell little there. As a consequence they have had to turn

BRAIN WORK SETS WOMEN CRAZY HE SAYS

London, March 9.—Insanity is increasing among women because they are taking a greater share in the world's work, according to a report by Dr. Edward Oswald, superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum.
 "The strain reacts mostly on professional women, he says; women of the working class are not so likely to break down. There has been a notable increase in the number of school teachers and students admitted to insane asylums in Great Britain."

more and more towards making themselves self-sufficient. For instance Denmark, which raised little or no wheat before the war, now grows a great deal. She will therefore cease to be as good a customer of ours as formerly—a fact which also applies in less degree to other countries."

In Germany, France and Belgium the exchange problem is even more acute. If goods can possibly be bought elsewhere they will not turn to the United States. Like other observers Mr. Husband noticed a great many French commercial buyers in the Rhineland. The lack of shipping and raw materials which hinder production is likely, in his opinion, to hold back commerce for years.

Way Opened to Russia
 Rome, March 9.—(I. N. S.)—Minister of Transport Farrari announced today that the government would assist all persons to go to Russia on business.

GEDDES URGES AID FOR GERMANY TO STABILIZE EUROPE

London, March 9.—Stabilization of Europe by getting Germany back on her feet and providing a solution of the Irish question are the chief ambitions of Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador to the United States. This was revealed by Sir Auckland himself in an interview after a luncheon given by Lady Astor to American correspondents.

Geddes, who is known as Premier Lloyd George's brainiest cabinet member, and who has been active trying to solve the supreme question facing Britain, will sail for America late this month or early in April. He said:
FAVORS BIG GERMAN LOAN
 "The world must eliminate the chaos in Central Europe. The only feasible method is for the allies to allow Germany to float a world wide loan, especially in the neutral countries and among German Americans, and even in South America, the loan to take precedence over the war indemnity."

"This will stabilize Germany and at the same time will be the first step toward rehabilitating Europe. The supreme council has sanctioned this."
 The decision is one of the most important taken by the allied statesmen at their conferences here. It is due, it is said, mainly to the efforts and arguments of Sir Auckland.
 Premier Lloyd George's proposed settlement of the Irish question, Geddes believes, will be enforced and finally ac-

cepted by the bulk of the Irish people. He expressed the opinion that the Sinn Fein are slowly swerving toward home rule.

As a result of a careful canvass of Irish opinion, Sir Auckland is convinced that the bill will be ultimately acceptable and be the basis of a permanent settlement.

"I am surprised," he said, "that there is not more antagonism. The government surely expected greater opposition than has been shown thus far. The Sinn Fein attitude undoubtedly is favorable to acceptance of the new bill."

Fires Sweep Devastated Italy
 Udine, Italy, March 1.—(By Mail.)—Vast mountain and forest fires, covering thousands of acres, are sweeping the devastated regions of Northern Italy. Several villages in the mountains near Gorizia, where the bitterest fighting of the entire war on this front occurred, have been almost surrounded by the sweeping flames, which have started in the dried vegetation of midwinter and have been fanned by the constant winds sweeping in from the Adriatic.



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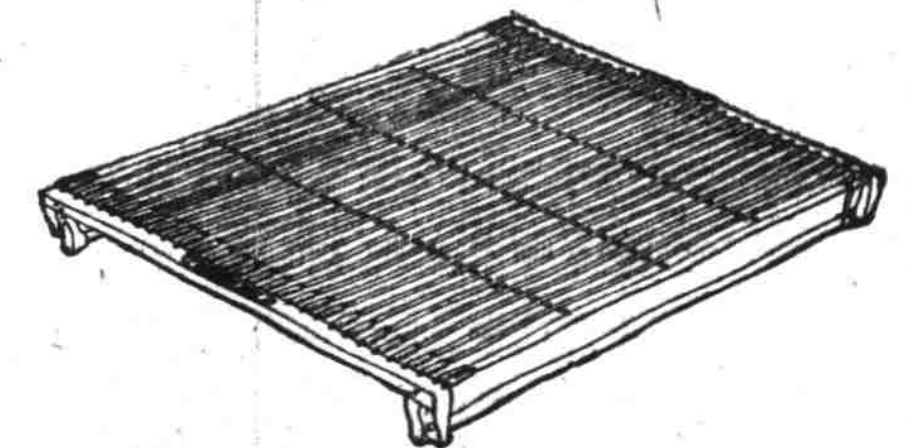
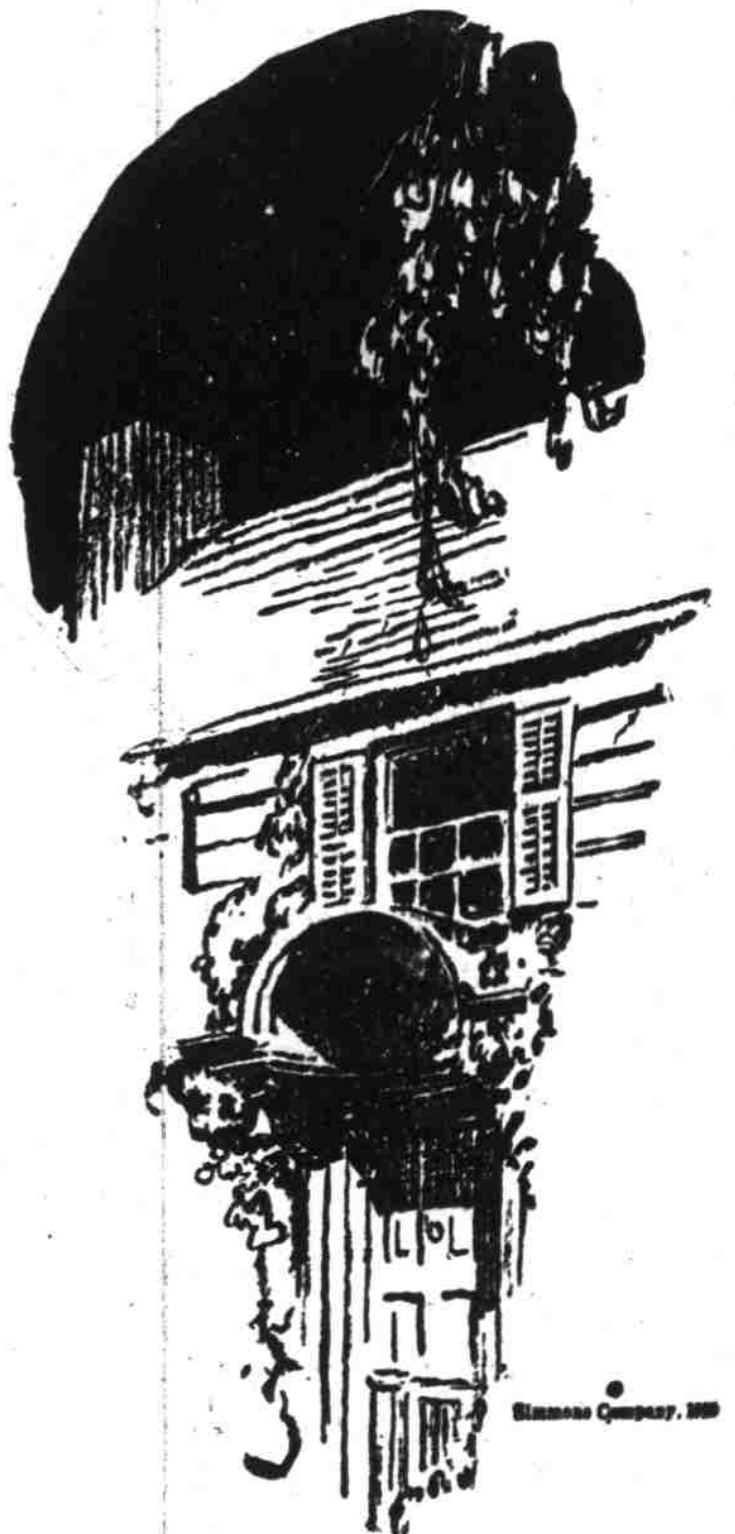
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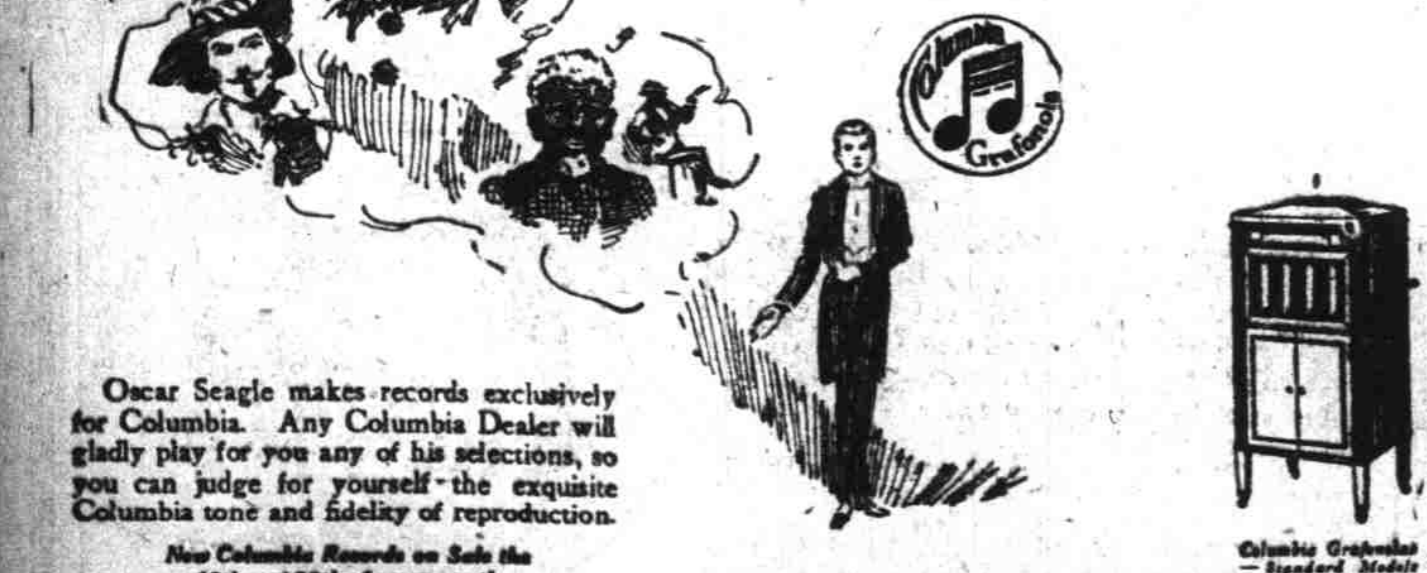


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