

### RUSSIAN PRISONS MORE SANITARY THAN FORMERLY

Moscow, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press)—Russian prison conditions appear to have improved greatly since the terrible days immediately following the bolshevik revolution, a much less drastic and more humane regime evidently having been adopted in both the criminal and political prisons.

Foreign correspondents at the invitation of the soviet government yesterday inspected the Cheka prison in Loubianska square, Moscow, which as the headquarters of the entire G. P. U. System, (state political police) has been the most feared institution in all Russia.

The newspapermen found to their surprise that instead of long rows of dark cold iron barred cells, there were nearly one hundred large, well lighted, well ventilated rooms with such comforts as steam heat, electric light, parquet floors and papered walls, all scrupulously clean.

Eighty political prisoners, 10 per cent of them women, occupy these rooms. The beds are more comfortable than those in most foreign jails.

Summary shootings no longer take place, executions being left to the constituted revolutionary tribunals.

### \$2,500,000 SHRINE DEDICATED IN NEW YORK

New York—One of New York's most unique buildings, the mosque of Mecca Temple, mother temple of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was formally dedicated with imposing ceremonies December 29.

The occasion attracted thousands of Shriners from various sections of the country. A picturesque parade down Fifth avenue of the Arab patrols, bands and drum corps of 40 temples in the east preceded the event.

The mosque, a quaint bit of the Orient, is located just off the fringe of the theatrical district, and extends between West 55th and 56th streets near Sixth avenue. It cost \$2,500,000.

An immense red tiled dome, surmounted by the symbolic scimitar and crescent, covers the main auditorium, which can seat nearly 5000 persons. The front of the mosque is of white stone and varicolored terra cotta work. There are only a few slit-like windows on the face of the building and great bronze oriental lamps hang over the half-dozen arched doorways.

### HOUSE BILLS

H. B. 469, Tucker—Creating a board of motion picture censors.  
H. B. 419—Creating a commission to study needs and simplification of Multnomah county government.  
H. B. 411, Hercher and Fisher (substitute for H. B. 175)—Relating to inspection of infested orchards and store rooms.

### WAVES HARNESSSED TO GET ELECTRIC POWER

Stockholm.—How to harness the sea-waves for industrial work, one of the oldest problems in the world, has been solved, according to the claim of a Swedish engineer, Lieutenant Sven H. Lundberg, of the government Road and Waterway Construction Corps, who has applied for patent rights on a huge mechanism, devised by him, which might be characterized as a floating power station.

The Lundberg invention not only produces power automatically from the action of the waves, but by means of turbine-driven dynamos can convert this power into electricity. It consists basically of a raft about 600 feet long and 200 feet wide, which is so affected by the rising and falling of the sea that it utilizes about 60 percent of the dynamic energy actually contained in a wave. It is not at present possible to give details of construction, but experiments already made with a small-sized apparatus prove, according to the inventor, that a single wave five feet high can deliver 2,700 horse power to the station, and that the available power increases at a more rapid rate than the height of the wave, so that, for example, a ten-foot wave can deliver 13,200 horse power.

### LOSES 300,000 FRANC PEARL WHILE DANCING

Paris, Feb. 16.—Princess Viora of Albania, nee Helen Kelley and formerly the wife of Frank J. Gould, lost a black pearl valued at 300,000 francs from a ring last night while dancing in a restaurant in the Mont Marte.

She was dining with Georges Carpentier and the hobbleigh champion, Lamber, and discovered her loss upon return to her table after a dance.

Fatal Duel Over Dog.  
Laurel, Miss., Feb. 16.—Hugh and Lige Landrum, cousins, killed each other yesterday in a shotgun duel that followed an argument when a dog owned by Lige attacked a sheep owned by Hugh and Hugh killed the dog. The farmers lived in the Croftown settlement.

### M. H. DE YOUNG OF SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE DEAD

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—M. H. DeYoung, one of the last survivors of the dwindling school of personal journalists in the United States, who built a great newspaper from a theatrical handbill he started on a borrowed \$20 gold piece in 1865, died here last night. He was 75 years old.

His death was as sudden as many of the events in his spectacular career which made him a national figure. Early last night he underwent an operation for intestinal troubles. Two hours later he was dead.

Mr. DeYoung was a director of the Associated Press for 25 years. He was the leading figure in the mid-winter exposition in San Francisco in the nineties. He built the first steel frame building in the west, the old Chronicle. He rebuilt it after the San Francisco fire, only to abandon it for what William Randolph Hearst was recently pleased to term the most modern newspaper plant in the United States.

His benefactions to San Francisco are legion. He leaves as a monument to his fondness for the city where he spent his best days the DeYoung museum in Golden Gate park. He gave himself and his money without thought of return to the development of this museum in order to gather one of the recognized art collections of the world.

Plays Shock Congress.  
Washington, Feb. 16.—Chargling that plays "so obscene and indecent in plot and language as to shock the moral sense of the community," have recently been staged in Washington theater, Representative Dellinger, republican, Massachusetts, today introduced a resolution asking the District of Columbia commissioners what steps had been taken to prevent improper productions.

### SOTHEASTERN EUROPE SUFFERING FROM COLD

Paris, Feb. 16.—Southwestern Europe is suffering from unusually cold weather. Rain, alternating with snow kept Parisians indoors all day Sunday and sent the Seine up four feet, causing dwellers along the river bank to fear a repetition of the flood of two months ago.

In the Montpelier region, waters have been blown over, houses unroofed and trees uprooted and similar conditions are reported from Savoy.

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