

DATA REGARDING SOVIET RUSSIAN STATUS IS GIVEN

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Moscow, March 5.—(Via Riga, Livonia, March 19.)—What is going on in the thousands of villages in this country? That is admittedly a most important and yet a most obscure question. The opinion of the outside world about the changes wrought by the revolution in the economic affairs of the villages and concerning the peasants' place in the revolution is based on occasional observation and is usually erroneous.

The central statistical department of the soviet government has just published some interesting figures on the economic changes in the villages since the Bolshevik revolution, but so far these figures are confined to the governments of Tula, Kostroma and Jaroslavl. The department is continuing the investigation and promises to publish figures for the other governments in due course of time. The figures already published permit some important general conclusions.

PERCENTAGES ARE SHOWN
The most striking fact is the complete disappearance of the peasant bourgeoisie, small as well as big. While in 1917 9 per cent of the peasants were possessors of more than 16 desiatines (43 acres) each and 5 per cent possessed more than 30 desiatines (81 acres) each, there are now left only six in 10,000 possessing more than 16 desiatines and none possessing more than 32 desiatines (80 acres). On the other hand the number of landless peasants has considerably decreased. In two years the percentage of landless households has diminished from 9 to 4 per cent, while the number of peasants possessing one desiatine (2.7 acres) has increased from 9 to 22 per cent. There is also a

considerable increase in the number of peasants possessing two desiatines (5.4 acres) each, namely, from 26 to 36 per cent. From two to four desiatines (10.8 acres), the increase is very slight, but from four desiatines a gradual decrease begins. Thus those owning more than four desiatines have decreased from 15 to 9 per cent, those owning more than six desiatines (16.2 acres) from 9 to 6 per cent, and those having more than 10 desiatines (27 acres) from 5 to 1 per cent.

LIVESTOCK DATA GIVEN
In the livestock statistics the same tendency is shown. Peasant households possessing no horses at all have increased in the two years from 30 to 19 per cent, while the households owning one horse each have increased from 24 to 54 per cent. Households possessing two horses have decreased from 26 to 22 per cent, three horse households from 7 to 3 per cent, while households possessing more than three horses have disappeared almost entirely.

The number of households with no cows has remained stationary at 20 per cent, those owning one cow have increased from 54 to 62 per cent; those having two cows have decreased from 26 to 18 per cent; those having three cows have remained at the same figure or just over 1 per cent, while households possessing more than three cows have completely disappeared.

If these tendencies are confirmed by the investigations in other districts, the following conclusions, according to the Bolshevik statisticians, can be drawn:

CONCLUSION IS DRAWN
First, a great reduction in the number of the agricultural proletariat; second, the disappearance of the village bourgeoisie; and, third, a decrease in the number of peasants of the middle class. The villages, say the Bolsheviks, are becoming more homogeneous, having no classes, no antagonism of interests and no room for class war. From now on, each small peasant household will possess one desiatine (2.7 acres) of land, one horse and one cow.

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MUST ARBITRATE WAGE DISPUTES IN FRANCE, BILL SAYS

By Paul Scott Mowrer
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Paris, March 19.—Under the government bill for the settlement of labor disputes arbitration is made compulsory in all public services, namely, railways, street railways and all other public transportation agencies, gas and electrical plants, fuel mines, water, light and power plants, and hospitals, and in cities of more than 25,000 inhabitants, in the city health and cleaning services.

In all such services the employers must within a month submit to the government for approval a statement of wages, working conditions and pensions. In all other commercial, industrial and agricultural establishments employing more than 20 workers, although the final right of strike and lockout is maintained, a preliminary attempt at conciliation is made obligatory.

CONCILIATOR CHOSEN
When trouble threatens, the employees are obliged to choose not more than five delegates, men or women, more than 21 years of age, who have been employed at least six months, but when an enterprise employs several categories of workers each category may have its own delegation. The management must receive this delegation within 24 hours and give an answer within another 24 hours, unless the time is extended by agreement. If no conciliation results, it is obligatory upon both parties to agree on a conciliator or each shall choose a conciliator and shall address themselves to a special conciliation commission or to a justice of the peace. Both parties are then subject to a summons within 24 hours and must have authority to sign an agreement. If concilia-

Strikes Are Upsetting Holland Bosses Won't Pay Big Wages

By W. J. L. Kiehl
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The Hague, Holland, March 19.—In consequence of the repeated strikes and demands for higher wages and new labor insurance laws something like a return to ancient conditions is being witnessed in Holland, especially in such handicrafts as carpentering, painting and the like.

Master painters and others are discharging all the workmen, shouldering the tools themselves and notifying customers that henceforth they and their sons will attend to the work personally, as they cannot possibly continue to meet the constantly increasing demands of the workmen. In some places 60 per cent of the workmen were employed by the men who now one after the other are discharging their personnel. So as there are but few contractors engaged on important public works requiring many

utilities where lockouts are impossible and where the contents therefore are unfair. The sentiment was that the government should be invited to propose a compulsory arbitration measure for public utilities. The government's bill appeared just in time to meet the chamber's demand.

SENTENCE OF DEATH DENIED BY LATZKO
By A. R. Decker
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Vienna, March 12.—(Via Copenhagen, Denmark, March 19.)—Andreas Latzko, the Hungarian writer, denies the report of his sentence to death. He is at present in a sanitarium near Budapest and is neither interned nor charged with crime. The Hungarian embassy here corroborates this. The report probably was started by those of Hungary's neighbors, who desire to discredit anti-socialist Hungary.

workmen, most of the men discharged either have become bosses on a small scale themselves or are suffering from want.

The new era is hailed as a way out of the labor difficulties and a return to more moderate prices. The same sort of thing is happening on the farms. More of the farmers are returning to the old fashion of doing all the work there is to do with the help of their children. The farm laborer in late years has demanded higher wages and the farmer, with increased taxes and dearer rent to pay, finds that he cannot afford to spend so much on wages.

Farm laborers, however, are not without means of making a living. Almost every peasant has a small allotment of land on which, by proper cultivation he can raise enough to provide his family with food. Thus he is not forced to go to the city, there to increase the army of unemployed. It is likely that a more intensive cultivation of the soil may result from the new conditions, especially when a proposed land law is enacted which allots to every agricultural laborer sufficient land to support him.

Strikes or lockouts are forbidden during the process of arbitration. Arrangements are provided for establishing special conciliation committees in various industries by government decree in agreement with the employers and working people. Another interesting article provides that the delegates in any enterprise may be made permanent under regulations drawn up by the employers and ratified by the majority of the employees.

The bill will probably receive favorable consideration in the chamber. The majority groups comprising 495 out of a total of 525 deputies have been holding meetings recently on this very question because of the railway strike. They are agreed that strikes are perfectly admissible in ordinary industries where the employer has the right of lockout but they are not permissible in public

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