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Speculation in Russia

RUSSIA has been making progress industrially; and the famine of provisions and goods is no longer as acute as it was a few years ago. But there is still an appalling dearth of supplies which we in this country take for granted as being offered in abundance in the stores. A correspondent in the New York Herald-Tribune reports the cost of summer linen trousers at \$14 the pair and print dresses, which would be \$3.00 anywhere in this country cost 120 rubles or \$24 which is nearly half the monthly salary of the average worker in Moscow.

The worst thing is the failure of supplies to keep up with the seasons. For example, a comedian at the outdoor theatre wisecracks on the shortages. He says folk go down to buy bathing suits or shorts and are offered "lots of very fine ski suits."

The three factors which account for the deficiencies are the inefficiency of the buying organization, too much bureaucratic red tape; politics, and speculation. The politics diverts supplies to the peasants to keep them satisfied. Speculation, which was supposed to be lacking under communism, still flourishes. Said Pravda, official organ of the party central committee: "What do our stores mean by sneaking goods out back doors to speculators?"

The speculators get hold of goods and then offer them in private markets at substantial mark-ups. For example shoes which cost \$5 in the stores cost \$7 in the private markets. The reason the private traders can get that price is because they have the shoes, while stocks in the government stores are short. With stocks exhausted by the inroads of speculative buyers two of the largest shoe stores suddenly closed "for repairs" and several of the others are offering only overshoes, although the correspondent reports "this has been one of the driest summers in years."

Evidently the old trick of human greed for private profit is not destroyed in Russia by any means.

Insurance Company Failure

A GOOD many policy holders on this coast and throughout the country are affected by the reorganization of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of California which was approved by court order last week at a single hearing. It was found the company was insolvent and a plan for its continued operation was rushed through the court with surprising haste.

The company's problems have been known in the insurance world for some time. Its life division was reported in excellent condition, but a number of years ago it issued non-cancelable disability insurance, and built up a large volume of business in this division. It was the losses in this division which wrecked the company.

Now the questions are being raised: Why was the company allowed to write such a policy? It operated in a great many states in every one of which is an insurance authority with authority to disapprove any policy which is impractical. Yet the company was permitted to write the policy and assume heavy liabilities under it.

In 1932 the national association of insurance commissioners reported the company solvent, and the 1935 report of an insurance rating organization recommended the company, saying it had been long and ably managed and expressing the opinion it had ample margins for contingencies. In an effort to save itself the company wrote off nine-tenths of its capital in 1935, reducing its stated capital from \$5,082,000 to \$508,200. But that did not save it.

The policyholders, who now stand to lose, are justified in directing pointed queries at the insurance departments of their states. A moral alibi might be found if the failure was due to decline in values of investments due to the prolonged depression. In this instance such was not the case. The failure was due to writing a type of policy which wise supervision should have barred at the outset.

Bitterness in Spain

THE civil war in Spain promises to be war to the death. The fascist rebels are reported as summarily executing communists whom they seize in northern Spain; and at the southern tip, near Gibraltar, the Moors brought over from Morocco are accused of ruthless methods in attacking loyalists whether armed or not. If one were inclined to discount the reports as the usual ferocity stories of wartime, one must realize that the tensions have been extreme in Spain for years, that imprisonment and assassination have been means of combat even in peacetime. So it should occasion no surprise if the bitterness of the present contest between rightists and the marxists vents itself in murder of opponents.

The republic as a republic seems about to be extinguished no matter which side wins. The spokesman for the rebellion, General Emilio Mola, says the rebels will maintain the republican form of government, and at the same time says the rebel leaders contemplate a strong dictatorship. The declarations are antagonistic; and the safe conclusion is that if the rebel rightists win Spain will adopt some form of the fascist state with the army in control.

On the other hand a leftist committee is said to be ready to take over authority in government and "necessary" industry. One weakness attributed to the liberal government was the division of opinion among the segments of the "united front." Turbulence such as now prevails is apt to result in the rise to power of the extremists. This is the familiar situation in which the communists seek to step into authority; so it will not be surprising, should the rightist rebellion be crushed, if Spain goes red.

So fierce is the mutual hostility, so uncompromising the social principles of the two extremes no settlement is in sight short of complete victory for one side or the other; and that will come at the cost of much bloodshed.

Amy Johnson Mollison, famed English flier, doesn't think much of her own sex. She told a society in Sheffield: "Women never have been up to any good. My candid opinion of the species obtained from history is that they have created little and destroyed much." If that is what she thinks of women, just how low does she rate men?

A Grand Island farmer thought to turn the grasshopper scourge into profit so he bought 300 turkeys and turned them loose in his field. He sent the children out at night to herd the turkeys in. When they marched into the barn lot a bird had a feather left on. Kansas locusts were never that bad, nor Kansas imagination.

Last week's best joke was the one in which Jim Farley shed crocodile tears and said it would not have been necessary for the president to put postmasters under civil service by executive order "if the republicans had voted for one of those civil service bills in congress last year." Just which party had control of congress, Jim?

The August number of "Real Detective" carries a story entitled "Phantom Hunt Murder," and describes the slaying of Deputy Sheriff Lott of Multnomah county. The catch is that the magazine refers to Multnomah county, Washington. We just can't keep our real estate from moving.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

OUR NEW DISPOSAL PLANT

Medford's new sewage disposal plant is in operation, and the people of Medford are to be congratulated upon it.

For many years, sewage from Medford's sewer system has made a dump hole of every eddy and pool in Bear creek from Medford to Rogue river. It has helped to pollute Rogue river and thereby kill fish life. It has filled the evening air of a summer with a stench almost unbearable for those farmers living north of Medford along the creek. It has been a public disgrace.

But now that will soon be ended. Water running from Medford's sewage disposal plant will be clean and pure. It will support fish life. It will cause a different type of vegetation to grow along Bear creek, and it will participate at least, restore Bear creek to its former beauty.—Medford News.

Family Reunion

Held, Riverdale

Pettyjohn, Edwards Clan

Holds Picnic Meeting; Elects Officers

ROBERTS, July 23.—The Pettyjohn and Edwards clan held their annual reunion Sunday at Riverdale park.

After a basket lunch, B. D. Fidler was asked to take charge of the meeting. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:

D. Pettyjohn, president; Will Edwards, vice-president; Reba Edwards, secretary and treasurer; Lena Hughes of Portland, historian.

The meeting adjourned a short program followed: Reading, George Veal; songs, Jeanne Fidler; remarks, L. D. Pettyjohn; readings, Mrs. Will Edwards.

The following were present, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. John Edwards, Phillip Fidler, Mrs. Edna Edwards, Helen Fidler, Mrs. L. D. Pettyjohn, Mrs. Lena Hughes of Portland, Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, Mrs. Maud Blackwell of Jefferson, Mrs. and Mrs. Fidler and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. and Mrs. Nan Lee Pettyjohn, Mrs. and Mrs. James Manning, Mr. C. D. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Fidler, Mrs. Sarah Brown, Mrs. W. Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. Fidler of Eugene, Ore.

Talbot War Veteran Is Victim of Long Illness; Funeral Is Held Friday

TALBOT, July 23.—William Taylor, age 47, passed away at the Veterans hospital in Portland after a long illness. Mr. Taylor was born in the Waldo Hills. He had been a resident of Talbot for about eight years. He is survived by four brothers, Charles and Jim of Sheridan and Nathan and Sam of Talbot.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1 p. m., at Holman funeral parlor, with burial in the Veterans cemetery, with Rev. Johnson, also a war veteran, in charge.

Benedictine Sisters To Conduct Vacation School at Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, July 23.—A week's vacation school in religion will be held for the children of Mt. Angel and surrounding communities who do not attend Catholic schools, beginning August 3, and continuing to August 8. Classes will be conducted by the Benedictine Sisters and will be held in St. Mary's school. No admission sessions will be held, all classes being dismissed at noon.

The purpose of this vacation school is to give children not attending Catholic schools the benefit of religious instruction.

Keizer People Have Out-of-State Guests

KEIZER, July 23.—The Putnam and Burdette have as their house guests Mrs. C. S. Emmert, Denver Colo.; Mrs. C. B. Balcomb, and sons Stanley and Bobby, Oak Park, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wahle and son Kay, Davenport, Iowa. The women are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Putnam and sisters of Mrs. M. S. Russell. This is their first visit in Oregon. They will motor via San Francisco after a fortnight visit here.

Mrs. Emmert, with her two sons, wishes to buy a small place here and make it her permanent home, as she with the others is delighted with Oregon and especially the Keizer district.

Ohioans Complimented With Surprise Party

UNIONVALE, July 23.—Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolfe of Dayton, Ohio, who are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Antrim, a surprise party was held Saturday evening at the Antrim home.

Games were played. Refreshments were served. Fifteen members attended a family dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Antrim, the first one in over five years.

Returns from Tacoma

SCOTT'S MILLS, July 23.—Mrs. Lena Bellinger, who has been visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lola Bellinger, in Tacoma, Wash., and relatives in Clackamas and Salem for several weeks, returned home Sunday.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Remarks concerning 7-29-36 historical setting of Champoe and its relation to Oregon Methodism given:

(Concluding from yesterday.) The legislative committee of nine, to frame the constitution and laws, met at the Lee mission May 18-19 and June 27-28, six days, every session of which G. W. LeBreton, public recorder and secretary, attended as such, acting officially. The sessions were in the mission granary and hospital.

They reported, according to adjournment, at Champoe July 5, 1843, and the "constitution and laws" framed at the Lee mission were adopted, one by one and as a whole, and the officers required under them were elected, by hand ballot, in the open air.

No other meeting connected with the provisional government was held at Champoe. The two meetings were in the open air. No building was there then, excepting the log warehouse of the Hudson's Bay company to store grain being shipped to The Falls (Oregon City) and Fort Vancouver by bateau and row boat.

The men going to Champoe to attend the July 5, 1843, meeting went mostly by row boat and on horseback the day before, in order to celebrate the 4th of July, the oration being by Rev. Gustavus Hines of the Lee mission. They slept in their blankets on the ground.

In conformity with the constitution and laws just adopted in the open air, the July 5 meeting at Champoe named among the new officers of the provisional government, thereby provided for, the first executive committee—three men standing for governor.

And that meeting continued Geo. W. LeBreton in the office of public recorder.

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Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

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FROM TIME to time I have told you about the various causes of headache. It may be a symptom of some internal disturbance. In most instances it can be traced to a definite disorder of some sort. If this is overcome, permanent relief is obtained.

Today I want to tell you about another variety of headache. This is medically known as "ocular headache," more commonly it is spoken of as "eyestrain headache."

It is surprising how much discomfort can result from eyestrain. It is the most common cause for headache. It is estimated that eyestrain produces 40 per cent or more of all cases.

If your eyes have a sore, bruised feeling, or if when you press or rub them they are sensitive, then if you suffer from a constant pain in the forehead above the eyes or in the temples, it is probably due to eyestrain. From the same cause there may be pain at the back or base of the head. This may extend down the back of the neck. In most instances the ache involves both sides, but occasionally the eyestrain may produce a one-sided headache.

Another characteristic thing about eyestrain headache is the regularity of its appearance. As a rule, it comes on the morning after a day or an evening of intense use of the eyes. The sufferer awakens with a severe headache.

In a sense, this is an occupational disease or symptom. It occurs in the school child, the secretary, stenographer, manuscript writer or the follower of any other occupation that requires constant use of the eyes.

Merely because you wear glasses and yet suffer from headache is no reason to assume that eyestrain may not be the cause of your discomfort. It is a common experience to find persons who are wearing glasses that have not been recently adjusted. When proper correction is made it is amazing how rapidly all the unpleasant symptoms disappear.

Make sure that any defect in sight is corrected. The proper glasses, even though they do not improve vision, may remove the strain and overcome the headache.

In addition, I cannot overstate the importance of building up the general health. An abundance of fresh air, sunlight and good food is advised. Adequate hours of rest and sleep are important, and reading in bad light must be avoided.

Answers to Health Queries
Miss M. J. R. Q.—I am 18 years of age and have for some time been troubled with grinding my teeth while sleeping. What is the cause and cure for this?
A.—This may be due to nervousness or intestinal worms. For full particulars see my new book and send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
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and Tuesday of May, 1844; May 14.

That legislative committee (legislature) of eight, unicameral, one house body held its sessions at Oregon City and observed most of the forms of the legislatures of the biggest states.

It passed a number of laws, some of them, and of later Oregon provisional government laws, became some of the first laws of the state of California when it was organized.

Jesse Applegate, representing Yamhill county, was elected to the legislature of 13 members in 1845—the 1844 legislative committee having changed the name to legislature, and of district to county.

The executive committee had likewise in the same manner been changed to governor.

But Jesse Applegate led a majority of the 1845 legislature in claiming everything theretofore done had been illegal and not according to American ideals.

Applegate and those who stood with him contended that, no vote at the polls having been had, prior to 1844 and 1845, everything done up to date was illegal—not conforming to the ideals of American government.

Applegate prevailed, with a vote of seven to six in the 1845 legislature of 13 members.

They forced an adjournment of that (1845) legislature, that had convened June 24, from July 5 to August 5, in order to allow the return of an election they called for July 25 to be counted—the whole question of the validity of all that had been done prior thereto being thus submitted to that vote of the people.

That is what had been done in all the open meetings, and by the legislative committee of 1844, and by the legislature of 1845, up to July 5.

The people gave their approval by vote of 255 to 22, a majority of 233.

Many persons contend that there was not a legally established provisional government in Oregon up to the reconvening of the 1845 legislature August 5, 1845.

In strict construction, they are right.

But the vote of the people at the polls validated everything that had been done, and besides made absolutely certain that the provisional government was a real government, from its establishment at the Lee mission Feb. 18, 1841, to the proclamation of Oregon Territory by General Joe Lane, governor, March 3, 1859. And the territorial government was absolutely validated all that had been done by the provisional government, clear back to Feb. 18, 1841; including the settlement of the Ewing Young estate, which necessity inspired its establishment on that date—as soon after his death and funeral as was decent, if not as soon as possible.

The meetings of the legislative committee of nine men to frame the constitution and laws of the provisional government were almost the last of the many historically important things done at the "old" (original) Lee mission 10 miles by water below the site of Salem.

This had been going on since the arrival of the Lausanne with the saw and grist mill machinery on June 1, 1841.

In 1841, summer, Lieutenant Wilkes of the U. S. exploring expedition found most of the activities moved to "The Mills" (as what became Salem was then called).

When the Applegates arrived in the fall of 1843, with the first large covered wagon immigration of settlers, they found the old mission buildings vacant, and moved to the winter and spring before going to the Rickreall, near what became and is still the Ellendale neighborhood.

Jesse Applegate, while there, surveyed the power site on the river that was developed for the flouring mill of O'Neil and Nesmith that supplied Fort Sutter after gold discovery in California, and later for the Ellendale woolen mill.

Ten Years Ago

July 29, 1926
"Peaches" Browning is pictured in a new frock which her doting and elderly husband has purchased for her.

Salem is assured of a beet sugar factory.

Police officials are investigating a story that Almon McPherson and Kenneth Ormiston spent together at Carmel the weeks she was allegedly kidnapped.

Twenty Years Ago

July 29, 1916
Warden Minto has received permission to censor all newspapers arriving at the state penitentiary.

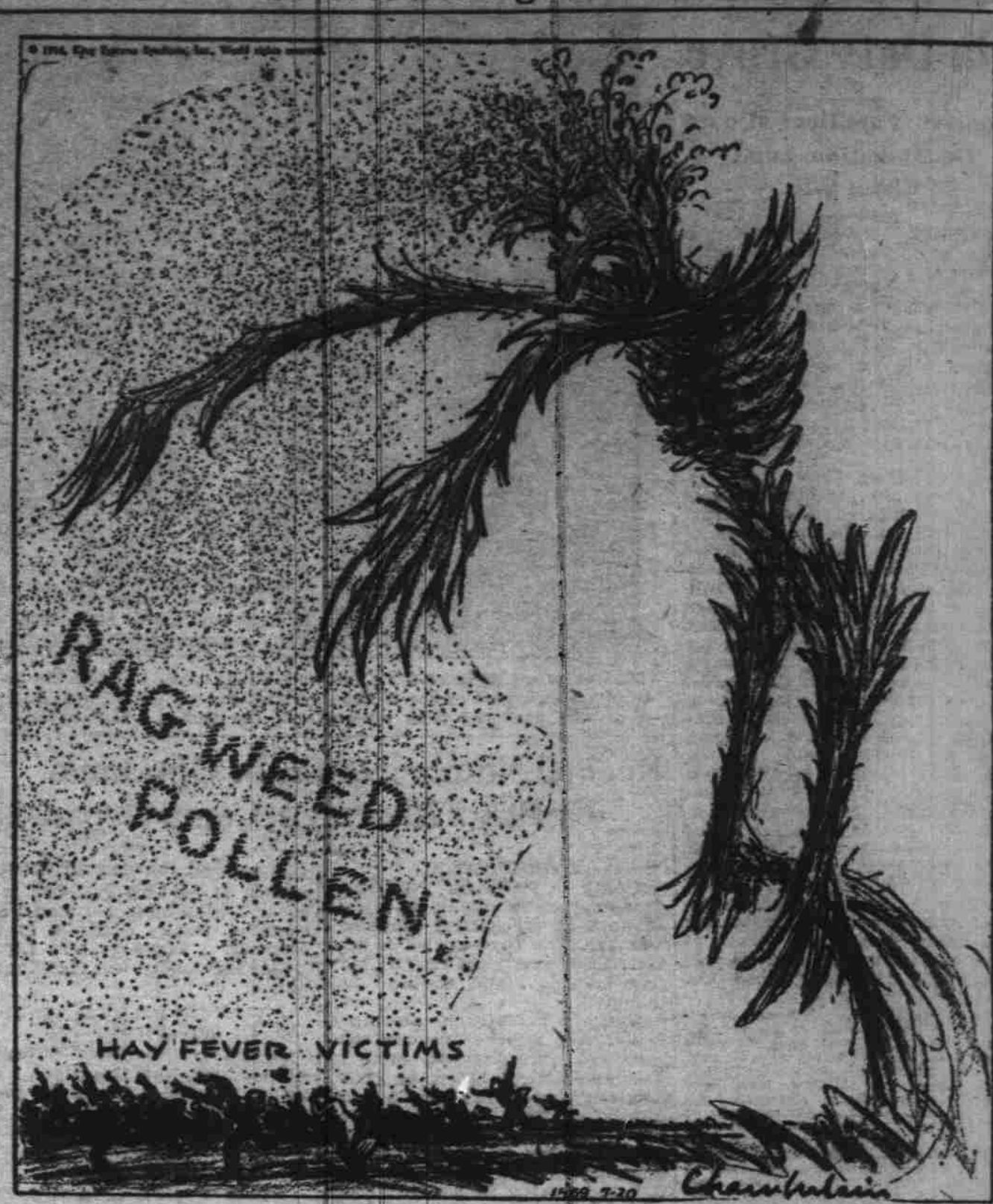
John Caughill cranked his car last night when it was in reverse and crashed into the foyer of the Bligh theatre.

Signs directing the public to the Albert Park Playgrounds have been posted.

Board Prepares Budget

UNIONVALE, July 23.—At the school board meeting held at the Unionvale school house Saturday evening, a splendid meeting was held to make out the budget for the next term, notices were posted for taxpayers meeting on the budget to be held August 17.

Soon to Scourge the Land!



"KING OF HEARTS"

by Edna Robb Webster

CHAPTER XXX

The obvious move, was to return to Mrs. Kime's.

But Lynn had decided she would not do that. As long as she was living there and the benevolent lady had insisted upon her remaining, it had been difficult to leave her so liberally. But she was gone now, and so long as Mrs. Kime did not know she was gone, Lynn would not leave her. Lynn drew a fearful breath when she contemplated any alternative—she would not trouble Mrs. Kime. She would not even telephone to her, lest her necessity betray her. She lay with her hands pressed against her eyes, trying to shut out the crowding impressions of the world, Lynn was not her responsibility. Until she was independent—Lynn drew a fearful breath when she contemplated any alternative—she would not trouble Mrs. Kime. She would not even telephone to her, lest her necessity betray her. She lay with her hands pressed against her eyes, trying to shut out the crowding impressions of the world, Lynn was not her responsibility. 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