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THE FOOLISH RUSSIAN REDS

The Moscow government was informed in a curt note on Tuesday by Secretary of State Hughes that there is no intention on the part of the United States to recognize soviet Russia.

First, the soviet government must recognize at least the claims of the United States against Russia.

Second, the soviet government must agree to restore American property confiscated under the soviet regime.

Third, the soviet government must agree to abandon the apparently world wide enterprise to indorse a communistic regime in various foreign countries.

Secretary Hughes followed this up on Wednesday with disclosures of intercepted soviet instructions from Russia to the "workers party" of America...

Part of the program outlined provided for the careful organization among industrial workers in the United States of "fighting" units, trained to shoot and to do sapper work, etc.

This all sounds very foolish to a large majority of the people of the United States.

The Russian Reds are foolish. There is no proletariat in the United States; unless such a designation may be given to a comparatively small group of recent arrivals from foreign lands in this country.

There are no classes in this country, speaking broadly. We are all workers, and nearly all our workers have some property; any way, all have their jobs, and may have property.

Nevertheless, Secretary Hughes is right in what he tells the Moscow government. There is no going to be a proletarian revolution in the United States. But there might be an attempt, leading to trouble (mostly to those misguided souls who made the attempt), and we are not looking for even such trouble; and our people also have a profound contempt for the leaders of Russia who seek for recognition for the very purpose of more easily spreading their foolish propaganda.

There is a general abandonment of the Bolshevik or Socialist program in the industries and in the agriculture of Russia, and there is a revival on this account; and Russia is about to become a large exporter of wheat. But the Bolshevik leaders still have a wild belief that the American government can be rocked from its moorings and that the pluckings and pickings will be rich.

And a third of the revenues of the Russian government are being taken for propaganda work. But the farmers (peasants), industrial workers and shop keepers of Russia are growing weary of this burden.

The foolish Russian Reds will finally be taken care of by the Russian people themselves; though they have shown great patience, and it may take some time yet. In the interval, the United States will not be even tempted to recognize the Russian soviet government.

The matter of saving the loganberry industry; of making it reasonably remunerative, is up to the unorganized growers themselves. The way is plain. The industry can be kept going and growing, and at least fairly prosperous. And in the same process the Evergreen blackberry industry can be helped. These berries will go together, largely, in any extensive marketing plan—especially in the plan to market frozen berries for the use of the pie bakers in the big cities of this country.

CROWDS AND COMPANY

"I don't like the city; I'd rather be in the country," commented a tall, worn woman at the Perkins. "There are too many people and I get pushed around. The sidewalks hurt my feet and every time I start to cross a street I am afraid I'll be hit by one of those automobiles. People crowd me when I stop to look at a window and when I try to get into one of the big stores I get scared to death, the places are so large and full of people and there is so much excitement. There is no light for city folks. For the ones used to it, but I like a nice quiet town like Gervais or maybe Woodburn."

In amusements that do not satisfy and doing work that is not congenial. Give us the country life in the small towns, where men know men and women have neighborhood acquaintances, and where there is fellowship and real friendships.

A NEW MEDICINE

While people have always used water, some people have used it sparingly. Of recent years the doctors urge the use of more and more water. We are now urged to drink it all the time. It is recognized as the world's best medicine. It is also the cheapest. In fact, without water we would simply curl up and die. Many a person who has been so low that the undertaker would regard him with a businesslike interest as he strolled past their doors, has perked up and regained his health when he made the acquaintance of H2O as a medicine, as well as of a social drink. Many people have been cured of seemingly hopeless illnesses through the curative powers of water drunk systematically.

Best of all, the good old hydrant variety holds the quota of valuable salts and minerals which are calculated to prolong life and health. The prescription is simple; drink it. For the man who requires extra stimulant to revive him in moments of depression or when suffering a chill, the chemical recommends carbonated water, declaring it equally as effective as the old-time toddy.

"HE WAS BRUSQUE"

In describing a court scene wherein a small boy was brought to the bar of justice, a paper re-

lated that the usual brusque manner of the judge was cast aside. For the life of us we never could understand why judges used their position to inflict punishment unnecessarily. It is all wrong, and some day the judges will let their human side predominate. This does not mean a let-down in justice, but it does mean that a poor devil will not be goaded to desperation.

The average judge when a poor broken devil appears before him will take advantage of his superior position and deliver a cutting, scathing lecture. It has frequently happened in important cases that the judge's remarks are published. It is a mistake. Friendless and forlorn, the man is still human and he feels that he is being victimized by the judge, who thus takes advantage of the inequalities of the meeting. Some of these days a judge will speak kindly to a man he is sentencing and that will be news.

HERESY

A few years ago there was an era of heresy hunting. It passed for some years and the people went about their usual theological course. Now there has been a revival and six heresy trials are scheduled.

We doubt if anything has been gained by heresy trials. From the Inquisition down to the present day the average man charged with heresy is a sensationist and delights in the publicity. It is dishonest for a man not to believe a church doctrine and accept a salary for preaching. A preacher, of all men, ought to be honest and ought to believe what he says.

The Methodist church had a case of this kind and Bishop Stunz was simply unable to find a place where the man could preach. The old preacher's son happened to have some money and started to make a great fuss, but it did not get anywhere. The case was forgotten in six months. Had the man been dignified with a heresy trial he would have been elated and would have capitalized his efforts. As it was the incident was forgotten and the great church continued its work. The man could not even lecture.

CONSOLIDATING RAILROADS

The proposition of Secretary Hoover for consolidation of railroads if it is followed to the letter means much to the country. His proposition is that the weak systems be absorbed by the strong ones. The first operation of the proposition is not encouraging. The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are financed by the same interests and the two interests now own the Burlington. Under the Hoover proposition they are trying to unite in one system. This would make three big railroads into one gigantic one, and is contrary to the spirit of Secretary Hoover's proposal. His plan was to take care of the weak railroads and link them up in a way that would make them strong, so in the future there would be no such thing as weak lines.

A PROFITABLE UNION

The latest proposition for community of interests embraces cooperation between the banks, the farmers and the commercial clubs. If such a union can be established it will mean a great saving to the business interests of the country. The banks have the money, farmers have the products, and commercial clubs have the business opportunity. Working in harmony they can do great good.

The farmers are the only class who have not been properly organized, and before going into such a union it is necessary to organize. The banks are organized, the commercial clubs are organized and the farmers must be organized in order to have equal partnership in this cooperative understanding. More and more we must devote our attention to the farmers. This is an agricultural country and must continue so. There is no disposition to exploit the farmer, it is just a disposition to give them a square deal.

BETTER MARKETS

A meeting is to be held in Portland soon to find a better marketing system. It is a great need. In fact there is no use trying to raise more unless we have a market. We know there is a good market for every pound produced in the Willamette valley, but we have not reached the market as yet. We must reach it, and it must be reached in the coming year.

There is no encouragement in production unless the producer is assured of adequate marketing facilities. Furthermore, no help can be expected from the railroads. The heads of the management were turned during the war and they refuse to come back to earth. Nine-tenths of our railroad

trouble is chargeable to Wm. G. McAdoe, and if he gets the democratic nomination for president, the republicans most certainly will elect their candidate.

TAXATION

Unquestionably the most important issue before the people at this time is taxation. We cannot wipe out taxes, but we are paying entirely too much. There is just one thing to do and that is to lay the axe to the roots and see if we cannot save something to the people. Lower taxes would help more people than anything else that could be done. Taxes are always hard to pay, and the last two or three years have been especially hard. There was a slump in markets in 1920, from which the country has hardly been able to recover.

The American people have patience under burdens and are hopeful always, but they demand a reduction now because they believe it is coming to them.

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE

The soviet government is making an effort to get recognition in order that they may borrow some money. We doubt if recognition could do this. The irresponsibility of the Russian government is known among men. They have not hesitated in repudiating any obligation.

At the same time the Russian government is trying to get recognition in the state department and is exposing the efforts being made to cause a revolution in America. They even go so far as to state that they want the "reds" in the White House. Here are two currents of thought coming to America. One is to get recognition and the other is to destroy the government. Both are bad, both are selfish, and both will be denied.

AGAINST ECONOMY

In some places the fight against county economy is being taken to court. And yet the same men who are doing this fighting have protested the loudest against our taxes. They want economy, but they want it over in the next county. They want retrenchment, but they want the other fellow to do the retrenching. The Oregon Statesman has stated many times, and here repeats, that a system of economy that does not go from top to bottom will never prove satisfactory. We must have the same economy in Marion county that we expect at Washington. If there is any inconvenience it is because we have cultivated expensive tastes in the recent years.

ORGANIZING CONGRESS

It is highly essential that congress be organized fairly and in a manner to give the people confidence. The progressives are being booted about, but they will save the situation for the republican party. Give reactionaries full swing and there will not be a chance in the world to elect a republican president. The people are going to elect a republican president, because they believe there will always be enough progressives to hold things in line.

GIVING

There ought not to be a family on Christmas day without attention, and everything indicates that there will not be. According to the Salvation Army every case that has been reported is being looked after, and there are people who stand ready to respond to every case of need. There is not very much real poverty in Salem, but there are hundreds who would appreciate neighborly kindness in providing a meal on that day. It is not charity, it is just neighborly kindness. Perhaps during the year our neighborhood is restricted, but at Christmas time it takes in the whole city.

CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

One of the alleged heresy men based his opposition on the statement that Christ was born on Christmas. It has never been seriously contended that he was. In fact it doesn't make any difference. What we want is to celebrate the birthday of Christ and there is no reason why this particular day should not be selected; it would do just as well as any other. The date of Christ's birth is not important; the fact alone is wherein hangs the hope of the world.

CANNOT PLAY

Russia has been making special overtures to the United States for recognition, but Secretary Hughes continues to turn the cold shoulder. Russia must reform her ways before getting into the society of nations.

The public has a direct interest in the tax reduction proposition of Secretary Mellon. It is estimated that on a \$3,000 income the average man will have about \$250 a year. Furthermore, there is a 14 per cent reduction of taxes on a \$4,000 income. This is certainly practical financing. The tax issue is the greatest issue in America today and it cannot be sidestepped.

If congress is wise it will look upon Secretary Denby's report with a good deal of suspicion. We already have a larger navy than we need and there is absolutely no necessity for submarines. There are other ways of fooling away money besides sinking it in the ocean.

NOT SO VERY POOR

A great deal has been said about the poverty of the people. This does not exist in the Willamette valley. The holiday trading indicates that when the Christmas spirit gets a hold of him a man finds the money somewhere.

Another thing that we need in this country is to make determined warfare on tax free certificates.

BRUSH COLLEGE

Mrs. F. W. Munson and daughter attended a Parent-Teacher meeting at Middle Grove last Friday, where the girls sang. Brush college will give a Christmas entertainment next Saturday night. Harvey Smith now drives a new coupe. Prayer meeting will be held on Thursday night at Archie Ewing's home.

County Superintendent Josiah Willis gave a very interesting talk about his trip up Mt. Hood at the Parent-Teacher meeting last Friday night. Mr. Doerflinger of Macleay gave a very interesting talk on alfalfa and stock raising. Miss Leota Newbill sang; Miss Margaret Steiner played; David Steiner and Teresa Singer recited. Cake and cocoa were served.

Mrs. Wallace had a Christmas party last Friday night. Brush College helpers met with Mrs. Wayne Henry yesterday. Miss Elizabeth Himmel of Salem spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Himmel.

Mrs. E. D. Flaunkner had a minor operation Monday. She is now at the Deaconess hospital and will remain a few days. She will then return to her father, P. W. Newbill's home.

Mrs. Wallace expects Miss Edna Sterling of Seattle as her Christmas guest. Mrs. Wallace spent Tuesday in Portland.

Homer Davis has returned from eastern Oregon. The school will have their program Friday evening, Dec. 21. C. A. Van Cleave and family visited Mr. Van Cleave's sister Mrs. Morris at Salem Sunday.

The Sunday school will have Christmas programs. "The White Gifts for The King," Sunday evening, Dec. 23. James Luckey, who has been quite sick is better and has gone to Roseburg to the Soldiers home. Mrs. Margery Looney attended the county convention of school directors at Salem Saturday.

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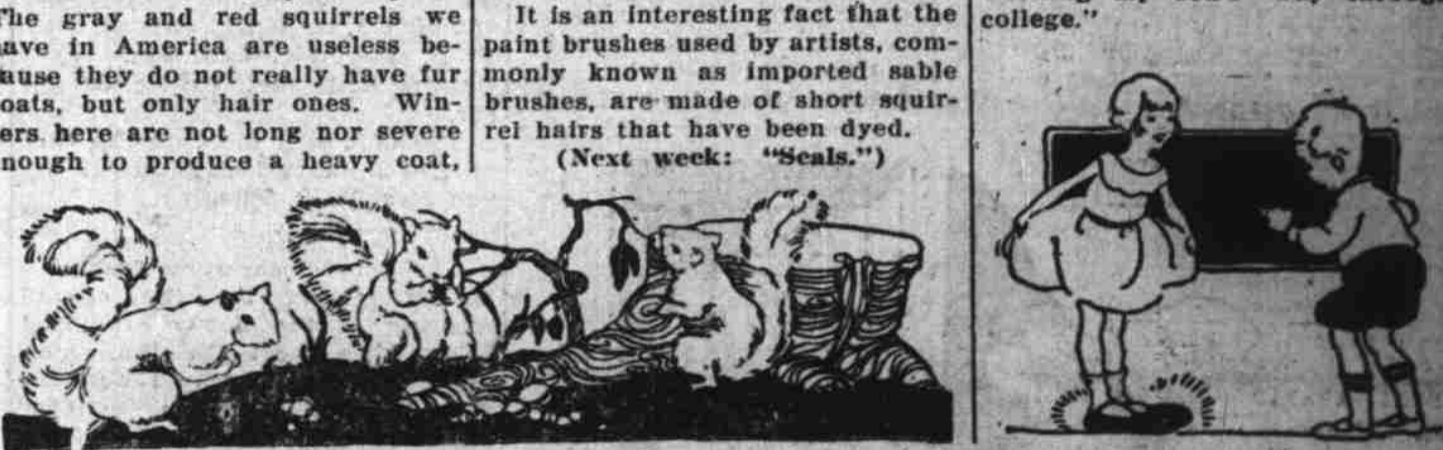
STORIES OF FUR AND FUR TRAPPING

Russia's Contribution to the Fur Markets. In the days of the czar's rule in Russia the choicest of all the most select sable furs were designated Russian crown furs and appointed to fill the needs of the Russian royal family.

Sables have always been a costly fur. A coat lining made of sable skins has brought \$30,000. For one thing, trapping them is a difficult matter. The animals dwell only in the most frozen, desolate wilds and the loss of human life is frequently to be reckoned in the price paid for them. In summer the furs are a reddish brown, but winter turns them dark brown, or a deep plum color.

Squirrel Fur is Priced. Russia supplies the fur markets of the world with squirrel pelts. The gray and red squirrels we have in America are useless because they do not really have fur coats, but only hair ones. Winters here are not long nor severe enough to produce a heavy coat.

Archange is the center of the squirrel industry for pelts that are to be used at home, but at least half of those caught are sent to other countries, mainly to Europe and China. Those exported are of several varieties—dark gray, blue, steely gray and striped. It is an interesting fact that the paint brushes used by artists, commonly known as imported sable brushes, are made of short squirrel hairs that have been dyed. (Next week: "Seals.")



Central Howell Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill have been suffering from tonsillitis. The Junior Christian Endeavor collected fruit, vegetables, popcorn for a box for the Children's Farm home at Corvallis. Also made a number of scrappaks.

Mrs. C. C. Page visited Mrs. Earl Daue of Salem last week. Dr. Covey of Portland was visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur last Sunday. William Bouffleur who has been very ill for the past two weeks is now improving.

C. McAdams and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur. Dr. A. I. Bouffleur of Seattle was visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur last week. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pettys were visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur last Sunday. Miss Harriet J. Henry visited Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Draper of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Gria and daughter were visitors at the Cannon home Sunday. D. M. Cleeves and wife and daughter of Montana are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur. Mrs. C. C. Page visited Mrs. Earl Daue of Salem last week. Dr. Covey of Portland was visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bouffleur last Sunday. William Bouffleur who has been very ill for the past two weeks is now improving.

Cleo Seely visited Walter Harris Saturday. A bazaar was held at the Popcorn school last Saturday evening. Ed Finley has purchased a new roadster. Ed Finley went to Silverton last Friday. Mountain View school will give its Christmas program Friday evening, December 21. M. C. Parks and T. E. and Walt Cowdell are expected home Tuesday. F. E. Cowdell is expecting to

OREGON STATESMAN AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

VOTE LIST

Table listing names and vote counts for the Oregon Statesman Automobile Contest. Includes names like Allen, Martha; Beckendorf, Mrs. A. L.; Brady, Ruth; Blixeth, Orlaf, etc.

COUNTRY

Table listing names and vote counts for the Country section of the contest. Includes names like Bates, Mrs. C. F.; Bradley, Robert; Berchold, Joseph; Barry, Mrs. Joe; Darling, Grace, etc.

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NOMINATION COUPON

Nomination coupon form for the Oregon Statesman Automobile Competition. Includes fields for Name, Address, Town, RFD, State, and a note about nominating a member.